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The Next Chapter of SK PCAP

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What happens when you bring producers, biologists, industry, scientists, communities, universities and multiple levels of government all together?

If it sounds a bit like the beginning of a story, it is. It's the story of the Saskatchewan Prairie Conservation Action Plan (SK PCAP), a partnership initiated by the Saskatchewan Stock Growers Association, which has been bringing prairie conservation stakeholders together since 1998.

SK PCAP has been collaborating for conservation for the past sixteen years and with a strong vision for the future, we will continue to do so. With current demands and pressures on working prairie landscapes, the niche that SK PCAP occupies is more essential than ever. SK PCAP has an important job to create awareness of the valuable role that land managers play in sustaining these prairie landscapes, as well as highlight the many benefits that healthy prairie ecosystems provide for everyone.

Every five years, SK PCAP partners join together to develop long-term priority areas of action necessary to achieve our prairie conservation goals across Saskatchewan. In 2014, SK PCAP will be sharing our new framework for action highlighting the following focus areas:

1. Native Prairie Education and Awareness
2. Responsible Land Use on Native Prairie
3. Native Prairie Ecosystem Management

Working under a common vision of "healthy native prairie ecosystems as vital parts of our vibrant and strong communities," SK PCAP currently has more than thirty partners. Our mission is to work together to deliver prairie conservation activities that represent shared objectives and that benefit the social, cultural, economic and ecological fabric of Saskatchewan. SK PCAP also liaises with provincial, national and international counterparts, to foster a broader awareness of grassland conservation across Canada.

As Saskatchewan's native prairie landscapes continue to adapt and shift, so do the species and people who make their homes there. SK PCAP has been and will continue to be a constant presence on the landscape and in the prairie conservation community.

The SK PCAP story might just be beginning. 