# Alaska Department of Fish and Game Wildlife Restoration Grant

**GRANT NUMBER:** AKW-28

**PROJECT NUMBER:** P1.0

PROJECT TITLE: FY2018 CIP Equipment

PERIOD OF PERFORMANCE: December 1, 2017 – June 30, 2020

PERFORMANCE YEAR: December 1, 2018 – December 1, 2019

**REPORT DUE DATE:** March 31, 2020

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Authorities: 2 CFR 200.328 2 CFR 200.301 50 CFR 80.90

## I. PROGRESS ON PROJECT OBJECTIVES DURING PERFORMANCE YEAR

OBJECTIVE 1: To provide much needed equipment and vehicles to accomplish wildlife management activities identified in the ADF&G - DWC Wildlife Restoration Grant Program. DWC estimates the acquisition of 8 items of heavy equipment and 1 vehicle for management of DWC wildlife areas for implementation of Wildlife Restoration programs by regional staff.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS: See status update on attached spreadsheet. Actual equipment costs varied from the original estimates.

## II. SUMMARY OF WORK COMPLETED ON PROJECT TO DATE.

With the purchase of the equipment thus far, the field operations for many species such as caribou, moose bear, will be enhanced, contributing to more effective management of Alaska's wildlife species.

### III. SIGNIFICANT DEVELOPMENT REPORTS AND/OR AMENDMENTS.

One truck requested in Region 1 was "purchased" with vehicle credits from procurement, leaving a \$29,900 unspent. This was processed in accordance with procurement standards and the region was informed that credits would be applied.

We have been informed of an emergent need of an ultralow freezer used by the Wildlife veterinarian Kimberlee Beckman to store the bulk of the Division's wildlife samples. The freezer currently is currently in use and potentially approaching failure.

We are also awaiting a more recent status update from Region 4 regarding the snowmachine trailer; however, as of this report no update has been received.

### **IV. PUBLICATIONS**

None

## V. RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THIS PROJECT

While we indicated in last year's report that a grant extension was unlikely, we now intend to submit an amendment to extend the grant. We were informed about the truck credits issue in this reporting period, as well as the emergent need for the freezer. This information, along with the delay in a status update from Region 4, is further exacerbated by the upheaval as a result of the coronavirus COVID-19 worldwide pandemic, which has effectively brought normal business operations to a halt. As a result, it is possible other emergent needs may arise.

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