



# Great Plains Conservation Network

## 2021 GPCN Annual Meeting Agenda March 1, 9:30 a.m. – 2 p.m. (MST)

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9:30-9:35	<b>Welcome</b>	➤ Brief introduction to GPCN
9:35-10:15	<b>Bison Working Group</b>	➤ “Wildlife, Wild Bison – A Change in Paradigm” – by Jason Baldes, Eastern Shoshone Tribal Buffalo Program Manager ➤ Continental Bison Strategy, American Bison Society, Wildlife Conservation Society – by Cristina Mormorunni, Director, U.S. Field Conservation & Regional Director, Rocky Mountain Program ➤ Montana Legislature: Bison Bills – update by Chamois Andersen, Senior Representative, Defenders of Wildlife ➤ Mapping for bison ➤ Video from the field ➤ Priorities for 2021
10:15-10:45	<b>Mapping Working Group</b>	➤ “Homes on the Range” mapping with consideration of landscape and social variables – by Ana Davidson, CSU, Colorado Natural Heritage Program ➤ Hotspots Mapping Project – by Aaron Hall, Ph.D., Senior Aquatic Ecologist, Defenders of Wildlife ➤ Variety of Sources and Spatial Data Available – by Michael Menefee, CSU, Colorado Natural Heritage Program ➤ Priorities for 2021
10:45-10:50	<b>Break</b>	

10:50-11:30	<b>Prairie Dog Working Group</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Black-footed Ferret Recovery – by Kristy Bly, World Wildlife Fund</li> <li>➤ Recapping Another Exciting Year with Video and Perspectives from the Field – by Lindsey Sterling Krank, Humane Society of the United States</li> <li>➤ Important New Research – by Tara Stephens, Calgary Zoo</li> <li>➤ Priorities for 2021 – by Nicole Rosmarino, Southern Plains Land Trust</li> </ul>
11:30-12:00	<b>International /Regional Briefs</b>	<p><b>International</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ International Year of Rangelands and Pastoralists</li> <li>➤ IUCN Motion 10 on Grassland Conservation</li> <li>➤ 30X30 Initiative/High Ambition Coalition</li> <li>➤ New opportunities for 2021 and beyond</li> </ul> <p><b>Transboundary/USA</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ <u>Central Grasslands Roadmap</u>, including North American Grasslands Conservation Act</li> <li>➤ Transboundary Grassland Partnership (Montana, Alberta, Saskatchewan)</li> </ul> <p><b>Canada</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ National Grasslands Taskforce</li> <li>➤ Prairie Conservation Action Plan (Saskatchewan)</li> <li>➤ Prairie Conservation Forum (Alberta)</li> </ul> <p><b>Mexico</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Advancing conservation in grasslands of Mexico</li> </ul>
12:00-12:30	<b>Lunch Break</b>	
12:30-1:45	<b>Building Broader Support</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Indigenous Perspectives and Engagement</li> <li>➤ Ranching Community Perspectives and Engagement</li> <li>➤ Integrating the diversity of knowledge, engaging the community, and building social acceptance for conservation (lessons learned)</li> </ul>
1:45-2:00	<b>Emerging/ Current Key Issues and Priority Setting</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Bird conservation</li> <li>➤ Riparian issues</li> <li>➤ Carbon sequestration and grassland conservation</li> <li>➤ Key emerging conservation concerns/opportunities for the Great Plains</li> <li>➤ Identify potential priorities for 2021 work plan</li> </ul>