



**NGPJV**

**NORTHERN  
GRASSLAND  
RESTORATION**  
INCENTIVE PROGRAM



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The Northern Great Plains Joint Venture (NGPJV) is a coalition of people who live, work, and recreate in the Northern Great Plains and who are concerned about the ongoing loss of our native grasslands and simultaneous declines in grassland bird populations.

In collaboration with our many partners, the NGPJV offers the [Northern Grassland Restoration Incentive Program](#) (N-GRIP) to support local partnerships and augment existing conservation programs.

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 to complete projects.

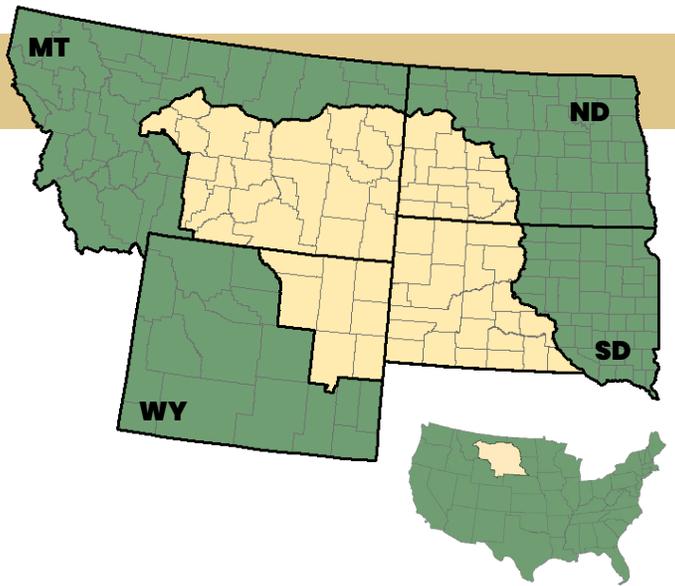
**INCLUDED PRACTICES**

- 🐦 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.



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N-GRIP assistance is available for projects occurring within NGPJV boundaries



## HIGH PRIORITY PROJECTS

The NGPJV works with through our Conservation Delivery Network 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 inform projects that 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 to maintain practices 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, NGPJV partners have worked with landowners to restore and enhance **30,748 acres** of priority grasslands and wetlands through N-GRIP. We are 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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