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BISMARCK, NORTH DAKOTA

RECOVERY



Data assistance was provided to field crews able to begin implementing either pallid sturgeon relocation efforts at the Intake Diversion or deployment of telemetry stations in the Yellowstone River Confluence area. Bureau of Recla-



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PARTNERSHIPS

Sikes Act

Coordinated with North Dakota Department of Environmental Quality on conducting a wadeable stream assessment on the segment of the Turtle River on Grand Forks Air Force Base. This would create a collaboration that did not exist on the landscape.

Completed Survey123 forms and associated ArcCollector maps for projects including apoidea surveys, aquatics and herptile surveys, monarch and milkweed assessments, moth and butterfly surveys, vegetation community assessments, and noxious weed monitoring. There has been a lot of interest in this approach of data collection both due to the efficiency and quality of the data.

Assisted with onboarding of seasonal staff to include providing project orientation information for work to be conducted this field season.

Developed updated project cost estimates for FY22 and FY23 and provided the Air Force with an updated budget request.

Coordinated with FWS and Air Force staff on developing a strategy to accomplish field work given the current Covid-19 situation.

COVID 19 Response and perspective

Much of the month of May was continuing to stage equipment, reviewing and cataloging camera trap photos, creating a bibliography on water intake screening information, re-plan activities, and prepare for the eventual return of field work. Despite a very “fluid” situation & timeframe, staff have given it all significant thought and did an incredible task of adapting to the current situation and help plan for the eventual restart and in a way to ensure their safety.

The Bismarck office is comprised of several programs and coordination and communication has been essential to ensure a logical approach to beginning a restart and ensuring the staff are supplied with adequate PPE.

SIKES Act—Beginning of some surveys

Recovery—Continuation of Population Assessment of the pallid sturgeon

Native Fish—Monitoring will resume on NWR's

GPFHP—Updating Strategic Plan with new information

Asian Carp- Planning continues in collaboration with our partners for developing eDNA sampling schedule for August, 2020 in Missouri River Basin