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### **Model of Effective Grassland Conservation Renews Commitment for Five More Years**

**Regina, SK – June 22, 2009** – On Tuesday, June 23, 2009, the Saskatchewan Prairie Conservation Action Plan's (PCAP) 26 partners will renew their commitment for prairie conservation at a signing ceremony to be held at the Royal Saskatchewan Museum in Regina at 1:30 p.m. The 2009-2013 PCAP Framework marks the third consecutive five-year plan signed by its partners.

“It is an outstanding achievement that in Saskatchewan we have conservation groups working in partnership with farmers, ranchers and government,” says Ray McDougald, PCAP Chair. “The formal PCAP Partnership has been going strong for 11 years and will continue into the future to bring awareness of the value of native prairie to Saskatchewan residents and beyond.” The 2009-2013 PCAP Framework, upon which annual action plans will be built over the next five years, is a new approach by the Partnership that sets out a renewed Vision, Mission and Guiding Principles for the Partnership including three goals and five priority focus areas.

In addition to representatives from PCAP's 26 partners, Wayne Elhard, MLA for the Cypress Hills Constituency, will attend the ceremony to bring greetings on behalf of the province and launch Native Prairie Appreciation Week (June 21 to 27, 2009).

PCAP brings together agencies and organizations representing producers, industry, provincial and federal governments, non-government organizations and research and educational institutions working towards a common vision of prairie conservation in Saskatchewan. The Partnership has proven to be an important forum for guiding conservation and management efforts within Saskatchewan's Prairie Ecozone.

For more information on the PCAP and/or to view the 2009-2013 PCAP Framework, please visit our website at [www.pcap-sk.org](http://www.pcap-sk.org).

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Canada, Nature Saskatchewan, Parks Canada – Grasslands National Park of Canada, Prairie Learning Centre, Royal Saskatchewan Museum, Saskatchewan Ministry of Agriculture, Saskatchewan Burrowing Owl Interpretive Centre, Saskatchewan Environmental Society, Saskatchewan Ministry of Environment, Saskatchewan Ministry of Energy and Resources, Saskatchewan Forage Council, Saskatchewan Research Council, Saskatchewan Sheep Development Board, Saskatchewan Stock Growers Association, Saskatchewan Watershed Authority, Saskatchewan Wildlife Federation, SaskPower, Society for Range Management – Prairie Parkland Chapter, University of Regina and University of Saskatchewan – College of Agriculture and Bioresources.

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