Corners for Conservation

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Corners for Conservation (C4C)
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• Habitat creation
• Pheasant Habitat Improvement Program (PHIP) - CPW and Pheasants Forever (PF)
• Habitat Project Agreement
• Enrollment in Walk-In Access required
• Landowner incentives for habitat and access
• 4 warm season grasses and 13 forbs
C4C vs. Conservation Reserve Program

**C4C**
- Wildlife focused
- Targeted habitat
- Diverse mixes
- Public access
- No harvesting
- Flexible

**CRP**
- Multiple objectives
- General habitat
- Low diversity
- Uncertain access
- Harvested frequently
- Not Flexible
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- 2016: 84 corners completed and opened
- 2017: 120 new corners enrolled
- CPW funds via PHIP, WIA, & Voluntary Public Access and Habitat Incentives Program (VPA-HIP)
- Partner funds
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- Habitat Access
- Create the best upland bird habitat
- Great demand but little opportunity
- Delivery by local PF chapters and Farm Bill Biologists
Why Flowers?

• Increased insects = high quality brood habitat
• Habitat diversity = more attractive to more wildlife
• National focus on pollinator species
• Ideal habitat when combined with warm season grasses like switchgrass
Why sprinkler pivot corners?
Walk-In Hunting Access

- 5 year purchase agreement for WIA
- Huge priority for future WIA
- 13,000 - 27,000 pheasant hunters
- Direct, tangible link to conservation by hunters & communities
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- Multiple DWMs, biologists, and Trent Verquer (Grasslands Habitat Coordinator)
- PF Inc., Farm Bill Biologists, Colorado Pheasants Forever chapters
- High Plains Land Conservancy
- Muley Fanatic Foundation
- Noe Marymor (NRCS Area Wildlife Biologist)
Corners for Conservation – Questions?