

Conservation Effort	Contact Info.	Area Covered	Manager of Plan	What does it authorize?	Eligibility	Update
Western Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies Range-wide plan (WAFWA RWP)	WAFWA - http://www.wafwa.org/initiatives/grasslands/lesser_prairie_chicken/	OK, NM, TX, CO and KS	Western Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies	Landowners and industry may voluntarily enroll in the plan to help conserve and restore the LPC and its habitat. Industry enrollment includes actions to avoid and minimize species impacts and requirements to offset impacts to the LPC by funding conservation actions. Other management practices including prescribed grazing can generate credits used to offset development activity impacts of other plan participants.	Enrollment is ongoing.	As of December 2015, the RWP has enrolled approximately 11 million acres of land by industry. The RWP has secured 96,000 acres of habitat for conservation to offset impacts.
Oil and Gas Candidate Conservation Agreement with Assurances (CCAA) - tied to RWP	WAFWA - http://www.wafwa.org/initiatives/grasslands/lesser_prairie_chicken/	OK, NM, TX, CO and KS	Western Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies	Oil and gas companies voluntarily enroll and agree to offset development impacts by funding conservation actions to benefit the LPC. If the enrolled participants continue to implement their actions as agreed they will not be required to implement additional measures if the LPC were to be listed under the ESA.	Enrollment is ongoing.	These numbers are included as a part of the acreage summary for the RWP above.
Center of Excellence - NM Candidate Conservation Agreements for LPC and dunes sagebrush lizard (DSL)	Center for Excellence - http://cehmm.org/index.php/programs/conservation/	NM	USFWS, BLM, and the Center of Excellence for Hazardous Materials Management (non-profit third party to manage funds and conservation actions)	Oil and gas companies may voluntarily enroll in the CCA/CCAA. Enrolled companies work to avoid, minimize, and mitigate for their impacts and also provide funding for activities that benefit the LPC in NM. Landowners may voluntarily enroll in the CCA/CCAA and implement conservation actions for agricultural practices benefiting the LPC. Enrolled participants who continue to implement their conservation actions will not be required to implement additional measures if the LPC were to be listed under the ESA.	Enrollment is ongoing.	As of December 2015, 96 oil and gas companies are enrolled in the CCA/A for a total of over 2 million acres (the participating Federal agency in this case is the BLM). In addition, 109 New Mexico ranchers have enrolled a combined 1.9 million acres of rangeland in the CCA/A.
Texas Candidate Conservation Agreement with Assurances (TX CCAA)	Texas Parks and Wildlife Department - http://tpwd.texas.gov/	TX	TPWD	Landowners may voluntarily enroll in the CCAA and implement conservation actions for agricultural practices benefiting the LPC. Enrolled participants who continue to implement their conservation actions will not be required to implement additional measures if the LPC were to be listed under the ESA.	Enrollment is ongoing.	As of December 2015, 93 Texas ranchers have 671,590 acres enrolled in the CCAA.
Oklahoma Candidate Conservation Agreement with Assurances (OK CCAA)	Oklahoma Department of Wildlife Conservation - http://www.wildlifedepartment.com/	OK	ODWC	Landowners may voluntarily enroll in the CCAA and implement conservation actions for agricultural practices benefiting the LPC. Enrolled participants who continue to implement their conservation actions will not be required to implement additional measures if the LPC were to be listed under the ESA.	Enrollment is ongoing.	As of December 2015, the Oklahoma Department of Wildlife Conservation (ODWC) has 81 landowners enrolled in the CCAA for a total of 390,675 acres.
USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service Lesser Prairie-Chicken Initiative (NRCS LPCI)	NRCS - http://lpcinitiative.org/	OK, NM, TX, CO and KS	USDA-NRCS	Landowners may choose to enroll in the LPCI and receive financial and technical resources to implement conservation measures beneficial to the LPC. The LPCI includes the following components: (1) strategic focus of technical and financial resources on important LPC areas; (2) the implementation of conservation practice standards to support the needs of the LPC; (3) the development of a science-support plan; (4) systematic monitoring and assessment of the results of the on-the-ground actions; (5) a comprehensive training program; and (6) funding of both technical and financial assistance needs.	Enrollment is ongoing.	As of December 2015, 459 landowners are enrolled in LPCI with 1,062,246 acres enrolled.
USDA Farm Service Agency (FSA)	FSA - http://www.fsa.usda.gov/	OK, NM, TX, CO and KS	USDA-FSA	Landowners may choose to enroll in the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP). Landowners who enroll in CRP receive financial incentives and agree to measures which benefit the LPC.	Enrollment is ongoing.	As of December 2015, 4.8 million acres were enrolled in CRP across the LPC range.

LPC Conservation LLC (Common Ground Capitol Conservation Bank)	Wayne Walker, www.commongroundcapital.com	OK, NM, TX, CO and KS	LPC Conservation LLC	Landowners may choose to enter into an agreement with a conservation banking entity to permanently conserve LPC habitat for a financial incentive. Upon Service approval of a conservation bank, credits then become available for purchase. These credits may be purchased by any third party to provide a conservation benefit for the species or to mitigate for impacts for the species.	Currently available-to parties interested in establishing a bank or those who need to purchase credits from the existing bank.	In March 2015, the Service finalized the first Programmatic Conservation Bank Agreement submitted by LPC Conservation LLC for the lesser prairie-chicken. Three parcels – two in Kansas (approx. 29,082 acres) and one in Texas (approx. 2,740 acres) - have been enrolled in the Programmatic Conservation Bank since its approval.

***This list of programs is not exhaustive and reflects programs currently being tracked by USFWS as benefitting the LPC. Additional programs are available that benefit the species. Please contact Clay Nichols, clay_nichols@fws.gov at USFWS if you have questions.