

Lesser Prairie Chicken Landowner Alliance (LPCLA)

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NAGP Mission Statement



“The mission of the North American Grouse Partnership (NAGP) is the conservation of North America’s grouse and their habitats through science, policy, partnerships, and management.”

Grouse Species

Prairie Grouse

- Sharp-tailed Grouse
- Greater Prairie Chicken
- Lesser Prairie Chicken
- Greater Sage Grouse
- Gunnison Sage Grouse

Forest Grouse

- Spruce Grouse
- Ruffed Grouse
- Dusky Grouse
- Sooty Grouse

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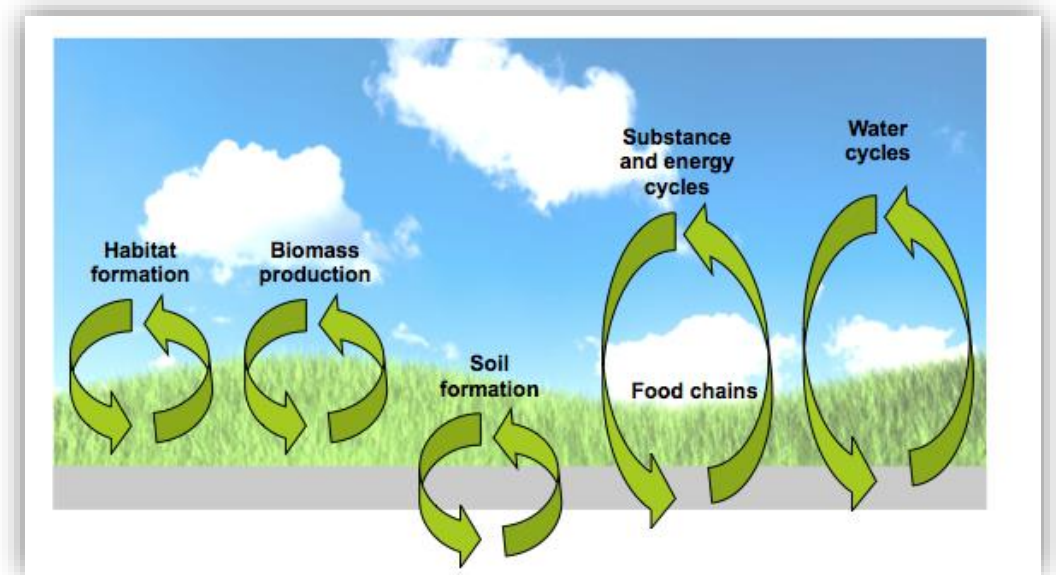
Who is the LPCLA?

“The mission of the Lesser Prairie Chicken Landowner Alliance (LPCLA) is to save ranching and (lesser prairie) chickens.”

- Landowner-led group of rancher-conservationists in the SW Great Plains
- Current membership spans across CO, KS, OK, TX, NM
- Focused on **empowering** the *synergy between rangeland cattle production and the multitude of ecosystem services* provided

Fair Market Value for Ecosystem Services

- Healthy Soils & Healthy Vegetation
- Clean Air & Clean Water
- Carbon Sequestration
- Wildlife Habitat



Most of these benefits extend well beyond the fences of private ranch paddocks

NAGP and LPCLA supports CPW's interests in saving grasslands...

- State Wildlife Action Plan (SWAP)
 - Greater Sage Grouse (Tier 1)
 - Gunnison Sage Grouse (Tier 1)
 - Lesser Prairie Chicken (Tier 1)
 - Black-footed Ferret (Tier 1)
 - Prairie Falcon (Tier 1)
 - Columbian Sharp-tailed Grouse (Tier 1)
 - Burrowing Owls (Tier 2)
 - Thick-billed Longspurs (Tier 2)
 - Long-billed Curlew (Tier 2)
 - Plains Sharp-tailed Grouse (Tier 2)

NAGP and LPCLA's role in supporting...

- State Wildlife Action Plan (SWAP)
 - **Greater Sage Grouse (Tier 1)**
 - **Gunnison Sage Grouse (Tier 1)**
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NAGP and LPCLA would like to...

- Encourage **CPW engage** the **USFWS** to emphasize CO mitigation efforts are kept in CO – these last best grasslands deserve to be saved locally first
- Request **CPW along with partners from KS, NM, OK, & TX** **reinvigorate** leadership on the implementation of the 2014 LPC Range-wide Plan
- **Appreciate the support of CPW** in the LPCLA's efforts to emphasize and focus Farm Bill spending on saving our last best places in grasslands



Thank you!

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