

A wide, unpaved dirt road stretches into the distance under a clear blue sky. The road is flanked by dry, yellowish grass and sparse, leafless shrubs. Several utility poles with cross-arms are visible along the left side of the road. On the right, a wire fence runs parallel to the road. Numerous birds, likely quail, are scattered across the road and the surrounding fields. The overall scene is a rural, arid landscape.

Region 6 Work Plan

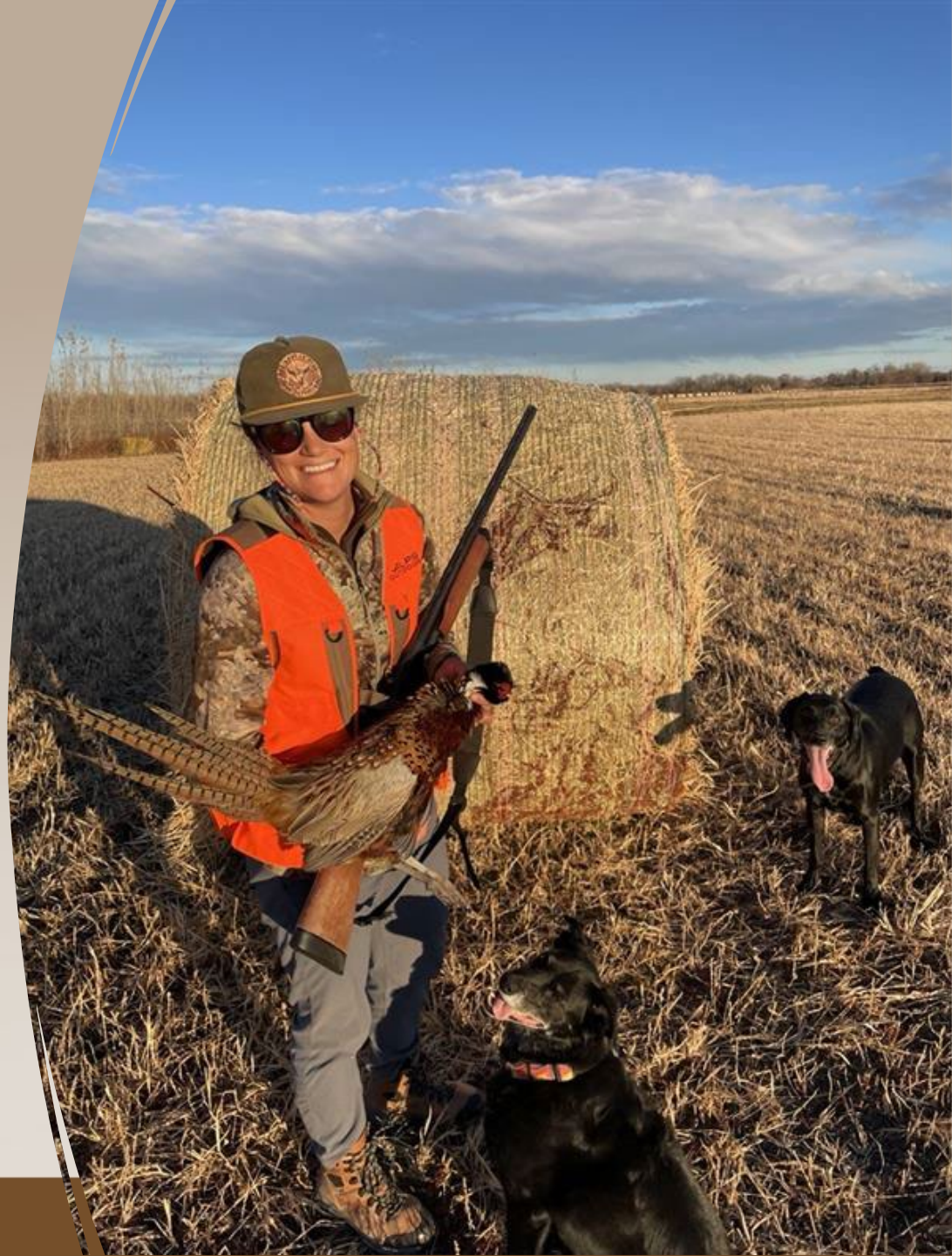
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Outline

- R6 Strategic Plan brief
- Planned Habitat Work
- Potential Habitat Work
- Monitoring
- Post hunting season and bird report



R6 Strategic Plan Review



- 3 Focus Areas- Milk River Valley, Sage-Grouse Habitat, Eastern R6
- Milk River Valley- long term conservation and restoration
 - Use public lands as cornerstones; partnerships; conservation easements
- Eastern Region 6- habitat enhancement and maintaining quality
 - Work off existing good habitats to conserve past enhancements and expand to establish more. CRP, other nesting cover, winter cover, BMAs, Renew projects through HMLs
- Sage-Grouse Habitat- protect and expand sage brush habitats
 - Grazing systems, conservation easements & 30-year leases, high quality mesic areas, silver sagebrush corridors to Canada, use partnerships



Habitat Work

- UGBEP projects approved in March:
 - 1 new HML
 - 1 new Shelterbelt
 - 2 HML renewals
 - 3 Diverse food plot renewal
 - 2 renewed Open Fields (CRP Lease)
 - 2 new CRP Add-on Leases
- 1,268 Habitat acres total
- 8,141 Access acres: 3,388 acres UGB only access + impacting 4,753 BMA acres
- \$166,747



Habitat Work- potential

- Other recent interest/likely projects
- This Spring
 - CRP Add-on/ Open Fields enrollment ending April 1st
 - 2 Grain Stubble Management renewals in Sheridan Co.
- Next Fall
 - 1 Shelterbelt in Roosevelt Co.
 - 1 HML Sheridan Co.



Monitoring

Required Annual

- 98 Open Fields or CRP Lease
- 32 HML
- 17 Food Plots
- 3 Grazing Systems
- 1 Nesting Cover
- 4 Wildlife Friendly Practice



R6 Postseason Observations

- Bird numbers mixed with pheasants 14% below LTA, sharp-tailed grouse 1% below LTA, and Hungarian/Gray partridge 37% above LTA (Results from Havre Check Station)
 - Complaints of hunters having a hard time finding birds, especially in E R6
 - Did not see many young of year pheasants during monitoring



R6

Postseason Observations

- Winter severity rated as mild for Glasgow & Havre
- Good bird survival
- Nesting season forecast will determine bird numbers for upcoming fall





Questions?

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