



**Northern Grassland Restoration Incentive Program**  
*A partner based, strategic approach to restoring grassland habitats*

**Project Proposal Form**

**Project Raw Score**

To be added by Project Coordinator

Project Name:

Project Number:

Project Manager:

To be added by Project Administrator

**Contact Information**

Producer:

Mailing Address:

City:

State:

Zip Code:

Phone Work:

Cell:

Email:

**Contact Person** (if different from landowner)

Name:

Mailing Address:

City:

State:

Zip Code:

Phone Work:

Cell:

Email:

**Project Location and Size**

County:

Direction from nearest town:

Project Coordinates (decimal degrees): Latitude:

**N**

Longitude:

**W**

Is project area currently under a conservation easement?

Yes

No

Landowner property holdings: Landholding Acres:

Treatment Acres:

Impacted Acres:

Is there a Northern Great Plains Joint Venture partner organization grassland habitat project nearby? If

Yes

No

Unknown

“yes,” give the distance from the project area and the name of the affiliated organization. Distance (miles):

Org. Name:

**Project Description & Treatment Details**

This section is used to provide general information on the treatment area, the specific conservation practices that are being proposed for N-GRIP funding, and a description on the vegetation both before and after practices are completed. When preparing the required project map be sure to clearly reference where conservation practices are to occur and the location of each treatment area (if multiple exist).

1. Please provide a summary of the proposed project.

2. Describe the current condition of the treatment area (including soils, topography, vegetation, land use history, etc).

3. Describe the proposed treatment(s) for funding and what limiting factors they will address for targeted wildlife species/habitat. Be sure to reference all attachments (photos, maps, etc.) where management practices will occur. If this is a multi-year project, include the treatment schedule of when treatments will be conducted and anticipated completion dates.

4. Add other pertinent information here or use this box as an overflow for those above (optional).

# Attachment A1—Vegetation Status and Conservation Plan

Use the table below to describe habitat and management conditions and demonstrate how you expect things will change due to treatments. Space is also provided to tell us about the birds that are present or should be following the application of N-GRIP.

| Vegetative and Management Attributes  |  | Current  | 5-yr. Goal |
|---|--|--|------------|
| <b>Dominant herbaceous plant community</b> (select one Current and one Goal)<br>Native<br>Non-native  |  |  |            |
| <b>Average Visual Obstruction of grasses during nesting season.</b><br>(cm)   |  |  |            |
| <b>Other notes pertinent to grass condition</b>   |  |  |            |
| <b>Native grass/graminoid canopy cover</b><br>(percent)   |  |  |            |
| <b>Species present: Native grasses/sedges</b><br>(Select dominant species)<br>None    Western wheatgrass    Needlegrass spp.    Junegrass<br>Blue grama    Buffalograss    Little bluestem    Sedge spp.    Other (list):           |  |  |            |
| <b>Native grass diversity</b><br>(number of species encountered)  |  |  |            |
| <b>Other native grass canopy cover</b><br>(percent)   |  |  |            |
| <b>Herbaceous forb canopy cover</b><br>(percent)  |  |  |            |
| <b>Herbaceous forb diversity</b><br>(number of species encountered)   |  |  |            |
| <b>Percent bare ground</b><br>(percent)   |  |  |            |
| <b>Percent exotic grass coverage</b><br>(percent)   |  |  |            |
| <b>Dominant species: Exotic Grass</b> (select one)<br>None    Kentucky bluegrass    Smooth brome    Crested wheatgrass    Japanese brome<br>Downy brome    Ventenata    Poa spp.    Other (list):                                   |  |  |            |
| <b>Percent tree canopy coverage</b>   |  |  |            |
| <b>Dominant species: Woody Canopy</b> (select one)<br>None    Eastern redcedar    Rocky Mountain juniper    Quaking aspen    Silver maple    Russian olive<br>Siberian elm    Green ash    Cottonwood    Box elder    Other (list): |  |  |            |
| <b>Percent woody shrub coverage</b> (providing cover 0-6 feet in height)  |  |  |            |
| <b>Dominant species: Shrubs</b> (select one)<br>None    Snowberry    Silver buffaloberry    Sage spp.    Serviceberry    Silverberry    Skunkbush sumac<br>Cinquefoil    Chokecherry    Wild plum    Russian olive    Other (list): |  |  |            |
| <b>Grazing operation</b> (check all that apply)<br>Cattle – cow/calf    Cattle – stocker    Cattle – Commercial    Horses    Sheep<br>Goats    Other (list):  |  | <b>Current   5-yr. Goal</b>  |            |
| <b>Grazing management system</b><br>No livestock grazing<br>Rotational<br>Rest-Rotational<br>Continuous<br>High intensity, low frequency<br>Other   |  |  |            |
| <b>Stocking rate</b> (can leave this blank)<br>(acres/animal unit - 0 if under deferment)   |  | ac/AUM   | ac/AUM     |
| <b>Bird information</b> (to the right select all that have been observed or that are expected residents)<br><b>Provide in the space below relevant notes about other JV priority species**</b>                                      |  | <b>Observed   Expected</b>   |            |
|   |  | <b>JV Priority Birds</b><br>Chestnut-collard Longspur<br>Thick-billed Longspur<br>Baird's Sparrow<br>Sprague's Pipit<br>Lark Bunting |            |
| <b>Prescribed burning history and plans (if any)</b>  |  | <b>Current   5-yr. Goal</b>  |            |
|   |  | Never<br>Infrequently<br>Every 3-5 years<br>Every 1-3 years  |            |

\*Available from NGPJV; \*\*black-billed cuckoo, black-billed magpie, brewer's sparrow, burrowing owl, ferruginous hawk, grasshopper sparrow, greater sage-grouse, loggerhead shrike, long-billed curlew, mallard, marbled godwit, mountain plover, northern pintail, red-headed woodpecker, sharp-tailed grouse, short-eared owl, spotted towhee, Swainson's hawk, upland sandpiper, wild turkey, Wilson's phalarope.

## Attachment A2—Planned Practices and Estimated Payments

Complete the following table to estimate the draft reimbursement the landowner is likely to receive. Include the unit cost, number of units and estimated completion date for each planned practice. Costs are estimates only and will be finalized during the contracting process. Please use partner cost-share rates or reach out to the NGPJV.

| <u>Practice Name</u>                 | <u>Description</u> | <u>Unit Cost</u> | <u>No. of Units</u> | <u>Unit</u> | <u>Estimated Payment</u> | <u>Projected Date of Completion</u> |
|--------------------------------------|--------------------|------------------|---------------------|-------------|--------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Brush Management Treatment 1 (314)   |                    |                  |                     | ac          |                          |                                     |
| Brush Management Treatment 2 (314)   |                    |                  |                     | ac          |                          |                                     |
| Herbaceous Weed Treatment1 (315)     |                    |                  |                     | ac          |                          |                                     |
| Herbaceous Weed Treatment 2 (315)    |                    |                  |                     | ac          |                          |                                     |
| Prescribed Burning Treatment 1 (338) |                    |                  |                     | ac          |                          |                                     |
| Prescribed Burning Treatment 2 (338) |                    |                  |                     | ac          |                          |                                     |
| Firebreak Treatment 1 (394)          |                    |                  |                     | ft          |                          |                                     |
| Firebreak Treatment 2 (394)          |                    |                  |                     | ft          |                          |                                     |
| Fence Treatment 1 (382)              |                    |                  |                     | ft          |                          |                                     |
| Fence Treatment 2 (382)              |                    |                  |                     | ft          |                          |                                     |
| Livestock Pipeline (516)             |                    |                  |                     | ft          |                          |                                     |
| Prescribed Grazing Treatment 1 (528) |                    |                  |                     | ac          |                          |                                     |
| Prescribed Grazing Treatment 2 (528) |                    |                  |                     | ac          |                          |                                     |
| Diverse Herbaceous Planting Treat. 1 |                    |                  |                     | ac          |                          |                                     |
| Diverse Herbaceous Planting Treat. 2 |                    |                  |                     | ac          |                          |                                     |
| Restor. Rare or Nat. Comm T.1 (643)  |                    |                  |                     |             |                          |                                     |
| Restor. Rare or Nat. Comm. T.2 (643) |                    |                  |                     |             |                          |                                     |
| Sagebrush and Shrub Planting (612)   |                    |                  |                     | ea          |                          |                                     |
| Obstruction Removal (500)            |                    |                  |                     | ft          |                          |                                     |
| Pumping Plant (533)                  |                    |                  |                     | ea          |                          |                                     |
| Watering Facilities (614)            |                    |                  |                     | ea          |                          |                                     |
| Structures for Wildlife (649)        |                    |                  |                     | ea          |                          |                                     |
| Other—Make Proposal                  |                    |                  |                     |             |                          |                                     |
| Other—Make Proposal                  |                    |                  |                     |             |                          |                                     |
| Other (describe and make proposal)   |                    |                  |                     |             |                          |                                     |

### Estimated Total N-GRIP Payment

1. Attach additional pages, project maps, site evaluations and other materials important for the review of the project.
2. Send Proposal and all attachments to the NGPJV N-GRIP program coordinator in your Area.
3. Certification: By signing below, the landowner or authorized agent acknowledges and agrees with the intent of this proposal and gives the Project Manager permission to seek appropriate funding.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Landowner or Agent

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

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## Attachment A3—Producer Contribution Commitment

Projects approved for funding by N-GRIP typically show a 1:1 match ratio. In-kind contributions are eligible with proper documentation. Producer participants approved to receive N-GRIP funding are encouraged to contribute to the development of the project. A rule of thumb is a cash or in-kind contribution in an amount equal to or greater than what will be received in N-GRIP funding. Contributions can be made in two ways - cash or in-kind. Eligible contributions must be for activities performed after execution of the N-GRIP Agreement (e.g., not pre-award efforts). Please complete this form to document your contributions.

- Producers can document contributions with the table below. Contributions can consist of the fair market value of resources used (e.g., site preparation, supplies, use of own equipment, labor, follow-up maintenance, contracted work not to be reimbursed through the N-GRIP Agreement, etc.). Fair market values are generally documented using receipts.

Producer Name:

Project Name:

| Activity, Labor, etc.<br>(include receipts for each entry as appropriate) | Hours | Volunteer<br>Labor Rate* | Total Cost |
|---|-------|--------------------------|------------|
| <i>Example: operated own drill for grass planting</i>                     | 10    | \$ 34.79                 | \$ 318.00  |
|   |       |                          |            |
|   |       |                          |            |
|   |       |                          |            |
| <b>Other Expenses</b>   |       |                          |            |
| <i>Example: use of own drill to plant 50 acres of seed</i>                |       |                          | \$500.00   |
|   |       |                          |            |
|   |       |                          |            |
| <b>TOTAL Producer In-kind Contribution</b>                                |       |                          |            |

\*Current federal volunteer labor rate is \$34.79/hour (1/1/2026 [www.independentsector.org](http://www.independentsector.org)).

I understand that this is a 10-year project beginning \_\_\_\_\_. I am required to document expenses until my contribution equals or exceeds my commitment as listed in A3 and/or A4. I certify that I am only including costs that will not be reimbursed under the project.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Producer Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

## Attachment A4—Project Match Commitment

If additional funding sources other than N-GRIP are needed to complete the project, please include the funding source (plus note organization or agency in 'Other' columns) and amount by activity in the table below:

| <b>OVERALL PROJECT BUDGET</b> |                           | <b>Funding Source</b> |                 |              |              |
|-------------------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------|--------------|--------------|
| <b>Activity</b>               | <b>Total Project Cost</b> | <b>N-GRIP</b>         | <b>Producer</b> | <b>Other</b> | <b>Other</b> |
|                               |                           |                       |                 |              |              |
|                               |                           |                       |                 |              |              |
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| <b>Total</b>                  |                           |                       |                 |              |              |
| <b>Total Project %</b>        |                           |                       |                 |              |              |

## Attachment A5 – Spatial Information Sharing

Spatial data (e.g. shapefiles of project location and practices) is now being required by the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation (NFWF), which is a main source of funding for N-GRIP. In accordance with the Privacy Act of 1974, permission must be obtained from the Landowner before any personal information is shared. Therefore, we request landowner consent to share spatial information related to this project with NFWF or other entities providing financial assistance at their request. Data will be used for spatial analyses and to determine societal benefits (e.g. species connectivity, flood risk, carbon sequestration).

We, the Landowners, consent to having spatial information related to this project shared with conservation partners providing financial assistance.

We, the Landowners, do NOT consent to having spatial information related to this project shared with conservation partners providing financial assistance. **(Project not eligible for N-GRIP funding)**

Signature of Landowner

Date

**Attachment B1—Project Overview Map** (please provide shapefiles to the administrator via email)

**Attachment B2—Practice Map** (please provide shapefiles to the administrator via email)

**Attachment B3—Pre-project Photo 1**

**Attachment B4—Pre-project Photo 2**

**Attachment B5—Seed Mixture (if appropriate)**