THEME 4: ADDRESSING THREATS

A. Support bird-friendly efforts to reduce emissions and atmospheric carbon.
B. Control invasive species, and develop measures to prevent invasive species introductions, including invasive animals, plants, and diseases.
C. Minimize direct anthropogenic threats to birds and their habitats.

Priority Action: Develop and implement a native grassland policy equivalent to the current “no net loss” policy for wetlands that would preclude federal agencies from providing public subsidies for practices harmful to native grassland habitats.

Priority Action: Develop awareness campaigns to empower local stakeholders to participate in invasive species prevention and management efforts at priority sites.

THEME 5: POLICY AND FUNDING

A. Generate and maintain resources for bird conservation.
B. Develop policies that benefit birds.
C. Strengthen policy compliance nationally and internationally.

Priority Action: Develop and implement a native grassland policy equivalent to the current “no net loss” policy for wetlands that would preclude federal agencies from providing public subsidies for practices harmful to native grassland habitats.

**THEME 1: LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION**

A. Support existing protected areas and expand our network of protected areas to support bird conservation and bird-focused recreation across priority habitats.

B. Improve management of public lands and waters.

C. Support conservation on private lands and private lands conservation programs.

D. Promote sustainable agricultural and forestry practices nationally and internationally.

E. Restore functional natural processes and regimes, such as fire patterns, natural hydrology, and other management that mimics natural disturbance, and keep disturbance within normal limits.

F. Increase environmental resiliency and adaptability.

**THEME 2: RESEARCH AND EVALUATION**

A. Establish and support strong monitoring and evaluation programs to provide metrics for measuring conservation outcomes and to provide lead time necessary to put conservation actions in place.

B. Develop best management practices and conservation plans based on science that emphasize conservation in places and at spatial scales most relevant to birds.

C. Promote and support biological and social science research that can be used to inform strong conservation decisions and actions.

**THEME 3: ENGAGEMENT AND PARTNERSHIPS**

A. Empower community- and incentive-based conservation through partnerships.

B. Expand conservation networking and partnerships nationally and continue to unify efforts within the broader conservation community to maximize benefits.

C. Support and develop collaborative international efforts to protect long-distance migratory species throughout their life cycles.

D. Ensure the relevancy of bird conservation.

**Priority Action:** Increase coordination and cooperation across federal agencies, and among federal and state agencies, to implement conservation policies and actions at broad scales.

**Priority Action:** Work with private agricultural landowners to implement grazing strategies that meet the economic bottom line for agriculture while promoting healthy bird and other wildlife populations.

**Priority Action:** Develop multi-agency integrated approach to research and monitoring in order to provide information on broad patterns and trends.

**Priority Action:** Leverage government dollars with private dollars to multiply conservation impacts through partnerships including Migratory Bird Joint Ventures, the Regional Conservation Partnership Program, and new programs.

**Priority Action:** Work with municipalities, corporations, and homeowners to support habitats for birds.