



# North American Grasslands

Management Initiatives and Partnerships to Enhance  
Ecosystem and Community Resilience



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# Grasslands - Introduction

- a continental biome
- most at-risk ecosystem
- a strong foundation of previous work supported by the CEC and other partners will facilitate the success of this project



# Conservation Results

- **Result 1** – success of this project will be based on development of unique conservation partnerships
  - first year will initiate the development of this partnership
  - inclusive of communities, industry, governments and NGOs
  - alliance of partners will be a legacy of this project to address grassland conservation into the future
- **Result 2** – existing best management practices for beef producers are collected and catalogued
  - sustainable management of natural prairie by ranchers is essential for conservation of grassland biodiversity
  - cataloguing best management practices, developing practices where gaps exist and making them available will support conservation.



# Conservation results

- **Result 3** – project assessment, using birds as an indicator
  - bird monitoring data will be coordinated at a continental scale
  - data will be interpreted to reflect success of project actions and biodiversity in the grasslands
- **Result 4** – economic valuation of healthy native grasslands
  - description of ecosystem services to communities
  - contribution to green and low carbon economies will be initiated



# Governments & other partners

## Government Leads

- Comisión Nacional para el Conocimiento y Uso de la Biodiversidad (Conabio)
- Environment Canada
- US Forest Service

## Other Partners

- Alianza del Pastizal del Cono Sur
- Alianza Regional para la Conservación de Pastizales DCH
- American Bird Conservancy
- Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies
- Canadian Cattlemans Association
- Nature Canada
- Pronatura
- Rio Grande Joint Venture
- Rocky Mountain Bird Observatory
- Sonoran Joint Venture
- World Wildlife Fund – Mexico
- and growing...



# Gracias – Merci - Thank You



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