



CENTRAL GRASSLANDS ROADMAP

The Central Grasslands Roadmap unites eight sectors: non-government, provincial/state, federal, academic, Indigenous, industry, foundations and landowners and three countries to ensure resilient grasslands for our future. A 40-member planning team representing the eight sectors has been working to inform the roadmap process for the last two years.

By bringing together diverse sectors, we can align investments and achieve the international objectives needed to sustain North America's Grasslands and Working Lands for generations.

COLLABORATIVE VISION

"When we look out at the landscape, we witness diverse grasslands with thriving Indigenous and rural communities, millions of acres of connected land under various types of conservation, profitable working land with livestock and regenerative agriculture, flourishing ecosystems of soil, plants, and wildlife, and rivers and wetlands supporting aquifers, wildlife, production, and people."

GUIDING THEMES

Our collaborative approach to ensure resilient grasslands focuses on four major themes:

- Elevate and support local community initiatives
- Build legislative and ag policy to support grasslands
- Elevate the relevancy of grasslands to our natural and cultural heritage and well-being
- Advance social and biological science to ensure resilient grasslands for the future.

GEOGRAPHIC AREA OF FOCUS



North America's Central Grasslands span 600+ million acres across Indigenous Lands, Canada, the United States and Mexico. This tri-national geographic area is home to diverse communities and landscapes, and is a vital source of food, water, habitat and cultural heritage.



PROGRESS REPORT



Since the initial 2020 summit, more than 500 people representing three countries and 250 organizations have been working to implement the Roadmap. Key accomplishments;

- Identified 12 key priority areas in which to focus Grasslands efforts, along with shared decision-making criteria and values
- Establishment of 10 active workgroups (Private landowner, Indigenous / First Nations, Canada, Mexico, Industry, Federal Partners, Foundations / Funder, Communications, Metrics, and Policy)
- More than 30 presentations and workshops to engage and gather input at local levels
- Forum hosting more than 100 Grasslands and Great Plains scientists from Mexico, the U.S., and Canada, including human dimensions experts and bird biologists, to discuss objectives for Central Grasslands Birds.
- Western US survey to collect insights from ranchers, landowners, and people that are managing working lands
- Development of a metrics scorecard to measure progress in meeting grassland conservation goals and objectives
- Catalyzing and convening the launch of several major Grasslands initiatives (see "In Development" sidebar to the right!)

IN DEVELOPMENT/COMING SOON

Tri-national Letter of Agreement
N. American Grasslands Conservation Act
Memorandums of Understanding with U.S. Federal agencies
GIS Story Maps & data visualization tools for grasslands
Collaborative wildlife population goals
Collaborative scorecard metrics
Grasslands communications campaigns
Grassland Conversation Forum (April)

SAVE THE DATE!



2022 Roadmap Summit Meeting May 24-25 • Fort Collins, CO

Reconvening as a group this year to:

- Solidify and celebrate leaders' and delegates' commitments to achieving the roadmap vision and metrics
- Collectively prioritize immediate action steps to implement the Roadmap in the next 1 – 3 years and make measurable changes toward our collaborative scorecard
- Nominate steering committee leaders

More information at:

grasslandsroadmap.org/2022summit

GET INVOLVED

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