



NORTHERN GREAT PLAINS

JOINT VENTURE



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Sustaining Bird Habitat & Rural Communities

The Northern Great Plains Joint Venture (NGPJV) is a coalition of people who live, work, and recreate in the Northern Great Plains and who are concerned about the ongoing loss of our native grasslands and simultaneous declines in grassland bird populations.

The NGPJV partnership is building resilient grasslands and sustainable bird populations by making strategic investments in the people who are working to retain, enhance, and restore native and intact grasslands.

RETAIN

We help keep ranchers on the land and the grass “green side up”

ENHANCE

We help ranchers build sustainable grasslands

RESTORE

We support landowners as they convert farmlands back to grass

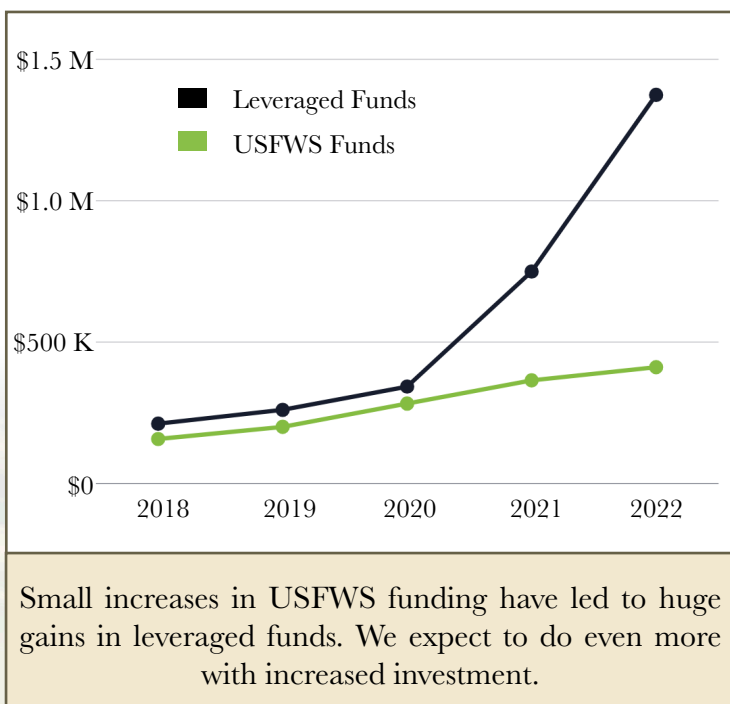
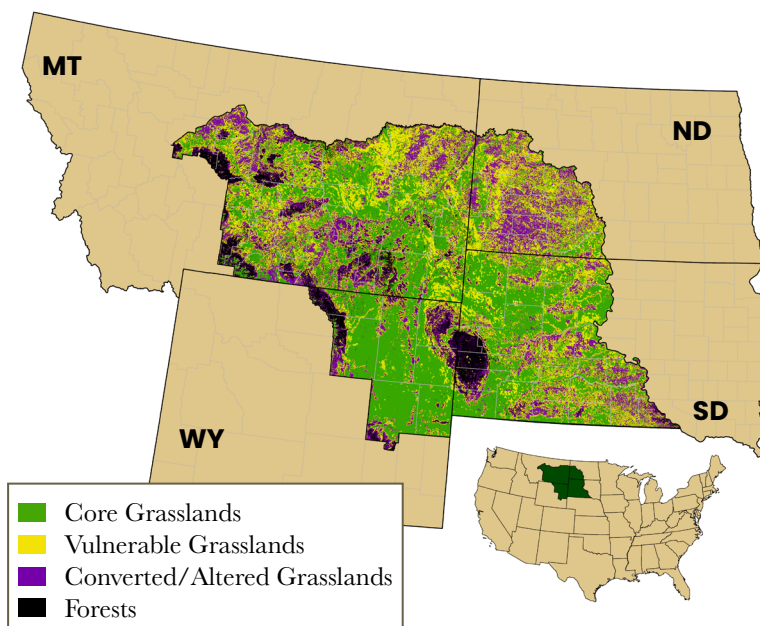


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Between 2020–2022, NGPJV partners retained, enhanced, and restored ~750,000 acres of grasslands, impacting up to 2 million priority declining grassland birds and supporting over 100 producers.

The Northern Great Plains is the core for grasslands conservation

- It covers 12% of the grassland biome but provides over 25% of the core grasslands.
- It supports important breeding habitat for five of the most imperiled grassland songbirds.
- The region's vibrant rural communities and private landowners support sustainable rangelands and resilient grasslands.



The NGPJV works across fences to support voluntary conservation, guided by science. We help ensure the right tools are available in the right places to make a measurable impact on grasslands, birds, and people.

The NGPJV catalyzes conservation by:

- Convening partners & making connections
- Providing resources and capacity
- Translating science
- Sharing success stories & conservation opportunities



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