FINAL PERFORMANCE REPORT





Federal Aid Grant No. F12AF00445 (WT-2-L-1)

Love County Land Acquisition, Kimbell Ranch Property

Oklahoma Department of Wildlife Conservation

June 1, 2011 through September 22, 2014 (Ended Early)

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State: Oklahoma Grant Number: F12AF00445 (WT-2-L-1)

Title: Wildlife Restoration Program/State Wildlife Grant

Grant Programs: Love County Land Acquisition, Kimbell Ranch Property

Grant Period: June 1, 2011- May 31, 2016 (Ended early – September 22, 2014)

OBJECTIVE:

To acquire by fee simple (surface estate only) approximately 8,135 acres of property known as the Kimbell Ranch located in Love County Oklahoma over a four year period of time.

PURPOSE:

The purpose of this grant was for the Oklahoma Department of Wildlife Conservation to acquire in fee simple, less minerals, 8,135 acres of the Kimbell Ranch located in Love County, Oklahoma. The acquisition of this property will provide, in perpetuity, a large mosaic of high-quality tallgrass and oak woodland (Crosstimbers) habitats that will provide benefits for a diverse community of wildlife species including at least 15 species that have been identified as Species of Greatest Conservation Need in the Oklahoma Comprehensive Wildlife Conservation Strategy. The species identified include: painted bunting, red-headed woodpecker, Kentucky warbler, Texas horned lizard, Bell's vireo, Harris's sparrow, LeConte's sparrow, Smith's longsput, prairie mole cricket, Iowa skipper, dotted skipper, American golden plover, buff-breasted sandpiper, upland sandpiper, and Sprague's pipit. Also, the area is expected to provide additional hunter use days in pursuit of big game, small game and waterfowl.

SUMMARY OF PROGRESS:

Oklahoma Department of Wildlife Conservation acquired 8,135 acres in Love County known as the Kimbell Ranch. Prior to the acquisition, the Department submitted the following documents in support of the purchase:

- 1) Certified appraisal indicating the market value of the real property interest (fee simple), conforming to Uniform Standards of Professional Appraisal Practice (USPAP) and Uniform Appraisal Standards for Federal Land Acquisition (UASFLA)
- 2) Certified review of the appraisal, which also conformed to USPAP and UASFLA
- 3) Notification to the landowner of just compensation for the property
- 4) Survey, maps and legal description of the real property

The acquisition was completed in three closings: June 22, 2011, January 12, 2012 and May 15, 2012. After the property was acquired the following final documents were submitted in support of the acquisition:

- 5) Title insurance policy
- 6) Copy of the deed, along with the recorded Federal interest in the real property
- 7) Settlement statement
- 8) Summary of land costs

This 8,135 acre tract of land will now be managed for wildlife conservation by ODWC in perpetuity, known as the Cross Timbers Wildlife Management Area.

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