NGO LANDSCAPE CONSERVATION EFFORTS

WHAT ARE WE DOING – AN OVERVIEW

Goal: To conserve intact grasslands and enhance biodiversity across the Northern Great Plains ecoregion.

- Sustainable Ranching Initiative
- Global, Canadian, US Roundtables
- Grassland and impact monitoring
- Tribal capacity
- Building partnerships

WHAT HAS WORKED WELL AND WHY"?

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WHAT HASN'T WORKED SO WELL AND WHY"?

- Narrow partnerships
- Expanding cross-border
- Focusing on protected areas
- Ignoring community interests
- Narrow focus

LESSONS: "MUST HAVES" & "MUST AVOID"

Must Have:

- Trust with producers, communities
- Public support for NA grasslands
- Stable, sufficient funding
- Strong, guiding science

Must Avoid:

- Thinking only small-scale
- Attacking crop producers
- Impatience

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