

Candidate Conservation Agreements



Taking actions to reduce and/or eliminate threats to the lesser prairie-chicken and dunes sagebrush lizard.

Program Purpose

- Promote collaborative conservation for existing populations
- Develop, coordinate, and implement conservation actions on federal, state, and private surface and minerals
- Support ongoing efforts to re-establish and maintain species viability
- Provide funding for projects to achieve desired conservation goals.

Benefits to the Landscape and its Users

- Voluntary enrollment
- Allows enrolled landowners and industry to continue working on the landscape
- Provides on-the-ground conservation and restoration initiatives
- Featuring landscape- and research-based approaches on private and public lands



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The ESA is enacted to conserve imperiled species and their habitat. **1973**

A petition is filed to list the LPC as Threatened under the ESA. **1995**

A species status review from FWS concludes that the Threatened status is warranted. **1998**

Stakeholders form a technical working group for the LPC and DSL. **2003**

The CCA and CCAA are executed between BLM, FWS, and CEHMM. **2008**

FWS proposes the LPC for Threatened listing. The DSL proposal is removed citing the CCA and CCAA programs. **2012**

Following a ruling by the U.S. District Court in Midland, Texas, the LPC is removed from listing. **2015**

A 12-month finding on the proposed listing for the LPC is underway at FWS. **2019**

Three organizations file a petition to list the LPC as Endangered. **2016**


The LPC is listed as a Threatened species. **2014**

The first landowner and industry enrollees sign up for the CCA and CCAA programs. **2010**

In March, FWS publishes a Species Status Assessment for the LPC. **2021**

On May 26, 2021, FWS proposes to list the LPC under the ESA with two geographic distinctions: the northern range as Threatened and the southern range as Endangered.

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Maps of Current Enrollment

Collaborative Conservation

Industry Operators

- 42 enrollees
- 2,191,195 acres throughout the historic range

Ranchers

- 72 enrollees
- 1,876,348 acres throughout the historic range

On-the-Ground Initiatives

Brush Control

- Treated 83,936 acres of mesquite
- Removed dead, standing mesquite from 10,427 acres

Habitat Restoration

- 15,000 acres of habitat restored

Reclamation

- Reclaimed and reseeded 159 acres of roads and pads