



NORTHERN GREAT PLAINS
JOINT VENTURE

Northern Grassland Restoration Incentive Program



A Shared Vision

The Northern Great Plains Joint Venture (NGPJV) is a voluntary partnership of private landowners and industry working alongside federal and state agencies, non-profit organizations, tribes, academia, and others. NGPJV partners work together to build and sustain a healthy world for birds, other wildlife, and people.

The Program

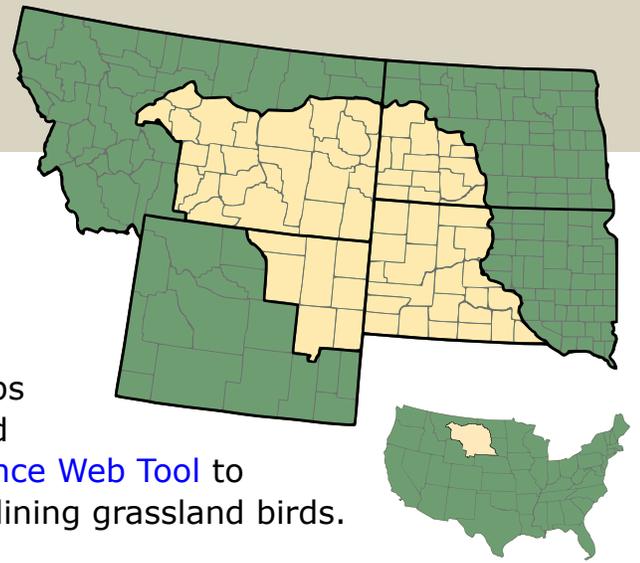
In collaboration with our many partners, the NGPJV offers the Northern Grassland Restoration Incentive Program (N-GRIP) to support local partnerships and build capacity for focused conservation. N-GRIP is designed to:

- ✦ Support and add value to local conservation partnerships and landowners.
- ✦ Help bring people together around shared conservation values.
- ✦ Offer targeted financial assistance for voluntary working lands practices that support ranching operations and maintain habitat for declining grassland birds.
- ✦ Provide conservation practitioners with additional tools and information.

Practices include:

- ✦ **Reseeding cropland to native grassland.**
- ✦ **Infrastructure to help transition cropland or idle grounds to grazed pasture.**
- ✦ **Grazing management practices that help enhance productivity and diversity of native range.**
- ✦ **Process-based mesic restoration on working rangelands.**

N-GRIP assistance is available for projects occurring within the NGPJV boundaries, which cover portions of Montana, North Dakota, South Dakota, and Wyoming.



High Priority Projects

The NGPJV works with our partners' conservation delivery staff to identify high quality projects. Private lands practitioners are the first line of conservation, working directly with producers through the relationships they build together. N-GRIP relies on local expertise and planning tools such as the NGPJV's [Conservation Guidance Web Tool](#) to ensure projects benefit both local communities and declining grassland birds.

Typical project characteristics:

- ✦ Located in a priority area for one or more declining grassland birds
- ✦ Local support
- ✦ Ecological benefits
- ✦ Favorable cost to benefit ratio
- ✦ Potential to inspire future conservation work

Program Requirements

The program requires a term agreement with an NGPJV partner entity and at least 50:50 cost-share; in-kind landowner contribution is eligible with proper documentation. Enrolled landowners may, at their discretion, allow bird monitoring to inform efficacy of practices or field tours to showcase successes.



To date, the NGPJV has worked with landowners and other partners to restore and enhance 16,353 acres of priority grasslands and wetlands through N-GRIP. The NGPJV is dedicated to continuing to work with public and private land managers to provide a sustainable, productive future for the people and wildlife of the Northern Great Plains.



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