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Comments on:

- Project 3: North American Grasslands: Management Initiatives and Partnerships to Enhance Ecosystem and Community Resilience

This project is extremely important for all 3 countries. Grasslands have been identified as a habitat of high conservation concern around the world and in the US. Grassland conservation is being supported in all three countries but a tri-national perspective and leadership is needed if the disparate efforts are going to make a difference for the habitat and for the conservation of grasslands species as whole. Both US State of the Birds reports (www.stateofthebirds.org) highlight the declines of grassland bird species.

The Western Association of Fish and Wildlife agencies passed a resolution making grasslands conservation and management a high priority including the need to connect with partners throughout north america on that conservation and management. AFWA and the states support his proposal.