

Conserving Unbroken Native Prairie

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Kanopolis Grasslands
5,500 Acres



KDWP Strategies
Reduce Grazing - Enhance Warm Season Grasses
Priority Lease Agreement



Strip Disking



Wildlife Food Plots



Concerns

- ◆ Public Comment
- ◆ Lack of knowledge or approval
- ◆ Contradiction of management philosophy

KDWP Response

- ◆ Increase forbs for Ring Necked Pheasants
- ◆ Outgranted Right
- ◆ Continued incorporation. Implement practices on 10% of managed lands annually

Soil Classification and Contour



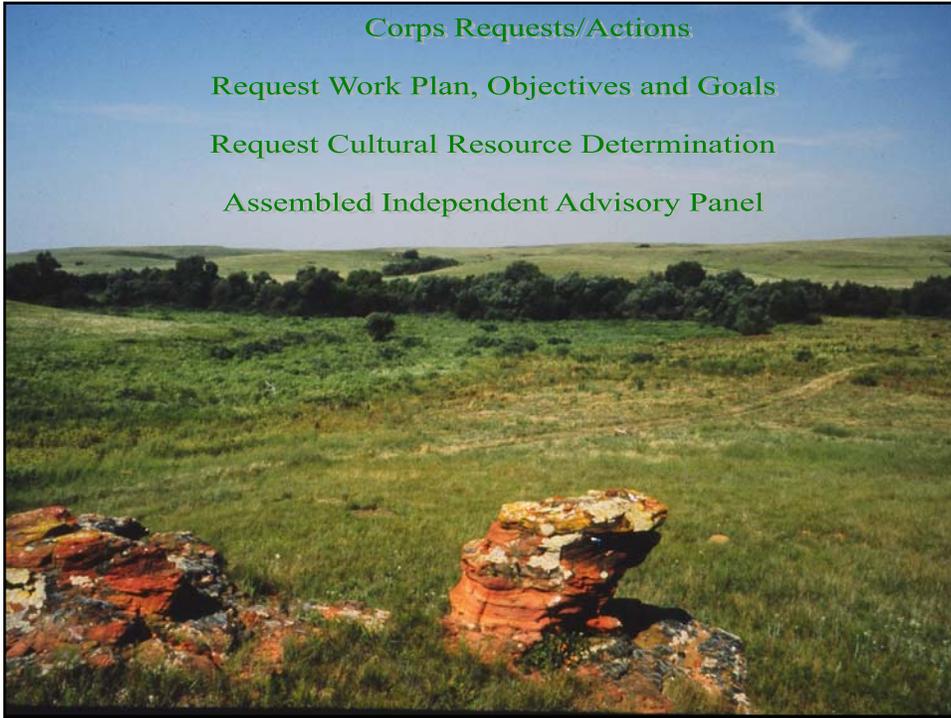


Corps Requests/Actions

Request Work Plan, Objectives and Goals

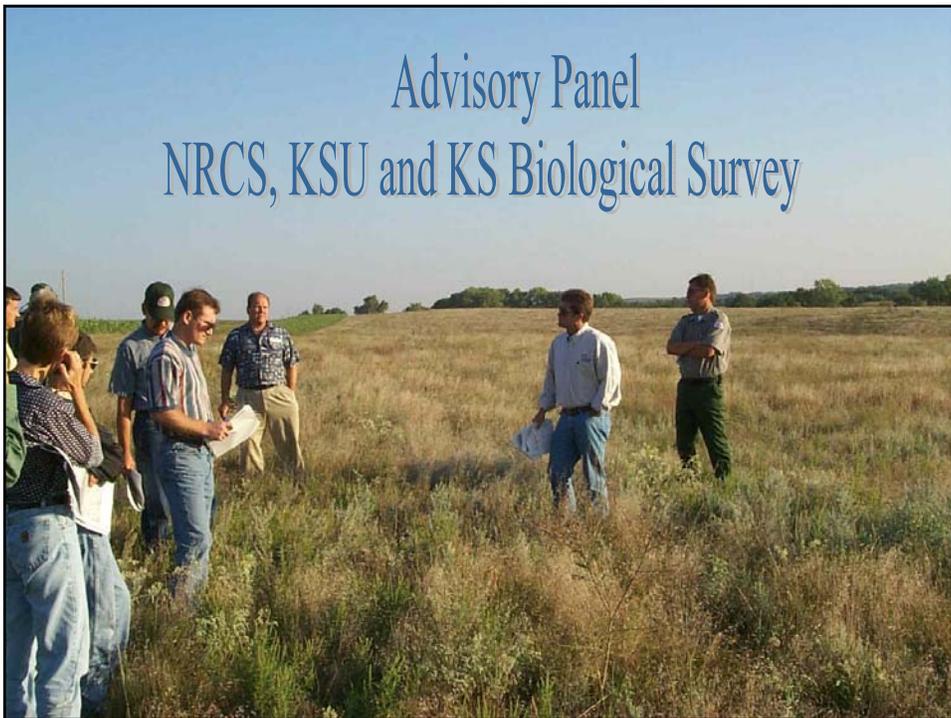
Request Cultural Resource Determination

Assembled Independent Advisory Panel



Advisory Panel

NRCS, KSU and KS Biological Survey



ADVISORY PANEL

- ◆ Completed Site Tour of Kanopolis, Wilson and Cedar Bluff
- ◆ Prepared Report
- ◆ Stated KDWP had NOT Provided Definitive Outcome, Goals Or Evaluation Process
- ◆ Recommended Practice be Discontinued
- ◆ Unbroken and Reestablished Rangeland Sites

CORPS FOLLOW UP ACTIONS

- ◆ Letter to KWP Requesting Moratorium
- ◆ Develop and Submit Annual Management Plans
- ◆ Reestablish Impacted Cultural Resource Site to Native Grass
- ◆ Joint Meeting with Tulsa District Requested



Interagency Meeting

- ◆ Agree to Disagree
- ◆ KDWP submit Annual Work Plans
- ◆ Corps maintains approval authority

Outcomes

- ◆ Awareness of ecosystem importance
- ◆ Heightened priority of Natural Resource Management Programs
- ◆ Increased value of planning documents
- ◆ Improved interagency communications

Questions?

