

Joint Partners in Flight / National Bobwhite Conservation Initiative Grassland Bird Meeting

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Members of Partners in Flight and the National Bobwhite Conservation Initiative have worked together in the past, most notably on a coordinated monitoring effort to evaluate CP-33 – Habitat Buffers for Upland Birds, a USDA Farm Services Agency program. Brief grassland conservation updates will set the stage for open examination of mutual needs and identification of opportunities and challenges, leading to development of strategies with mutual interest and commitment. We intend outcomes of this session will include identification of specific grassland conservation efforts or projects of mutual interest and individuals who are committed to work together to advance them.

Focused Delivery:

8:00 – 8:15: Focal Areas: NBCI's Coordinated Implementation Program (CIP) overview with time for questions and answers. (Don McKenzie, Marc Puckett, Tom Dailey – NBCI)

8:15 – 8:30: Lessons from five years of grassland bird data collection across the Central Hardwoods Bird Conservation Area – will this change our thinking about why and where to put focus areas and how we will implement grassland bird conservation efforts in the CHJV? (Jane Fitzgerald, Coordinator, CHJV).

8:30 – 8:45: OPJV broad scale grassland bird monitoring to guide implementation in the OPJV. (Jim Giocomo, Coordinator, OPJV).

8:45 – 10:00: Open discussion of collaboration potential.

Natives First Policy for USDA

10:00 – 10:30: Overview and status (<10 mins). Mutual interest in collaborating? – Don McKenzie

Shortleaf Pine Initiative

10:30 – 11:00: Overview and status (<10 mins). Mutual interest in collaborating? – Mike Black (Forestry Coordinator, NBCI)

EGCPJV Prescribed Fire Communications Strategy

11:00 – 11:30: Overview and status (<10 mins). Mutual interest in collaborating? – Catherine Rideout (Coordinator, EGCPJV)

11:30 – end: Where do we go from here?