Alaska Department of Fish and Game Wildlife Restoration Grant

GRANT NUMBER: AKW-14-2-2016

PROJECT NUMBER: Project 2.0 Denali Hwy. Trail Kiosks

PROJECT TITLE: Hunter Access Projects FY2016; Denali Highway Trailhead Kiosks

PERIOD OF PERFORMANCE: 1 December 2015–1 December 2019

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This is the final report for a multi-year project. This template is applicable to both:

- the final closeout report of a multi-year grant; or
- the final closeout report of a multi-year <u>project</u> within the annual operating grant, summarizing all accomplishments for all objectives.

Authorities: 2 CFR 200.328 2 CFR 200.301 50 CFR 80.90

I. SUMMARY OF WORK COMPLETED ON PROJECT

Project (Objective) 2: Trailhead Kiosks – Denali Highway

Accomplishments:

Spring/summer of 2017: Trailhead kiosks were designed and fabricated through the DNR Interpretation and Education section. A cultural resource review (Form B) was submitted

and the activity was found to be exempt under Appendix B of the PA and nothing further was required for NHPA compliance.

Spring 2018: A contract was awarded to Happy Trails, Inc. for the installation of the kiosks, however due to weather the installation was postponed until summer 2019.

Spring 2019: The Department of Natural Resources (DNR) requested that the Butte Creek trailhead kiosk be removed from the project as it is not on State owned land. ADF&G submitted this request to FWS as a significant development report which was approved. Additionally, DNR underestimated the cost of installation and additional funds were required to complete the project. DNR requested that ADF&G allow additional funds for the Trailhead Kiosk project by transferring the remaining balance of \$18,507.10 from the AKW-14-1-2016 Project 1.0 Maclaren Summit Trail Extension. ADF&G submitted this request to FWS as a significant development report which was also approved.

Summer 2019: Happy Trails, Inc. completed installation of the kiosks and the project is now completed in full.

Federal funds expended on this project totaled \$44,251,.26 (72%), match funds of \$17,040.33 (28%) were paid by the DNR for a total project cost of \$61,291.59. There are remaining funds of \$12,756.74 that will be released back to the program.

II. SIGNIFICANT DEVELOPMENT REPORTS AND/OR AMENDMENTS.

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Since the last interim reporting period the installation of kiosks has been completed and the project is now completed in full in accordance with the grant requirements. Spring 2019 ADF&G submitted significant development reports to allow DNR to remove the kiosk sign from the Butte Creek trailhead and to roll \$18,507.10 from AKW-14-1-2016 Project 1.0 to this project. Both were approved.

III. PUBLICATIONS

Below are pictures of the interpretative panels that were placed at each of the Denali Highway trailheads as part of this project.



Figure 1. Close up of hunting history interpretative panel design installed at each trailhead.



Figure 2. Close up of Glacier Gap trailhead interpretative panel design.



Figure 3. Close up of Landmark Gap trailhead interpretative panel design.



Figure 4. Close up of Maclaren River trailhead interpretative panel design.



Figure 5. Close up of Maclaren Summit trailhead interpretative panel.



Figure 6. Picture of Maclaren Summit trailhead kiosks after installation.



Figure 7. Picture of Glacier Gap trailhead kiosks after installation.



Figure 8. Picture of Landmark Gap-North trailhead kiosks after installation.



Figure 9. Picture of Maclaren River trailhead kiosk after installation.



Figure 10. Sign attached to the leg of one kiosk at each trailhead.

I. REVIEW OF PRIOR RESEARCH AND STUDIES IN PROGRESS ON THE PROBLEM OR NEED

No problems were encountered during the final reporting period.

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