

WILDLIFE CONSERVATION THROUGH SUSTAINABLE RANCHING

Working Lands for Wildlife (WLFW) is the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service's premier approach for conserving America's working lands to benefit people, wildlife and rural communities.

WLFW uses win-win solutions to target voluntary, incentive-based conservation that improves agricultural productivity and wildlife habitat on working lands.

Through the Farm Bill, NRCS provides technical and financial assistance to participants who voluntarily make improvements to their working lands.

CONSERVATION ACROSS BOUNDARIES

In 2020, a multi-state, areawide planning effort produced the first biome-scale framework for grassland wildlife conservation on the region's sustainable working rangelands.

The frameworks provide a common vision and coordination to address resource concerns and ecosystem threats across state boundaries.



A CALL TO ACTION IN THE GREAT PLAINS

A 'Call to Action' has emerged in the Great Plains to scale-up conservation on private lands and meet the sustainability targets that benefit both agriculture and wildlife.

This work features an action-based framework for 2021-2025 focused on addressing the two most severe and large-scale threats to the Great Plains biome: woodland expansion and land use conversion.

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**A FRAMEWORK FOR
CONSERVATION ACTION**





CONSERVATION OBJECTIVES

2021-2025

TARGETING THREATS ON 8.9 MILLION ACRES



Woodland Expansion

Photo: Dirac Twidwell

OBJECTIVE: Arrest woodland expansion through preventative management and target restoration within priority landscapes.



Land Use Conversion

Photo: Jeremy Roberts/Conservation Media

OBJECTIVE: Avoid further land use conversion within grassland cores and strategically restore marginal croplands back to grassland.

GET INVOLVED

By combining landowner expertise with new scientific tools, ranchers and NRCS can defend intact grasslands, reduce vulnerability to future woody encroachment, and cut long-term maintenance costs.

Your local NRCS service center is the best place to start. Visit the NRCS Service Center Locator: <https://offices.sc.egov.usda.gov/locator/app?agency=nrcs> and click your state and then county for contact information.

