

NABCI PRIORITIES

Elevating Grasslands as a Community



- Increasing coordination federal and state partners
- Diversifying partnerships, leveraging \$\$
- Many priority actions outlined align with grassland conservation needs
- Created framework - Grassland challenges overlap with all 5 themes from priority document

How did we get here

AFWA 2016 BCC meeting

- Talk on loss of grasslands- WWF Plow Print report
- Talk on loss of grassland birds across the 8 JVs (CAN, US, MX) (3 lowest funded)
 - Central and Mississippi Flyways
- PIF landbird report and half life for several grassland birds
- Grassland Work Group



AFWA Grassland Work Group



- Develop a resolution outlining the crisis and prioritizing grassland birds conservation
- Facilitate evaluation of tri-national grassland habitats and bird conservation efforts
- Develop an NCN to address grassland bird conservation needs
- AFWA encourage prioritization of grassland birds conservation

NCN Proposal



- Partners put in proposal for Grassland NCN- gap analysis for grassland conservation efforts
- Workshops for Central and Mississippi Flyways included to build off gap analysis
- Workshop for Central Flyway modeled after NABCI priorities



Top to bottom: Grassland in PLJV, Ashley Gramza; cattle grazing in TX; Ashley Gramza



North American Bird Conservation Initiative

Community Approach



- Oaks and Prairies JV/ABC hiring Grassland Conservation Associate
- Workshop for Central Flyway-- Central Grasslands Roadmap Summit-- USFWS Region 6 Leadership
- Mississippi workshop gaining traction too

The 2020 Central Grasslands Roadmap Summit

A Conservation Roadmap for the Future

3-DAY SUMMIT

to identify the tri-national objectives needed to sustain grasslands for generations to come.

WHO IS INVOLVED?

Conservation leaders in

- ▶ Canada
- ▶ Mexico
- ▶ United States

5 MAJOR THEMES

ENGAGEMENT AND PARTNERSHIPS

RESEARCH AND EVALUATION

ADDRESSING THREATS

POLICY AND FUNDING

LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION



When:

Summer 2020



Where:

Denver area

Next Steps

- Planning team being assembled across 8-cross section of community players
- Federal, State, NGO, Foundations, Industry, Private lands, Tribal, Academia
- First Planning Call, September 5th



Next Steps cont.



- Each planning team member will communicate within their broader network
- Help gather existing documents and plan 3-day summit
- Raise funds to help support facilitation, meeting space, food and travel support
- NCN does provide some resources for state travel and workshop implementation



Top to bottom: Western Kingbird; Andrew Don Carlos, Sandhill Cranes; Andrew Don Carlos



Outcome



- Decision-makers and experts from 3 countries, 20 states/provinces
- Develop a Unified roadmap that informs how the diverse community operates
- Commitment to advance science priorities, conservation investment strategies and policies for next 10 years
- Evaluation strategy to ensure we stay on target

Top to bottom: White Pelican; Andrew Don Carlos,
American Avocet; Andrew Don Carlos

How provide support



- Let us know if you want to get communications between planning call
- List of folks you recommend being invited to summit (leaders and experts)
- Funding to help support, estimate \$100,000
- NABCI endorse Summit

