

A CONTINENTAL (GREAT PLAINS) APPROACH TO GRASSLAND CONSERVATION

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Great Plains Conservation Network Area of Interest



GRASSLANDS FROM CANADA TO MEXICO

- **Was minimal coordination of advocacy for protecting large blocks plains-wide**
- **Continuing need for conservation priority setting, state of the grasslands reporting (e.g. WWF's plowprint), advocacy for protection and policy tools (e.g. Farm Bill, legislation)**
- **Planets coming into alignment?**


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- Focus - large grassland landscapes/connectivity/species at risk
- Re-formed in 2001 (NPCN) and 2019 (GPCN)
- w/ WWF, NPCN produced “Ocean of Grass” plan for Northern Plains
- NPCN coordinated advocacy (e.g. BLM Plans, PFRA Pastures, bison)
- NPCN hosted initiatives/field tours/face to face meetings
- GPCN continues NPCN legacy; now has part time coordinator

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- GPCN is not a legal entity – network of groups & individuals who support, promote, & work together to implement the GPCN vision
 - With tools to support conservation, exchange of ideas, & coordinated action, we work to restore N. America's grasslands & continued survival & health of its wildlife, wildlands, and human societies
 - GPCN is composed of the larger network, a steering committee, and working groups that are created on an as-needed basis
 - Currently, Bison, Prairie Dog and Mapping are main working groups

BISON WORKING GROUP

