

## Grasslands Partners Forum ~ August 26<sup>th</sup>, 2021

### Breakout Groups Worksheet

#### DIRECTIONS

- Everyone has access to these questions via the email sent or the link provided in the chat.
- Use these questions in your breakout group as opportunities, not obligations. Get through what you can given limited time, but feel free to consider them after the workshop as well.
- Choose one notetaker in the breakout group willing to capture notes from the conversation.
- **Notetaker, please email your notes immediately to [info@grasslandsroadmap.org](mailto:info@grasslandsroadmap.org)**

#### 8 POTENTIAL QUESTIONS

**1. Today's Guiding Question:** Considering the Roadmap effort not as an organization redundant to your work, but as the connective thread between all of this biome-wide action, what are the contributions you're excited about making to this collaborative effort?

**2. Taking Action:** Do you know where there is the cultural will to act now and to build/defend large grassland cores within the biome?

**3. From Clint and Tim's Opening Talk:** The vast majority of grasslands in the Great Plains are in private ownership and are stewarded as working cattle ranches. Grassland conservation actions must be compatible and beneficial to these operations if widespread adoption is desired. How might the actions being discussed impact private agricultural procurers? The answer to that single question will largely determine the outcomes of the effort.



**4. From Dean and Doug's close-up look at Kansas:** What made Kansas unique in moving forward with the initiative they presented on this morning?

**5. From Joy's Presentation on CRP:** What are the barriers to participation in the Grassland Conservation Reserve Program (CRP)?

**6. From David's Presentation:** How can we prioritize local conservation actions to maximize outcomes for avian biodiversity and human wellbeing the Great Plains?

**7. From Dirac's Presentation:** Given the threats to the Great Plains biome, how can your organization support efforts to scale-up conservation action with private landowner groups and foster a culture that maintains iconic grassland regions for future generations?

**8. From USFWS:** How can we get a better understanding of the programs and resources available and how can we (USFWS) support, integrate and compliment those efforts?

