



# NORTHERN GREAT PLAINS

JOINT VENTURE

## A Vision of \_\_\_\_\_ RESILIENT GRASSLANDS

The Northern Great Plains Joint Venture (NGPJV) is a coalition of people who live, work, and play 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 Northern Great Plains boasts some of the most intact shrub-steppe and grasslands in North America and supports critical breeding habitat for five of the most imperiled grassland bird species.

### OUR PHILOSOPHY

We can build resilient grasslands and sustainable bird populations by supporting the people who are working to retain, enhance, restore, and protect native grasslands. With a diverse partnership of federal, state, NGO, industry, and private individuals, we are uniquely positioned to work across fences and support voluntary conservation that transcends cultural and societal barriers.

#### RETAIN

We help keep ranchers on the land and the grass "green side up."

#### ENHANCE

We encourage ranchers as they build more resilient grasslands.

#### RESTORE

We support landowners as they convert farmlands back to grass.

#### PROTECT

We aspire to ensure that the best prairies remain in prairie.

## RESILIENT

Able to withstand or recover quickly from difficult conditions.

## SUSTAINABLE

Able to be maintained at a certain level or rate.



Science-based conservation is a foundational component of the NGPJV. Conservation efforts must be strategically implemented using the most effective tools to achieve our vision of resilient grasslands and sustainable bird populations.

We deliver conservation efforts in the right places by:

- ✦ Designing our work with strong biological and social science to target the most important lands and conservation treatments.
- ✦ Providing assistance to implement conservation actions where they are most needed.
- ✦ Monitoring the responses to our work and adapting accordingly.



The NGPJV has a longstanding commitment to grasslands and is poised to facilitate conservation efforts in the region, recognizing the critical role of private landowners and Tribes in supporting our vision.

NGPJV partners bring skills, resources, and innovation to support resilient grasslands that ensure birds, local communities, and ecosystem services are sustained over time.

**Together, we will build a sustainable, productive future for the people and wildlife of the Northern Great Plains.**

## For More Information

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