

# Great Plains

Landscape Conservation Cooperative

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Subject: National Fish, Wildlife & Plants Climate Adaptation Strategy

In response to your recent letter regarding the potential role for Landscape Conservation Cooperatives (LCCs) to implement aspects of the National Fish, Wildlife & Plants Climate Adaptation Strategy (*Strategy*), as Chair of the Great Plains LCC, I believe there are many ways that LCCs can intersect with the *Strategy*. The mission of the Great Plains LCC is to lead the development, facilitation and integration of science and management to ensure strategic natural resource conservation on the Great Plains with a fundamental objective to maximize stakeholder effort across the landscape and optimize data collection, use, and management in order to conserve habitat and priority species through the development and application of scientific data. As a science partnership, actions and strategies in the *Strategy* that intersect with the Great Plains LCC's mission and objectives will be strongly considered.

As the Great Plains LCC continues to refine its role and further develop specific goals and objectives, we will utilize the *Strategy* to help guide actions in our adaptation planning efforts. Further, the *Strategy* will be a helpful instrument in our scientific research and conservation planning and design activities. An explicit overlap in Great Plains LCC actions and strategies will be discussed amongst the Steering Committee throughout the coming year.

In closing, let me emphasize that the National Fish, Wildlife & Plants Climate Adaptation Strategy is an impressive document. I look forward to additional review with our Steering Committee and determining how the Great Plains LCC can help support its implementation.

Sincerely,



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