



Ranch managers and producers should have the ability to continue managing family operations in a sustainable and profitable manner that provides environmental benefits to all of society.

The Saskatchewan Stock Growers Association (SSGA) in partnership with the South of the Divide Conservation Action Program Inc. (SODCAP Inc.) have secured funding to implement *Results-Based Conservation Agreements* with producers.

'Results-Based Stewardship' is a tool that can be used to produce environmental benefits including habitat for species at risk. *Results-Based Conservation Agreements* are agreements signed with producers that identify and describe specific 'results' or desired habitat characteristics that producers can work towards. In exchange for achieving the desired habitat targets, producers are rewarded with financial incentives.

Habitat assessments, reviews, and payments to producers will occur on an annual basis. Agreements are designed to encourage producers to manage their land and make management decisions that support species at risk habitat.



The 'results' are more than current, normal industry standards that achieve livestock and forage production objectives. Agreements are structured so that the producer is rewarded financially upon achieving the results. If habitat goals are not met, it simply means a financial payment is not triggered.

Management decisions must be within a producer's capability. Decisions on range and livestock management, forage production, land accessibility, predator control, and agricultural development are all examples of those within a producer's capability. Decisions on industrial development, road construction, prevention of disease spread, or artificial rearing of species are examples of those outside of the capability of a producer.

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SSGA and SODCAP Inc. are looking to sign *Results-Based Conservation Agreements* with **producers** who own or manage **candidate critical habitat** for *species at risk* in southwest Saskatchewan.

Habitat attributes identified must be within the site potential based on soils, hydrology and climate or other bio-physical attributes. Habitat attributes that are described will be based on the best available information and current state of knowledge.

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