

## PROTECT YOUR GRASSLANDS

The grasslands that make up the Great Plains are one of the most recognized landscapes on Earth, but they're also one of the most imperiled. Stretching east from the foothills of the Rocky Mountains to the Mississippi River, the western plains include diverse grass, shrub, and wetlands.

The Great Plains Framework, in partnership with the Central Grasslands Roadmap provides a strategy for healthy and resilient working rangelands in the Great Plains to support wildlife and power grazing economies. These working grasslands also support migratory species, grassland songbirds, and upland game hunting—all of which benefit rural economies.

When we work to conserve and restore grasslands from North Dakota to Texas, we help the hard-working families and Indigenous communities that have stewarded these lands for generations.

That's win-win conservation at its best.



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### **GET INVOLVED**

How to get started supporting the full-biome effort:

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- Share a story of your project to the biome-wide StoryMap
- Support key legistlation

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#### **Our Partners**

- Indigenous Communities and First Nations, Canada, Mexico, U.S.
- Private Land Managers, Owners, and Ranchers
- Federal Agencies
- Provincial and State Agencies
- Industry, Agriculture, and Private Sector
- Academia (Scientists, Researchers, Professors)
- Non-Governmental Organizations
- Foundations and Funders



CENTRAL GRASSLANDS ROADMAP

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# CENTRAL GRASSLANDS ROADMAP

Guiding us toward resilient & sustainable grasslands & human communities





### **WHO WE ARE**

### **OUR VISION**

### **OUR PRINCIPLES**

The Central Grasslands span across more than 700 million acres of North America and are home to both diverse ecosystems and equally diverse human communities. As it stands, disparate efforts are not adding up, and measures of human community health and healthy grassland ecosystems across the biome continue to decline. We must think, collaborate, and act differently, and that starts with working together. We must agree to the directions we need to go and focus on what we need to do more of, what we need to know more about, and which new strategies are the most critical to save our grasslands over the next decade.

As a collective of stakeholders from across the Central Grasslands, seven diverse sectors, three countries and Indigenous nations have come together to identify common principles and shared priorities to address these challenges. By increasing support for coordinated conservation and fostering mutual respect for the diverse people living and working across the Central Grasslands, we can ensure resilient and connected grasslands and thriving human communities, now and for generations to come.

When we look out at the diverse Central Grasslands over the next ten years, we'll witness:







- Thriving Indigenous and rural communities and economies.
- Working land with healthy grazing populations.
- Sustainable agriculture and energy development.







- Millions of acres of resilient and connected habitat.
- Flourishing ecosystems of soil, plants, and wildlife.
- Rivers and wetlands supporting habitat, aquifers, production, and people.





- Dynamic and multi-faceted approaches to sustainable grasslands management.
- Policies and extensive investments to support grasslands conservation and local expertise.
- International recognition for grasslands commitments.

These Principles were developed throughout the Roadmap process to highlight fundamental approaches to the Roadmap's strategy. Any priority actions undertaken by the Roadmap Community should follow these three Principles:

- 1. Respect and honor diverse voices and rights when designing priorities.
- 2. Identify priorities that sustain Indigenous/First Nations, ranching, and rural communities. Ensure priorities are science informed.
- 3. Focus on priorities that meet the needs of the seven sectors, three countries, and Indigenous/First Nations.



