Range-Wide Conservation Plan for Lesser Prairie-Chicken Stakeholder Meeting

Wednesday, January 23, 2013
9:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Arcadia Lake Conservation Education Center
33rd Street and Midwest Boulevard (7201 E. 33rd Street)
Edmond, Oklahoma (see directions below)

Meeting Objectives

- Present initial draft of the range-wide Lesser Prairie-Chicken (LPC) conservation plan.
- Identify and discuss additional initiatives, opportunities, or other considerations for possible inclusion in the plan.
- Gain input from meeting participants on the draft conservation plan and the planning process.

Agenda

8:30 a.m. *Coffee and snacks*

9:00 a.m. Introductions and overview

- Welcome and Introductions – Review agenda
  Jan Caulfield, Facilitator
- Agency involvement in the LPC plan
  Keith Sexson, KDWPT, Benjamin Tuggle, USFWS
- Review plan background and timelines
  Bill Van Pelt, AGFD

9:45 a.m. Planning process and draft LPC conservation plan

- Presentation on draft LPC conservation plan
  Jon Haufler, EMRI

10:45 a.m. Break

11:00 a.m. Questions / Clarifications

12:00 p.m. Lunch – provided on-site

1:00 p.m. Discussion of draft conservation plan by meeting participants

- Are there suggestions regarding the focal area approach and mapping of focal areas?

- Are there additional regional or state LPC initiatives that are not included in the draft plan that should be added in?
- Are threats to LPC appropriately identified and described?
- Are there additional conservation tools or opportunities for addressing threats that are not included in the plan?
- Are the approaches to avoiding or lessening threats appropriate?
- Are there additional questions or concerns about the plan?

4:00 p.m. Wrap-up

- Crucial Habitat Assessment Tool (CHAT) revision
- Agenda for January 24 meeting
- Next steps and timelines

4:30 p.m. Adjourn

Directions to Arcadia Center: The Arcadia Center is located in Edmond (just north of Oklahoma City). Driving directions: Exit I-35 at Memorial Dr/136th St. – Drive East on Memorial Dr. about 2 miles before turning north on Midwest Blvd. – Continue north on Midwest Blvd. for 1 mile

Important Reminders

The draft range-wide LPC conservation strategy will be posted on the Western Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies (WAFWA) website: http://www.wafwa.org/html/prairie_chicken.shtml

Written comments on the first draft of the plan will be accepted until Friday, February 1. A second draft of the plan will be released for review in February, with a final plan released in March 2013. Please send comments via email to janc@gci.net or via mail to: Jan Caulfield Consulting, 114 S. Franklin St., Ste. 203, Juneau, AK 99801.