

## CENTRAL GRASSLANDS ROADMAP

2020-2030: LOGIC MODEL TO SUCCESS



### **2030 VISION**



### Large tracts of healthy thriving grassland supporting:

- Thriving rural and Indigenous communities including healthy and profitable working land
- Flourishing grassland ecosystems of regenerative soil, plants, and wildlife
- Rivers and wetlands that dot our grassland landscape sustaining aquifers, wildlife, production and people
- Conservation and development that is sustainable for natural and human communities

### **MAJOR CHALLENGES**

Depletion of aquifers and water supply for all, competition for supply

The value of grasslands to ecosystem health, cultural heritage and our economy is understated.

Current policies do not fully support public, tribal and private grassland conservation

Inadequate funding to support conservation and protection of private and public lands

Financial incentives are not far reaching enough and applicable to all lands

Gaps in research and knowledge-base due to inadequate funding and unclear priorities

Habitat fragmentation and loss.

### **CRITERIA for SOLUTIONS**

Science based

Honor diverse voices

Utilize generations of experience of indigenous communities and private landowners

Improve health of the land and water

Support ecosystem processes

Sustain resilient human communities

Help producers and working lands communities, including ejidos, maintain their way of life and livelihoods

Support biodiversity and arrest declining wildlife population trends

Collaboratively meets the needs of all eight sectors

Applicable at North American Scale but adapted to region

# PRIORITIES for COLLABORATION



### **Partnerships & Engagement**

- Broaden Communications to Increase Support for Grasslands
- Share Knowledge and Resources Across Cultures
- Create Stronger Public/Private
  Partnerships Across Sectors & Scales
- Build Collective Action

#### **Policy & Funding**

- Strengthen Existing Policies to Better Support Grasslands & Human Communities
- Develop New Major Legislation to Support Conservation Across the Continent
- Focus Funding to Scale Proven Programs & Support Innovative Solutions
- Identify & Quantify the True
  Economic Value of Grasslands

#### **Research & Evaluation**

- Address research needs to support sustainable grasslands, wildlife, and human communities
- Integrate Community-Centered Approaches into Grasslands Research
- Construct Sustainability Models to Support Scaling Programs in Grazing, Regenerative Agriculture, and Industry
- Refine Monitoring Standards and Apply the Data to Inform Evaluation

# MEASURES of SUCCESS



100 million acres of land actively managed for grassland conservation

Grassland economics reflects ecosystem services

Aquifer recharge rates are doubled and community water availability extended

\$1 billion dollars dedicated to roadmap priorities

Legislation adopted that supports grassland conservation

Grassland bird declines cut in half in 10 years and stabilized in 30

Grassland conversion rates are reduced by 90%

National/international recognition for grasslands and commitment

Grassland roadmap endorsement and application