



Saskatchewan

**Prairie Conservation
Action Plan**

2009 Update

Introduction

The Prairie Conservation Action Plan Partnership brings together agencies and organizations representing producers, industry, provincial and federal governments, non-government organizations and research and educational institutions. Together, the Partners establish a five year Framework for collective action which acts as the context for annual work planning.

The 2009-2013 Framework is built on the Partnership's Vision and three Goals:

Our Vision: Healthy native prairie ecosystems as vital parts of our vibrant and strong communities.

Our Ecosystem Goal: Native prairie ecosystem health and biodiversity are conserved and restored as part of a functioning landscape.

Our Economic Goal: Sustainable uses of native prairie improve the livelihoods of Saskatchewan people.

Our Cultural Goal: Native prairie is a valued part of our culture and identity as Saskatchewan people.

In the 2009-2013 Framework*, the Partnership also identifies five areas of strategic action to meet these Goals and work towards the Vision. These are:

- **At Home on the Prairie:** Connecting to Native Prairie
- **Prospering with Prairie:** Sustainable Land Use and Development
- **Caring for Prairie:** Managing Invasive Alien Plant Species
- **Accounting for Prairie:** Valuing Ecological Goods and Services
- **A Working Prairie:** Grazing Management in Prairie Ecosystems

This 2009 PCAP Update reports on the status of each of the focus group deliverables to be achieved within the given year as outlined in the 2009 PCAP Annual Workplan. Each deliverable will have the status indicated as not started, in progress, or completed and will also provide an explanation of the status.

* Please refer to the PCAP website at www.pcap-sk.org under Action Plans for a copy of the 2009-2013 Framework.

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At Home on the Prairie

Connecting to Native Prairie

Objective 2009-2013

More people are aware of and appreciate native prairie ecosystems and support and are engaged in sustainable, prairie related activities.

Measuring success 2009-2013

- Comparison of knowledge, attitudes and behaviours in people who have participated in prairie education programs vs. those who have not
- Target-group appreciation of prairie and support for prairie conservation
- Educational partnerships formed by promoting prairie-related activities
- Visitors to prairie sites promoted by the PCAP

Strategies

I. Continue to educate Saskatchewan youth about prairie ecosystems and prairie species at risk.

actions 2009	deliverables	involved partners
a. Deliver Eco-Extravaganza (Eco-X) to 600-800 Grades 1-6 students at 10-16 rural elementary schools in the areas around Grasslands National Park.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Number of schools visited ➤ Number of students reached through program ➤ Teacher / student evaluations 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - PCAP staff (lead) - Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada – Agri-Environment Services Branch - Ducks Unlimited Canada - Nature Saskatchewan - Parks Canada -Grasslands National Park of Canada - Royal Saskatchewan Museum - Saskatchewan Burrowing Owl Interpretive Centre - Saskatchewan Ministry of Environment - Saskatchewan Watershed Authority

Status: Completed

Explanation: Eight PCAP partners delivered Eco-X for two weeks in November to 16 schools and engaged 949 Grades 1-6 students. PCAP received 22 teacher evaluations.

actions 2009	deliverables	involved partners
b. Deliver the Owls & Cows Tour (O&C) program of the program to 3,000-3,500 Grades 3-6 students at 30-50 elementary schools in the Moosomin, Yorkton, and Kamsack areas and 1-5 Hutterite colonies in the Grasslands National Park area.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Number of schools visited ➤ Number of students reached through program ➤ Teacher / student evaluations 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - PCAP staff (lead) - Parks Canada -Grasslands National Park of Canada - Saskatchewan Burrowing Owl Interpretive Centre - Saskatchewan Watershed Authority

Status: In Progress

Explanation: The PCAP Education Coordinator is in the planning stages of three weeks of O&C delivery from January-February 2010 with one week being piloted at 4-8 Hutterite colony schools and 2 weeks at 20-25 schools in the Moosomin/Yorkton/Kamsack area. 3,650 Grades 3-6 students were engaged at 33 schools in the Lloydminster/North Battleford/Langham areas in 2009.

c. Develop and distribute a pilot survey to teachers and students 6 months following the delivery of Eco-X and Owls & Cows in 2009 to evaluate retention of material presented.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Survey development ➤ Distribution of survey ➤ Analysis of survey results 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - PCAP staff (lead) - Parks Canada -Grasslands National Park of Canada
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Status: In Progress

Explanation: The PCAP Education Coordinator is in the planning stages of developing the survey structure and content. The survey will be distributed to schools participating in Eco-X 2009 and O&C 2010 schools in May and June 2010, respectively. The results will be analyzed, compiled into a document and distributed in July 2010.

II. Target communication about and promotion of native prairie to an urban audience.

actions 2009	deliverables	involved partners
d. Develop a communications plan to link prairie issues to an urban audience.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Identification of target audiences ➤ Key messages ➤ Identification of Partners and existing programs with similar mandate to explore possibility of collaboration ➤ Implementation strategy 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - PCAP (lead) - Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada – Agri-Environment Services Branch - Ducks Unlimited Canada - Nature Saskatchewan - Parks Canada -Grasslands National Park of Canada - Prairie Learning Centre - Royal Saskatchewan Museum - Saskatchewan Burrowing Owl Interpretive Centre - Saskatchewan Environmental Society - Saskatchewan Watershed Authority

actions 2009	deliverables	involved partners
Status: Not Started		
Explanation: Did not start action due to lack of time.		

e. Initiate planning for a 2010 "prairie festival" during Native Prairie Appreciation Week that is inclusive of the general public and incorporates cultural activities and local products related to prairie.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Identification of partners and level of involvement ➤ Identification of sponsors ➤ Festival agenda 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada – Agri-Environment Services Branch - Parks Canada -Grasslands National Park of Canada - Royal Saskatchewan Museum - Saskatchewan Watershed Authority
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Status: Not Started		
Explanation: Did not start action due to lack of time. The plan is to align a festival with the agenda being developed for Native Prairie Appreciation Week 2010 (A Working Prairie 2010 deliverable).		

III. Promote and provide opportunities to participate in prairie-related activities.

actions 2009	deliverables	involved partners
f. Redesign PCAP website to contain new information and engagement tools aimed at teachers, students, and the general public.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Number of new items/activities posted on website ➤ Number of hits per month on the new website 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - PCAP staff (lead) - Parks Canada - Grasslands National Park of Canada - Royal Saskatchewan Museum

Status: Completed		
Explanation: The PCAP website was revamped and re-launched on May 4, 2009. Along with a new PCAP logo, the website is designed as a one-stop-shop for any information pertaining to native prairie conservation including resources & literature, communications (i.e. newsletter, speaker series, articles, News Releases), contacts, teacher lesson plans & activities, events & workshops, pictures and other related websites. The website also includes information on PCAP including its history, partners, funders, vision, goals and deliverables including previous action plans & partner updates, the 2009- 2013 Framework, 2009 annual workplan and as of January 2010, the 2010 annual workplan and 2009 PCAP update. Information is updated monthly or as it is submitted to the PCAP Manager. From May to the end of December 2009, there were a total of 2,369 hits to the website.		

g. Develop and distribute a PCAP virtual newsletter to promote communication among Partners, including upcoming events and prairie-related initiatives.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Distribution list ➤ Number of hits on website 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - PCAP staff (lead)
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actions 2009	deliverables	involved partners
<p>Status: Completed</p> <p>Explanation: Developed a monthly electronic newsletter to increase awareness and communication amongst partners and other stakeholders/organizations with each issue showcasing 2 PCAP partners, affiliate organizations, focus group activities, research and literature, upcoming events and workshops, articles submitted by partners and other organizations/stakeholders. Four newsletters have been distributed (as of September 2009) to 27 partners, 7 national and international affiliated and 65 other organizations/ stakeholders/ individuals (for the November & December issues, the distribution to other organizations/ stakeholders/ individuals increased to 87). The newsletters are posted on the PCAP website and there have been 60 hits to the newsletter page since September.</p>		

Prospering with Prairie

Sustainable Land Use and Development

Objective 2009-2013

PCAP Partners identify, adopt, implement, and promote best management practices, planning processes, policies and/or regulatory requirements, important for the conservation and sustainable use of native prairie in Saskatchewan.

Measuring success 2009-2013

Native prairie – its extent, functions, and biodiversity – is conserved or restored as part of land use and development activities in Saskatchewan.

Strategies

I. Increase awareness of how Partners currently conserve and restore native prairie, and document progress in this area.

action 2009	deliverables	involved partners
a. Annually prepare and distribute a dynamic inventory of Partner programs, best management practices, planning processes, policies, and regulatory requirements that affect or influence the conservation and sustainable use of native prairie.	➤ 2009 inventory to PCAP Partners and interested stakeholders	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada – Agri-Environment Services Branch - Canadian Parks and Wilderness Society - Ducks Unlimited Canada - Environment Canada - Ministry of Agriculture - Ministry of Energy and Resources - Ministry of Environment - Nature Conservancy of Canada - Nature Saskatchewan - SaskPower - Saskatchewan Watershed Authority

Status: In Progress

Explanation: A spreadsheet was sent to 27 partners at the end of November to collect information for the creation of a dynamic inventory of the top 3 activities of each partner group. The data will be compiled and distributed to the PCAP partners in early 2010. This will be an annual action as yearly updates will be required to maintain information currency.

II. Exchange ideas and new knowledge with Partners and other stakeholders about ways to successfully conserve and restore native prairie at each stage of a land use or development activity.

actions 2009	deliverables	involved partners
b. Meet to discuss and identify strengths and weaknesses of programs, best management practices, planning processes, policies, and regulatory requirements that affect or influence the conservation and sustainable use of native prairie.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Minimum of two Prospering with Prairie Focus Group (PPFG) meetings ➤ A summary of 2009 discussions and suggested improvements (prepared by PPFG) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada – Agri-Environment Services Branch - Canadian Parks and Wilderness Society - Ducks Unlimited Canada - Environment Canada - Ministry of Agriculture - Ministry of Energy and Resources - Ministry of Environment - Nature Conservancy of Canada - Nature Saskatchewan - SaskPower - Saskatchewan Watershed Authority

Status: Not Started

Explanation: The deliverable of a minimum of two meetings was met in 2009. In order to carry out action b., action a. must be completed. Since there was a delay in completing action a., no discussion to provide suggestions on programs, practices, etc. that affect conservation and sustainable use of native prairie occurred. Actions b. and e. will be combined in 2010 as a co-deliverable in conjunction with the Caring for Prairie Focus Group.

c. Partner representatives relay feedback, as necessary, to Partner organizations for consideration.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Feedback to Partner organizations ➤ Partners incorporate learning and new information (annual inventory tracks progress) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada – Agri-Environment Services Branch - Canadian Parks and Wilderness Society - Ducks Unlimited Canada - Environment Canada - Ministry of Agriculture - Ministry of Energy and Resources - Ministry of Environment - Nature Saskatchewan - SaskPower - Saskatchewan Watershed Authority
d. Prepare and distribute an annual newsletter to Partners, highlighting updates, new information and technology, issues and successes.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ 2009 newsletter to Partners 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Nature Saskatchewan - SaskPower - Saskatchewan Watershed Authority

Status: Not Started

Explanation: Action c. - Since there was a delay in completing action a., information was not distributed to partners and therefore they could not relay feedback. No inventory was done to monitor incorporation of new information/learning. Action d. - Decision was made to not provide a separate annual newsletter but utilize the monthly PCAP newsletter to distribute information to partners. No articles were provided in 2009.

actions 2009	deliverables	involved partners
e. Establish/develop/ investigate links with non-partner stakeholders, and promote ways to successfully conserve and restore native prairie, during the life-cycle of a land use or development activity.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ 2009 inventory and newsletter to interested non-partner stakeholders ➤ Meeting with interested non-partner stakeholders to discuss the PPFG objective 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada – Agri-Environment Services Branch - Canadian Parks and Wilderness Society - Ducks Unlimited Canada - Ministry of Agriculture - Ministry of Energy and Resources - Ministry of Environment - Nature Saskatchewan - SaskPower - Saskatchewan Watershed Authority

Status: Not Started

Explanation: Did not start action due to lack of time.

III. Assist Partnership with monitoring and communicating trends in native prairie conservation.

actions 2009	deliverables	involved partners
f. Report on all native prairie altered or broken during the year, related to PPFG Partner activities.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ PPFG's data on 2009 loss of native prairie, provided to PCAP at year end 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ducks Unlimited Canada - Environment Canada - Ministry of Agriculture - Ministry of Energy and Resources - Ministry of Environment - Nature Saskatchewan - Saskatchewan Watershed Authority

Status: Not Started

Explanation: Did not start action due to lack of time. Actions f & g will be combined in 2010. Some information may be collected through the partner inventory in action a.

g. Work with other Focus Groups, and possibly other stakeholders, to develop a plan to estimate and report on the amount and distribution of remaining native prairie, and how it is being used.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ A plan for conducting this spatial analysis that includes data sources, methods, timelines, lead agencies 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - PCAP staff (lead) - Ducks Unlimited Canada - Ministry of Agriculture - Environment Canada - Ministry of Energy and Resources - Nature Conservancy of Canada - Nature Saskatchewan - SaskPower - Saskatchewan Watershed Authority
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Status: Not Started

Explanation: See action f.

Caring for Prairie

Managing Invasive Alien Plant Species

Objective 2009-2013

Prairie land managers understand the importance of managing alien plant species on the prairie landscape and Saskatchewan has a coordinated approach to invasive alien plant species management.

Measuring success 2009-2013

- Target-audience knowledge of invasive alien plant issues
- Collaborative invasive alien plant management initiatives

Strategies

I. Educate public and private land managers about the threats of invasive alien plants to native prairie.

action 2009	deliverables	involved partners
a. Develop and promote educational activities and materials about invasive alien plants for use within existing PCAP education and information programs.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ Number of activities developed and delivered➤ Number of people reached	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Ministry of Agriculture- Nature Conservancy of Canada- Native Plant Society of Saskatchewan

Status: In Progress

Explanation: The following materials were developed and delivered: 1) a one page document of five undesirable species for the Swift Current Environmental Advisory Board for circulation to general public; number of people reached unknown, 2) invasive species articles written for "Gardener for the Prairies" and "Native Plant News" with ~ 15,000 people reached, 3) aquatic invasive species materials currently being printed (floating boat key tags, etc.) with ~ 1,000 to be distributed in 2010, 4) NCC communication materials via bi-annual newsletter educating Conservation Easement grantors & landowners about the threats of invasive weedy species with 130 landowners reached and 5) an invasive species calendar produced with 5,000 copies to be distributed to RM offices for 2010.

II. Implement collaborative Invasive Alien Plant Species prevention and control measures.

action 2009	deliverables	involved partners
b. Support the Saskatchewan Invasive Species Council by providing technical advice and technical support.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Number of Partners involved in the Council 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada – Semiarid Prairie Agricultural Research Centre - Ministry of Agriculture - Nature Conservancy of Canada - Native Plant Society of Saskatchewan - Prairie Adaptation Research Collaborative (UofR) - Saskatchewan Research Council

Status: In Progress

Explanation: All involved partners are currently involved in SISC and provide ongoing technical and in-kind support.

c. Participate in Saskatchewan Invasive Species Council planning and priority setting exercises.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Number of PCAP Partners and other stakeholders participating ➤ Number of exercises underway 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada – Semiarid Prairie Agricultural Research Centre - Ministry of Agriculture - Nature Conservancy of Canada - Native Plant Society of Saskatchewan - Saskatchewan Research Council
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Status: In Progress

Explanation: All involved partners are currently involved in SISC priority setting exercises. Four meetings per year are held, which provides the forum for partner updates and priority setting.

d. Host an invasive alien plant technical workshop to discuss ongoing initiatives and identify collaboration opportunities.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Attendance at workshop 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada – Semiarid Prairie Agricultural Research Centre - Nature Conservancy of Canada - Native Plant Society of Saskatchewan - Saskatchewan Research Council
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Status: Not Completed

Explanation: Funding was unavailable for an invasive plant workshop as it had been delivered in the past. NPSS did deliver an invasive species talk at NPAW and at SIAS.

action 2009	deliverables	involved partners
e. Provide information on certification programs for hay and native seed.	➤ Documentation and feasibility analysis of similar existing programs	- Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada – Semiarid Prairie Agricultural Research Centre

Status: Not Started

Explanation: Did not start action due to lack of time.

III. Monitor the occurrence of alien invasive plants in the Prairie Ecoregion.

action 2009	deliverables	involved partners
f. Begin development of a coordinated weed monitoring standard, procedure and program.	➤ Number of organizations participating in process	- Ministry of Agriculture - Native Plant Society of Saskatchewan - Nature Conservancy of Canada

Status: Not Started

Explanation: Did not start action due to lack of time.

IV. Coordinate research and development activities.

action 2009	deliverables	involved partners
g. Facilitate and advocate invasive alien plant research activities (e.g., biological controls, replacement species)	➤ Invasive alien plant research activities, relevant to prairie systems (a) underway and (b) completed	- Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada – Semiarid Prairie Agricultural Research Centre

Status: In Progress

Explanation: In the process of obtaining financial approval for research on climate change impact on range (one site will be examining possible effect on crested wheatgrass invaded native prairie site). Proposals developed for research funding has not yet been received. Grazing spurge project with U of S continues.

h. Establish priorities for R&D activities for research agency consideration.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Identification of what is needed to increase effort ➤ Development of a list of priority species for research 	- Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada – Semiarid Prairie Agricultural Research Centre
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Status: Not Started

Explanation: Did not start action due to lack of time.

Accounting for Prairie

Valuing Ecological Goods and Services

Objective 2009-2013

More people are aware of the ecological goods and services provided by native prairie ecosystems and begin to account for them in decision making.

Measuring success 2009-2013

- Target-group awareness of native prairie ecological goods and services [EGS] and threats to them
- EGS-based programs that support prairie conservation
- Acres of prairie influenced by EGS-based programs

Strategies

I. Communicate to target groups about the ecological goods and services provided by native prairie.

actions 2009	deliverables	involved partners
a. Identify examples of people valuing EGS in Saskatchewan for use in marketing and educational materials.	➤ Distribution of marketing and educational materials	- Ducks Unlimited Canada - Prairie Trust

Status: In Progress

Explanation: 27 PCAP Partners were sent a survey to see what EGS educational materials are available. The group will review, identify gaps, develop and distribute materials in 2010 including a fact sheet that will be posted on the PCAP website.

b. Produce an annual report on the state of Saskatchewan's natural capital and the threats to it, including habitats important to Species at Risk (SAR).	➤ Distribution of report	- Canadian Parks and Wilderness Society - Ducks Unlimited Canada - Saskatchewan Forage Council
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Status: In Progress

Explanation: A report was not created based on the decision that the group will collaborate with the Prospering with Prairie (PWP) Focus group as this group will be contacting the PCAP Partners in 2010 to see what information/reports is available in regards to the amount of native prairie remaining in Saskatchewan. As natural capital can not be estimated, the

actions 2009	deliverables	involved partners
<p>information being collected by the PWP group is needed to look at trends and determine numbers. The group has also started to review existing reports by the SK Prairie Adaptation Research Centre and Lower Souris Studies and will consider submitting an application to the Go Green Fund in Spring 2010 for a wetland inventory to determine the amount of native prairie remaining in the province. Although a report was not created, an article on "Accounting for Wetlands" was submitted for the December 2009 PCAP Newsletter.</p>		

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| <p>c. Create and distribute educational material and programs about EGS targeted to each of the following: school children; educational institutions; government; industry; special interest groups; urban; rural; RM's/SARM/SUMA; planners. Materials will also highlight EGS in SAR habitats. These efforts will utilize existing Partner marketing and education programs where feasible.</p> | <p>➤ Distribution of materials to target groups</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ducks Unlimited Canada - Prairie Trust |
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Status: In Progress

Explanation: 27 PCAP Partners were sent a survey to find out what EGS materials relating to the target audiences already existed. In 2010, the group will evaluate opportunities to re-use partner materials or create new materials that are targeted towards youth and educational institutions to be distributed through PCAP education programs and education/extension opportunities.

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| <p>d. Assist with the Saskatchewan EGS workshop to educate and to stimulate ideas and policy / program development.</p> | <p>➤ Attendance at workshop</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ducks Unlimited Canada - Nature Conservancy of Canada - Prairie Trust - University of Saskatchewan – College of Agriculture & Bioresources |
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Status: Completed

Explanation: Several partners attended the EGS workshop that was held in March and attended by 75 participants. PCAP was also a sponsor of the workshop. A representative from the focus group also attended the Canadian EGS pilot Review Workshop in April in Ottawa on behalf of PCAP.

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| <p>e. Conduct baseline survey of awareness and practices, evaluate results, and adjust strategies where needed.</p> | <p>➤ Completion of survey</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ducks Unlimited Canada - Prairie Trust |
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Status: In Progress

Explanation: The group obtained the results of the EGS workshop survey as well as those from the Manitoba EGS Willingness To Pay study and will evaluate and begin developing a survey in 2010.

II. Identify and communicate to Partners the program and policy options that support the consideration and maintenance of ecological goods and services.

actions 2009	deliverables	involved partners
<p>f. Develop a method to annually survey / measure / track landowners, industry, planners, and government's inclusion of EGS in their decision making processes and land use planning. This will include work in areas with Species at Risk.</p>	<p>➤ Implementation of tracking system</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Canadian Parks and Wilderness Society - Ducks Unlimited Canada
<p>Status: Not Started</p> <p>Explanation: Did not start action f as it was determined to be unachievable within the given year. The revised action will be indicated in the 2010 workplan.</p>		
<p>g. Review programs, policies and legislation to identify those that place natural capital and ecological goods and services at risk. This will include EGS from habitats important to Species at Risk.</p>	<p>➤ Completion of reviews</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Canadian Parks and Wilderness Society - Ducks Unlimited Canada - Nature Conservancy of Canada
<p>Status: In Progress</p> <p>Explanation: The group will collaborate with the Prospering With Prairie Focus group as they will be contacting partners to report on actions that result in a loss of native prairie. This action will be completed in 2010.</p>		

A Working Prairie

Grazing Management in Prairie Ecosystems

Objective 2009-2013

Increased land manager knowledge and adoption of grazing management practices that benefit both prairie ecosystems and economic returns, improved understanding of current range health and range health trends in Saskatchewan, and improved scientific understanding of the role of grazing management in prairie ecosystem health and biodiversity.

Measuring success 2009-2013

- Public and private land manager knowledge of best grazing management practices and their benefits
- Coverage and frequency of range health monitoring
- New knowledge of relationship between grazing management and prairie ecosystems

Strategies

I. Communicate with public and private grazing land managers about grazing management practices and their benefits.

actions 2009	deliverables	involved partners
a. Assist in planning Native Prairie Appreciation Week Tour in the Moose Jaw area for June 2009.	➤ Workshop attendance	- Ducks Unlimited Canada (lead) - Society for Range Management (lead) - Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada – Agri-Environment Services Branch - Ministry of Agriculture - Moose Jaw River Watershed Stewards - Nature Conservancy of Canada - Nature Saskatchewan - PCAP - Saskatchewan Watershed Authority

actions 2009	deliverables	involved partners
<p>Status: Completed</p> <p>Explanation: A tour was held in Moose Jaw with approximately 70 participants attending. The "Discovering the Missouri Coteau" tour included presentations on the geography & hydrology, species at risk and invasive plant species of the MC, information on the Growing Forward program and The Environmental Stewardship Award (TESA) 2009 recipient. The tours included stops at a seeded native pasture, SMA Mortlach Sheep pasture, the SMA Val Jean Community pasture with the Plant ID challenge and the Excel-Key West A.E.S.B. pasture.</p>		
<p>b. Deliver a PFRA Patron day in the Southwest, focusing on pasture management.</p>	<p>➤ Workshop attendance</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada – Agri-Environment Services Branch (lead) - Ministry of Agriculture - Saskatchewan Watershed Authority
<p>Status: Completed</p> <p>Explanation: A field day was held with approximately 10 participants attending.</p>		
<p>c. Assist with Semiarid Prairie Agricultural Research Centre Field Day in Swift Current to showcase grazing and forage research in summer of 2009.</p>	<p>➤ Workshop attendance</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada - Semiarid Prairie Agricultural Research Centre (lead) - Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada – Agri-Environment Services Branch - Ministry of Agriculture - Saskatchewan Watershed Authority
<p>Status: Completed</p> <p>Explanation: A field day was held with approximately 80 participants attending.</p>		
<p>d. Explore options to reprint popular, out-of-print, producer-friendly publications. Seek funding from outside sources to reprint in 2010.</p>	<p>➤ Prioritized list of out-of-print publications</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Saskatchewan Watershed Authority (lead) - Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada – Agri-Environment Services Branch - Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada - Semiarid Prairie Agricultural Research Centre - Ministry of Agriculture - Saskatchewan Forage Council - Saskatchewan Stock Growers Association
<p>Status: Not Started</p> <p>Explanation: Did not start action due to lack of time.</p>		

II. Facilitate integrated approaches to program and policy development related to grazing management. *(no action in 2009)*

III. Improve range health aggregated data storage and sharing.

actions 2009	deliverables	involved partners
e. Examine the logistics of developing a standardized database.	➤ Working group established among Partners	- Saskatchewan Watershed Authority (lead) - Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada – Agri-Environment Services Branch - Ducks Unlimited Canada - Ministry of Agriculture - Ministry of Environment - Nature Conservancy of Canada - Saskatchewan Research Council

Status: Completed

Explanation: A working group was created, funding sought, and work has begun on the format and operation for a standardized database. SRC was contracted to develop the database.

IV. Coordinate comprehensive and standardized range health data collection.

actions 2009	deliverables	involved partners
f. Promote buy-in from all Partners to use a standardized system for native rangeland assessment, supported by the managers and field staff from each Partner agency.	➤ Letters to each Partner to promote this action	- PCAP staff (lead)

Status: Not Started

Explanation: Did not start action due to lack of time.

g. Conduct field days for PCAP Partner field staff to provide training in the new eco-site descriptions at several locations in July.	➤ Attendance at field days	- Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada – Agri-Environment Services Branch (lead) - Ministry of Agriculture - Saskatchewan Watershed Authority
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Status: Not Started

Explanation: Did not start action due to lack of time.

V. Improve our knowledge of relationships between grazing management and wildlife populations.

actions 2009	deliverables	involved partners
<p>h. Hold a forum for Partners and other agencies to discuss biodiversity issues, focusing on species at risk, and exchange information between research scientists and grazing managers.</p>	<p>➤ Attendance at workshop/ forum</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada – Agri-Environment Services Branch (lead) - Parks Canada - Grasslands National Park of Canada (lead) - Environment Canada - Ministry of Agriculture - Saskatchewan Watershed Authority

Status: Not Started

Explanation: Did not start action due to lack of time. Plans are to hold a forum in 2010 as part of the Multi-SAR Action Plan.

Appendix 1: Core and Program Support

Core Funding Support

Cattle Market Deductions Fund

Ducks Unlimited Canada

Ministry of Agriculture

Ministry of Environment

Program Support

- Agriculture & Agri-Food Canada – Agri-Environment Services Branch and Semiarid Prairie Agricultural Research Centre**
- Agricultural Council of Saskatchewan through the Advancing Canadian Agriculture and Agri-Food Saskatchewan (ACAAFS) program*
- Carl Block Memorial Stewardship Education Fund*
- Cattle Market Deductions Fund*
- Ducks Unlimited Canada***
- Environment Canada – Canadian Wildlife Service**
- Fisheries and Oceans Canada**
- Government of Canada – Habitat Stewardship Program for Species at Risk*
- Horned Cattle Purchases Fund*
- Ministry of Agriculture (SK)***
- Ministry of Environment (SK)***
- Ministry of Environment (SK) – Go Green Fund*
- Ministry of Environment (SK) – Fish and Wildlife Development Fund*
- Ministry of Tourism, Parks, Culture and Sport (SK) – Royal Saskatchewan Museum**
- Native Plant Society of Saskatchewan Inc.**
- Nature Conservancy of Canada**
- Nature Saskatchewan***
- Parks Canada – Grasslands National Park of Canada**
- Saskatchewan Burrowing Owl Interpretative Centre**
- Saskatchewan Institute of Agrologists – Saskatoon Branch*
- Saskatchewan Stock Growers Association**
- Saskatchewan Watershed Authority***
- Saskatchewan Wildlife Federation**
- SaskEnergy*
- SaskPower*
- University of Regina*
- University of Saskatchewan – College of Agriculture and Bioresources*

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