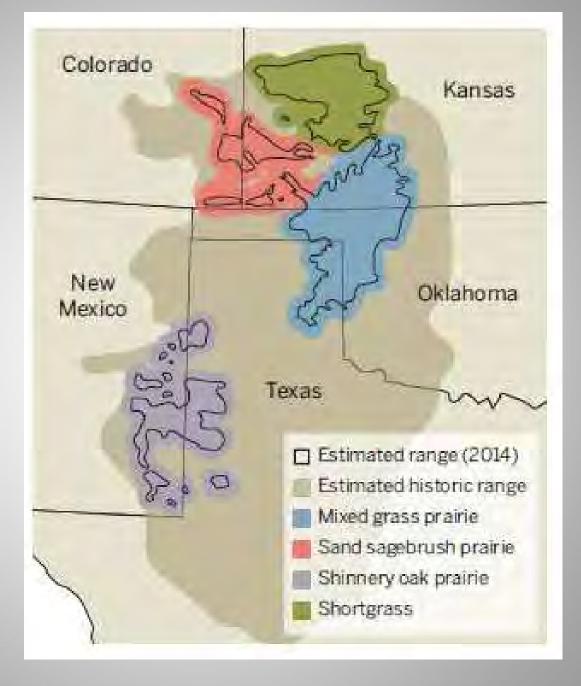


Lesser Prairie-Chicken Habitat Regions





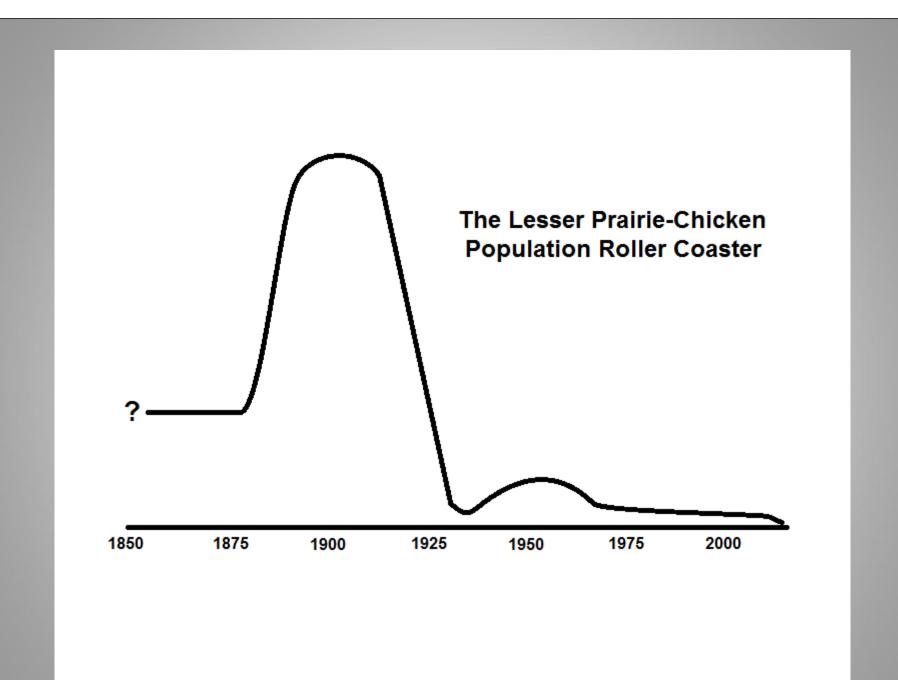




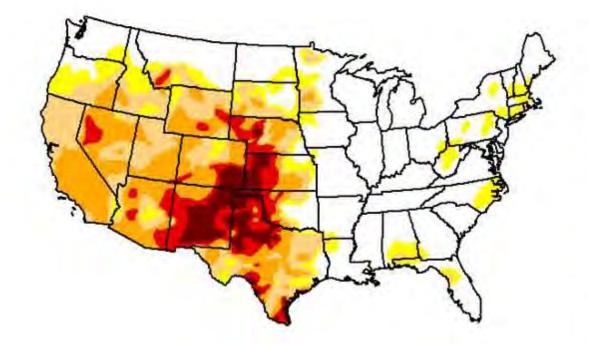








U.S. Drought Monitor



June 4, 2013

(Released Thursday, Jun. 6, 2013) Valid 7 a.m. EST

Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	45.02	54.98	44.11	28.49	11.44	4.79
Last Week 5/28/2013	43.13	56.87	44.34	29.56	11.75	4.74
3 Month's Ago 35/2013	34,33	65.67	53.34	36.44	17.04	5,45
Start of Calendar Year 1/1/2013	27.22	72.78	61.09	42.05	21.31	6.75
Start of Water Year 9/25/2012	23.41	76.59	65.45	42.12	21.48	6.12
One Year Ago 65/2012	36.01	63.99	38.60	18.92	4.60	0.60

Intensity:

D0 Abnormally Dry
D1 Moderate Drought
D2 Severe Drought

The Drought Monitor focuses on broad-scale conditions. Local conditions may vary. See accompanying text summary for forecast statements.

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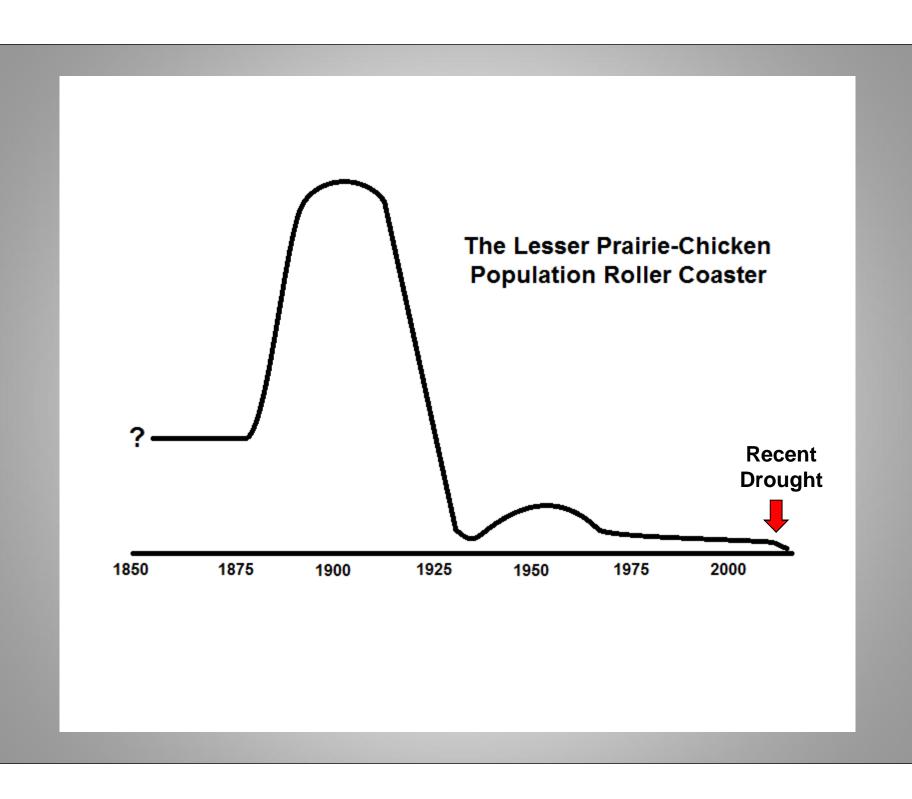


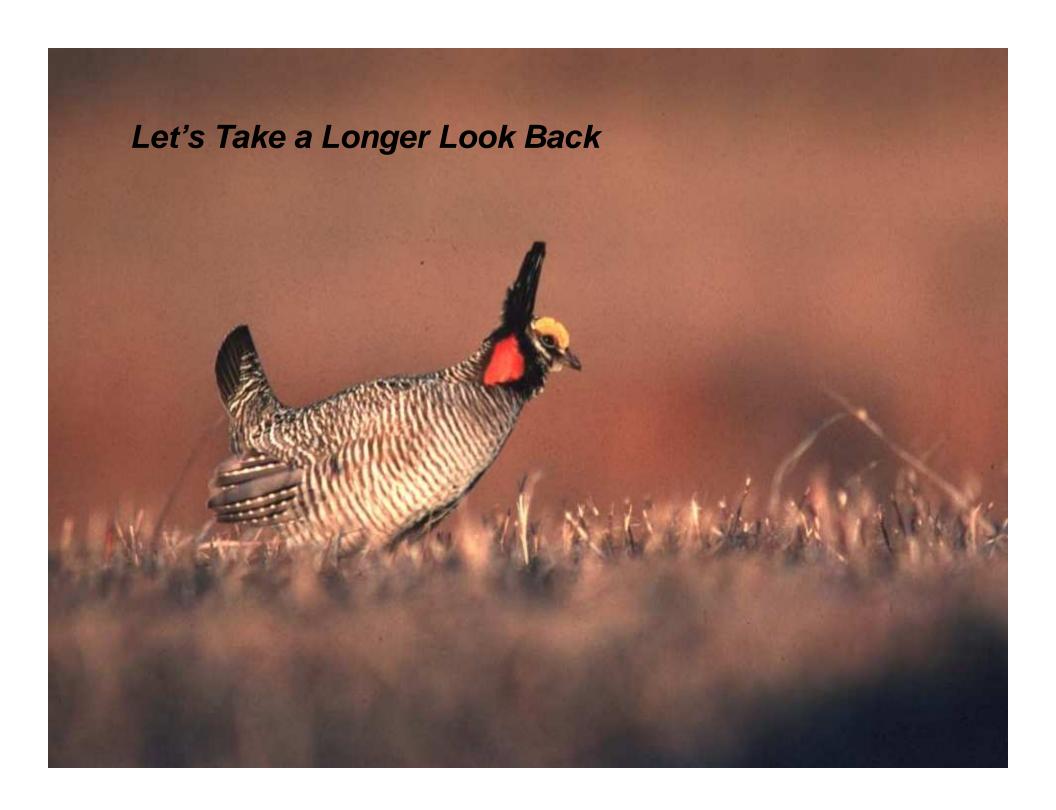






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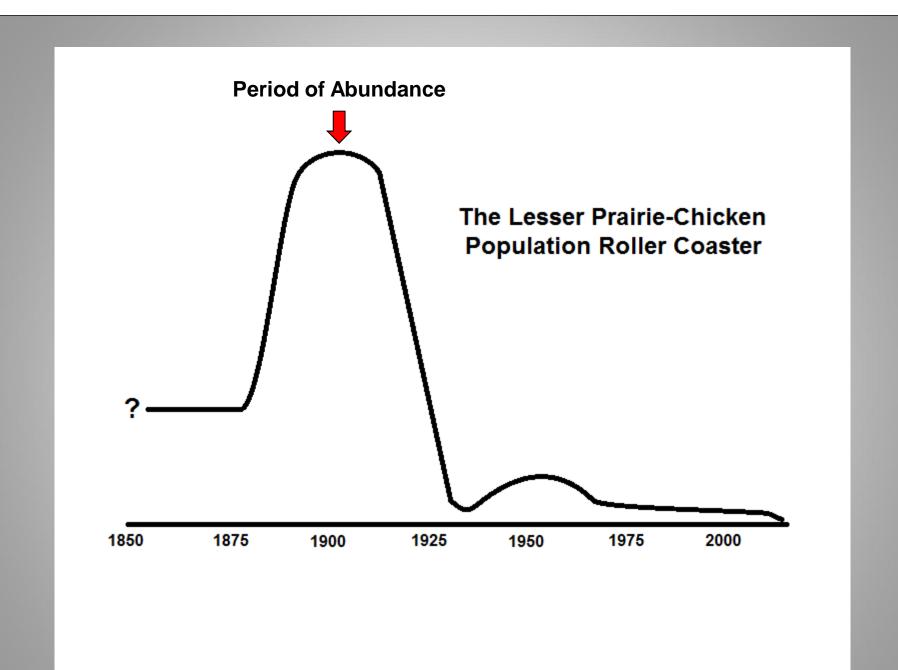




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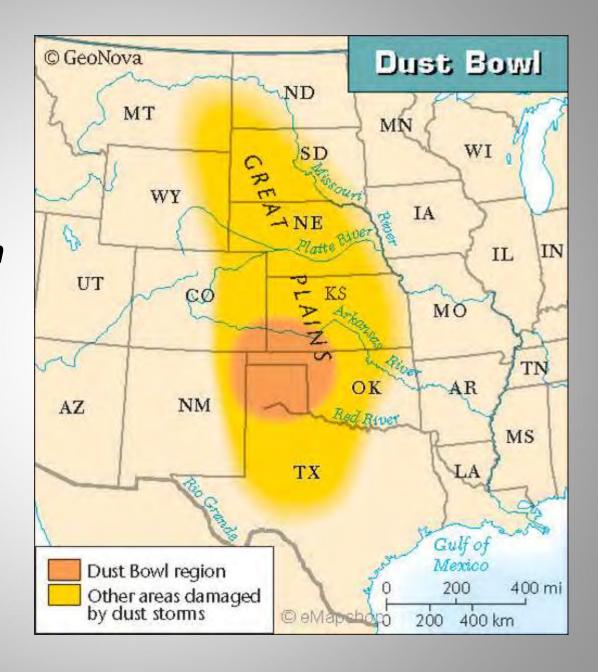
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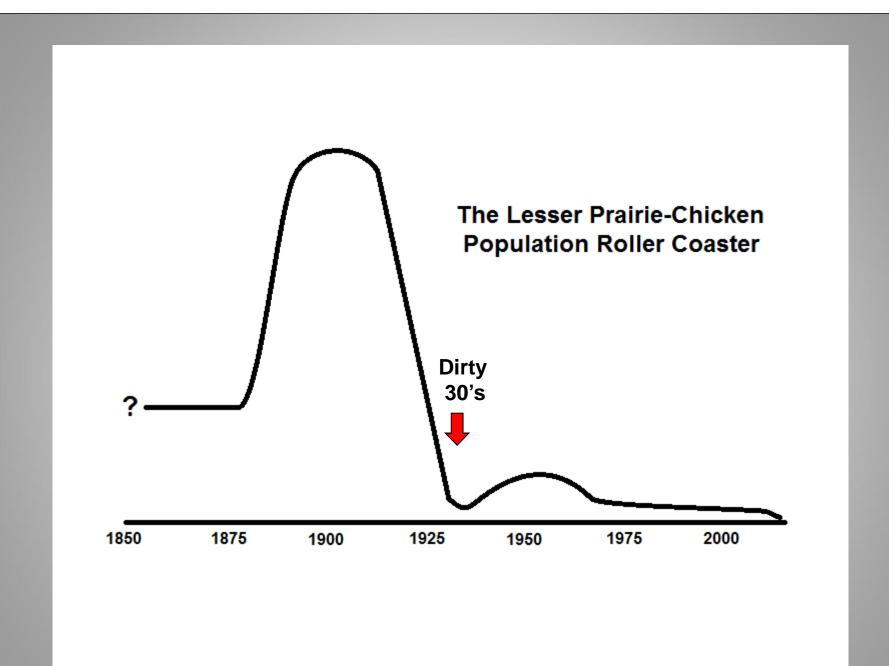
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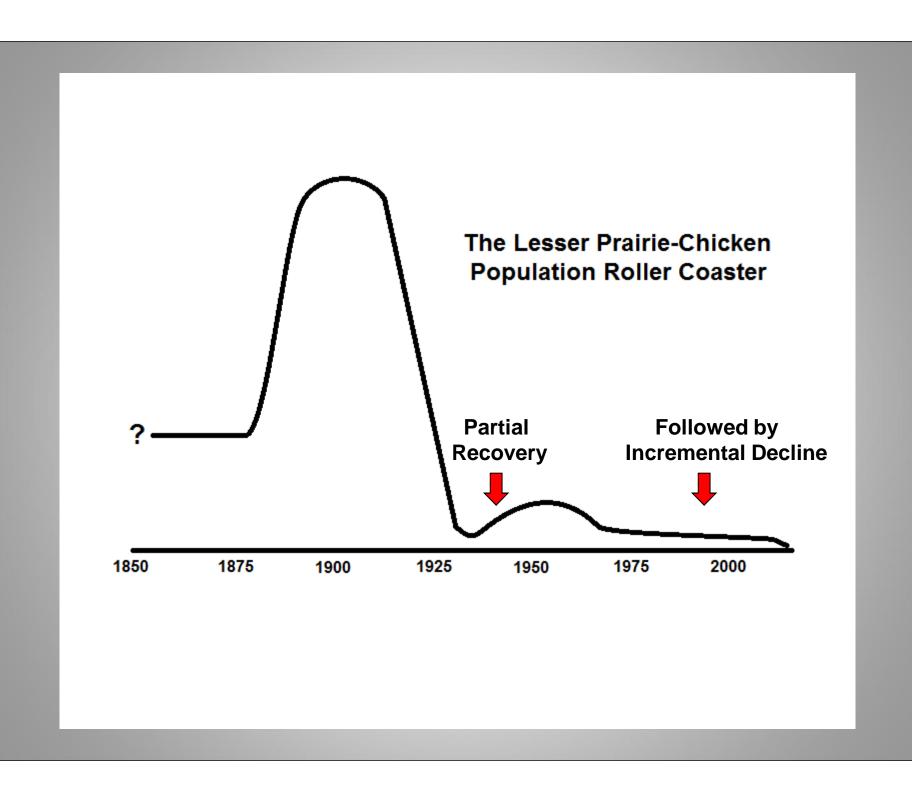
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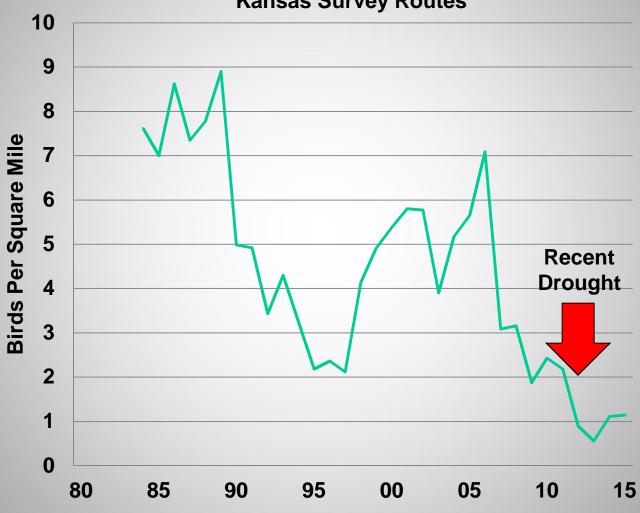


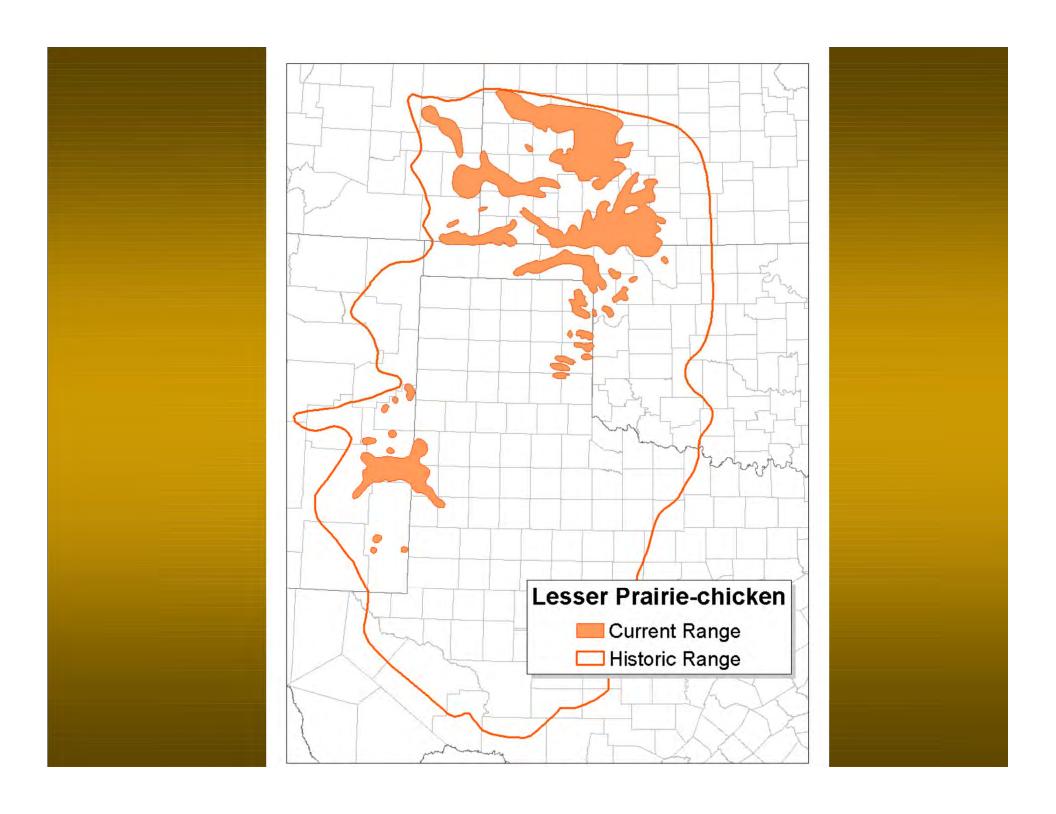


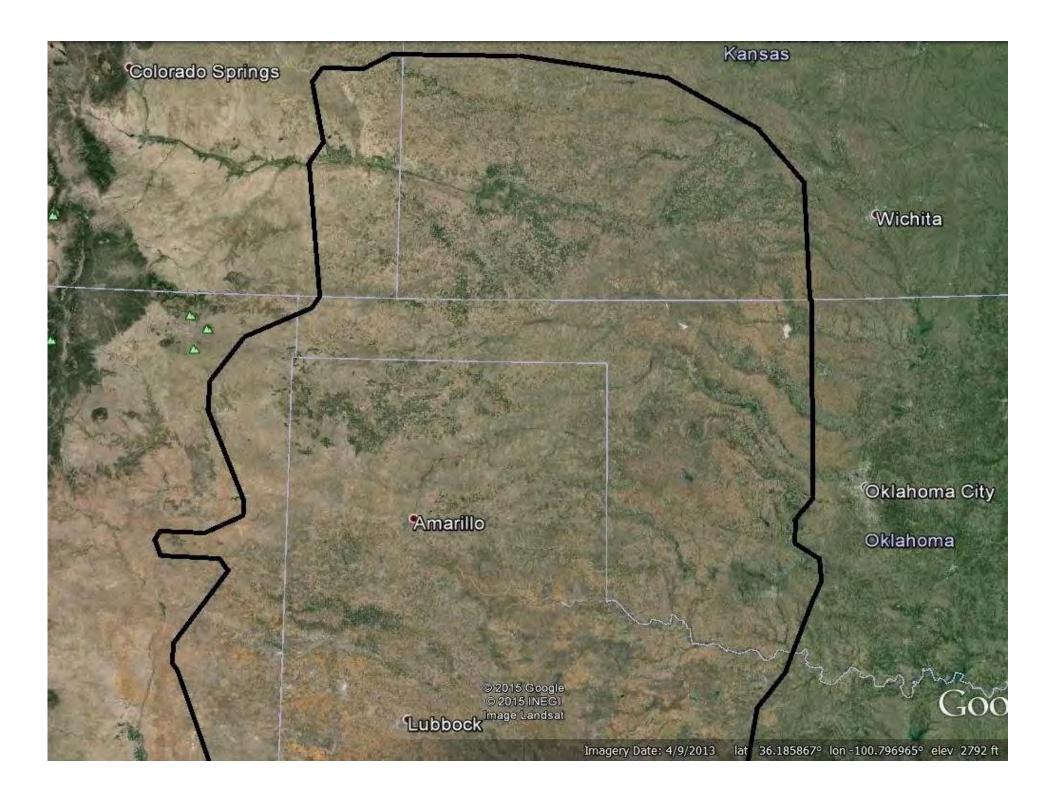


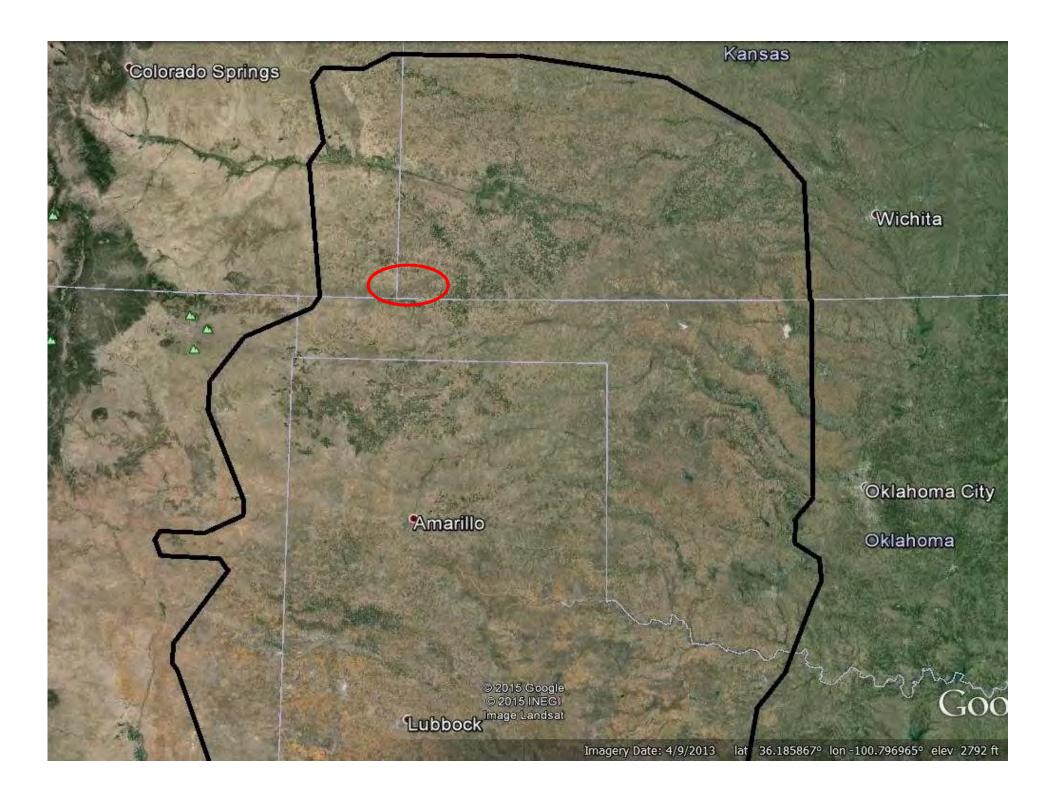


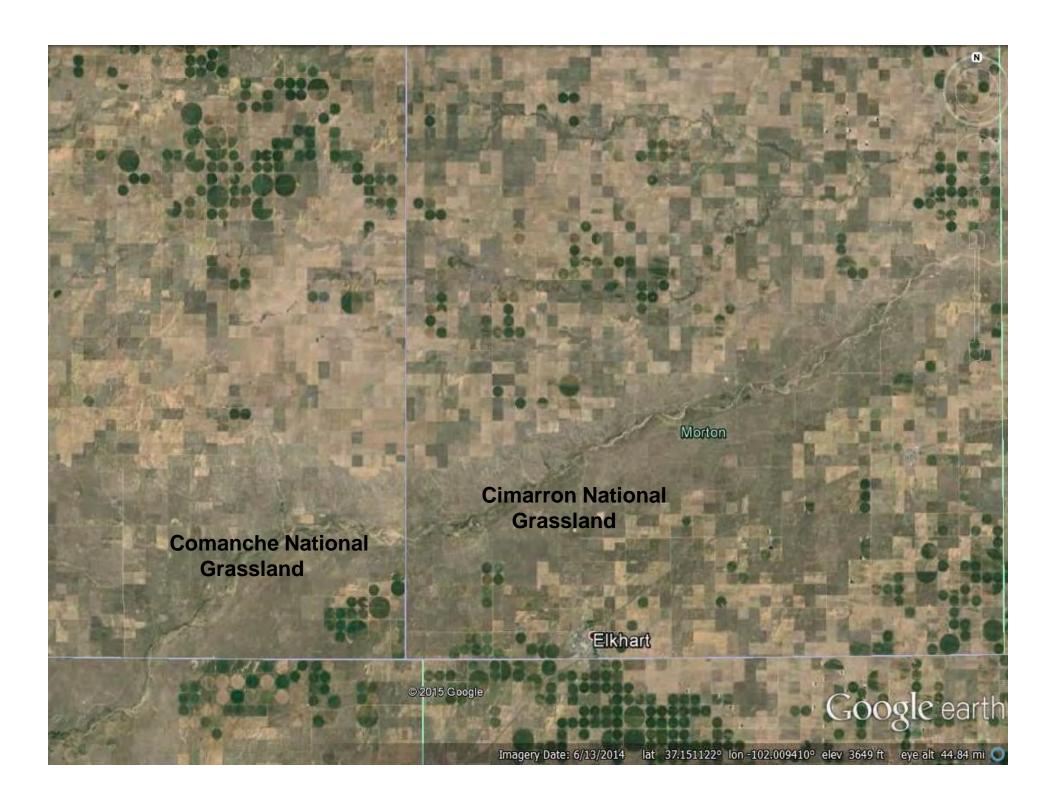
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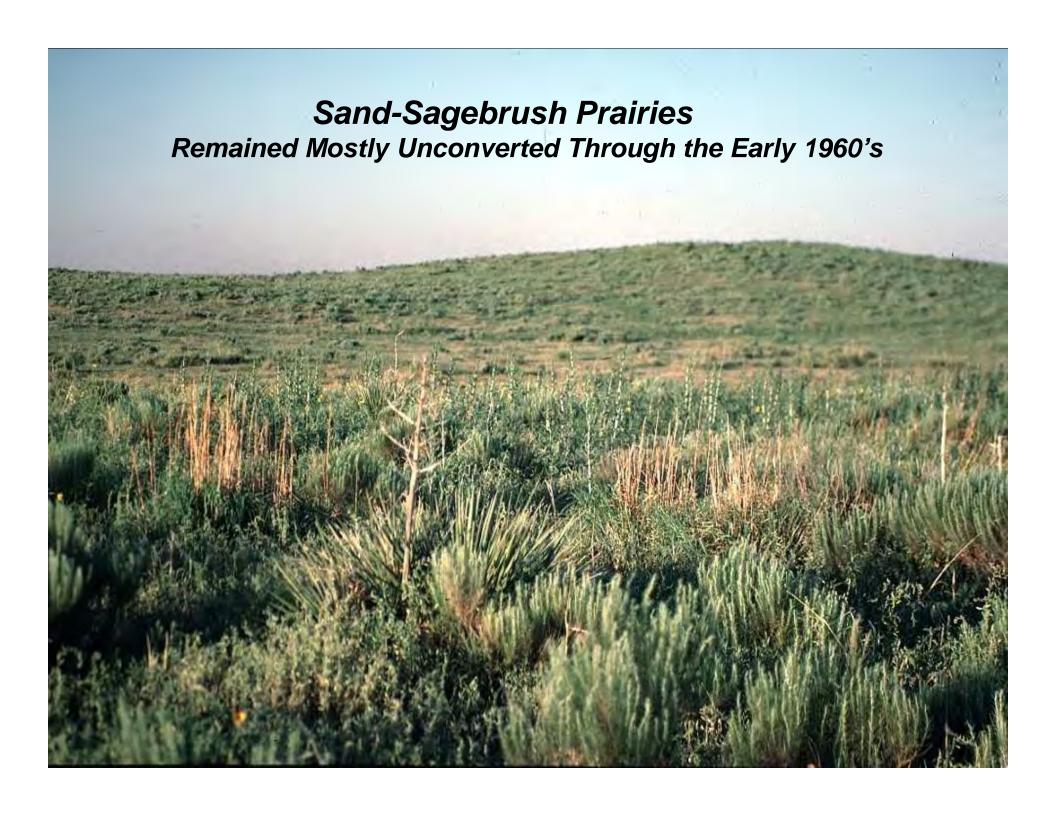


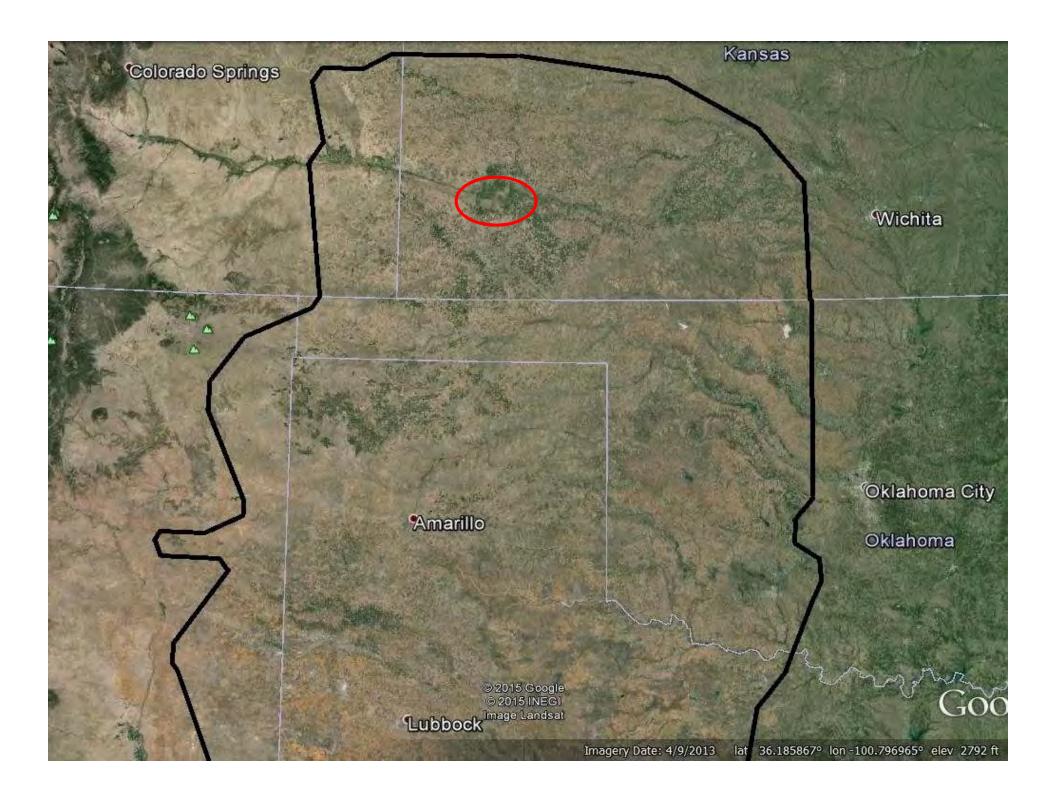










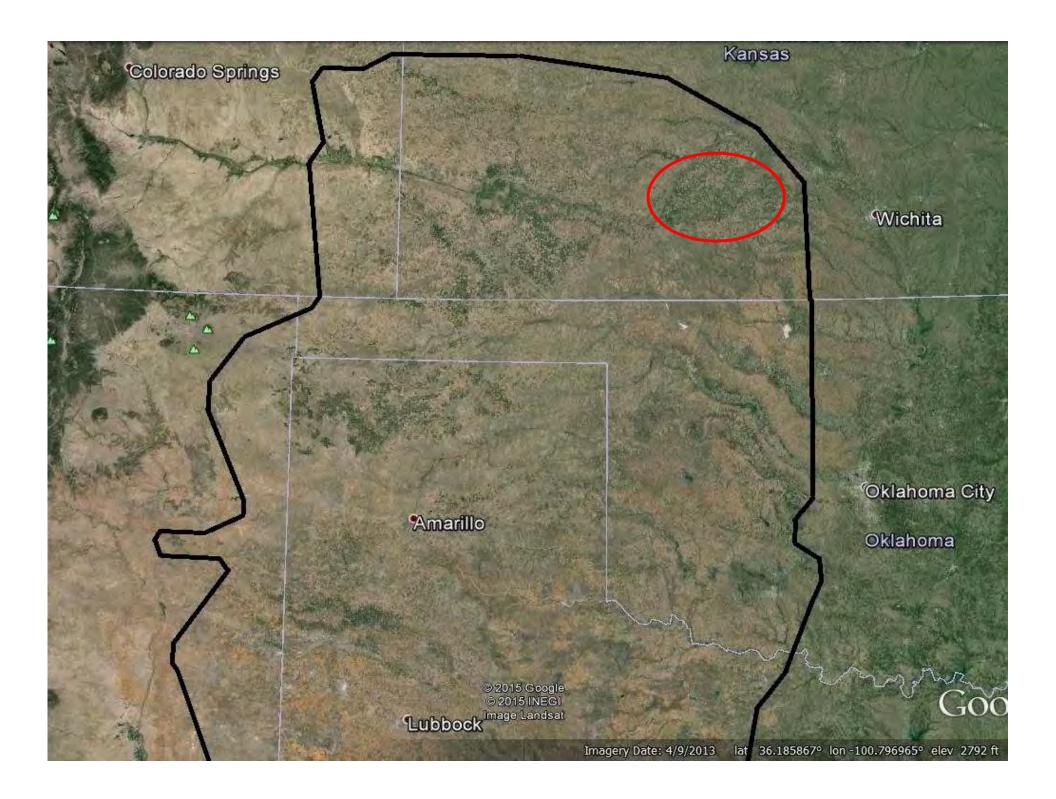


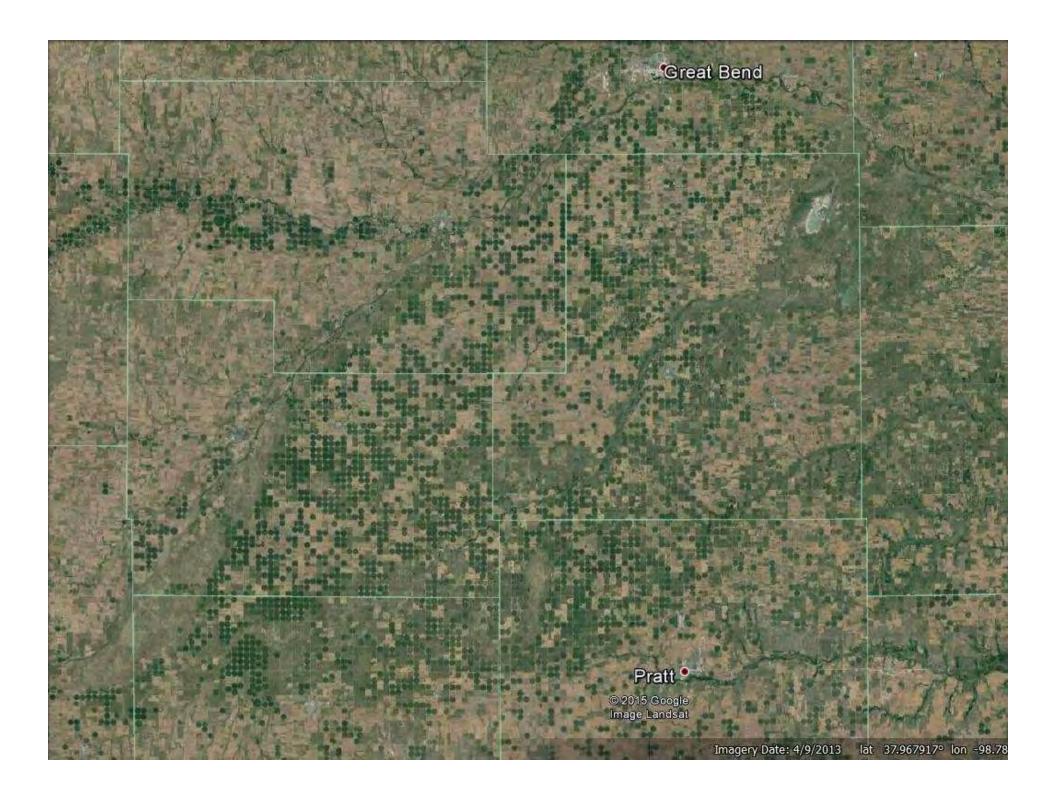


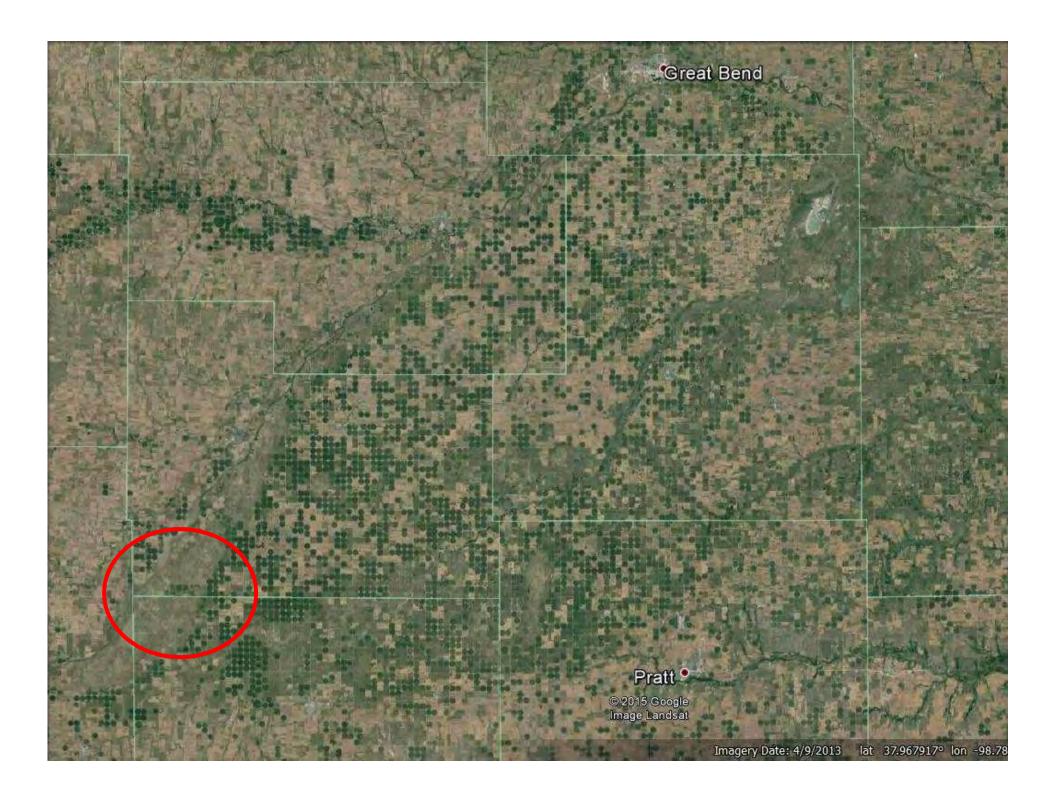






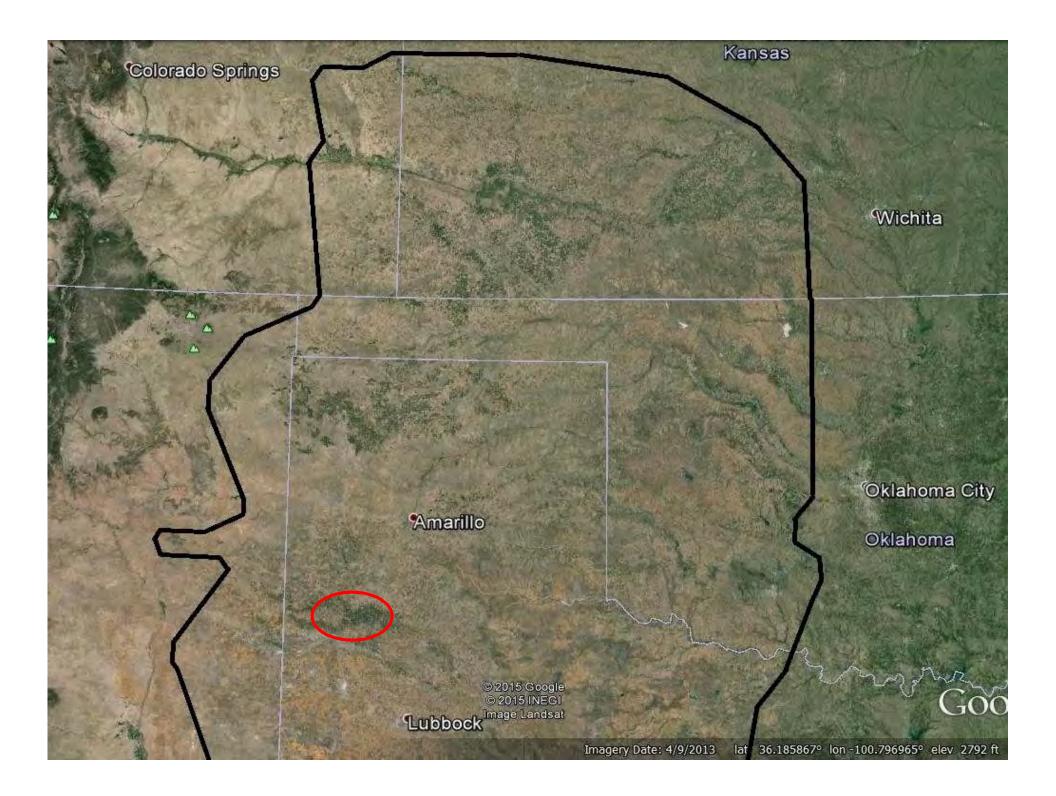




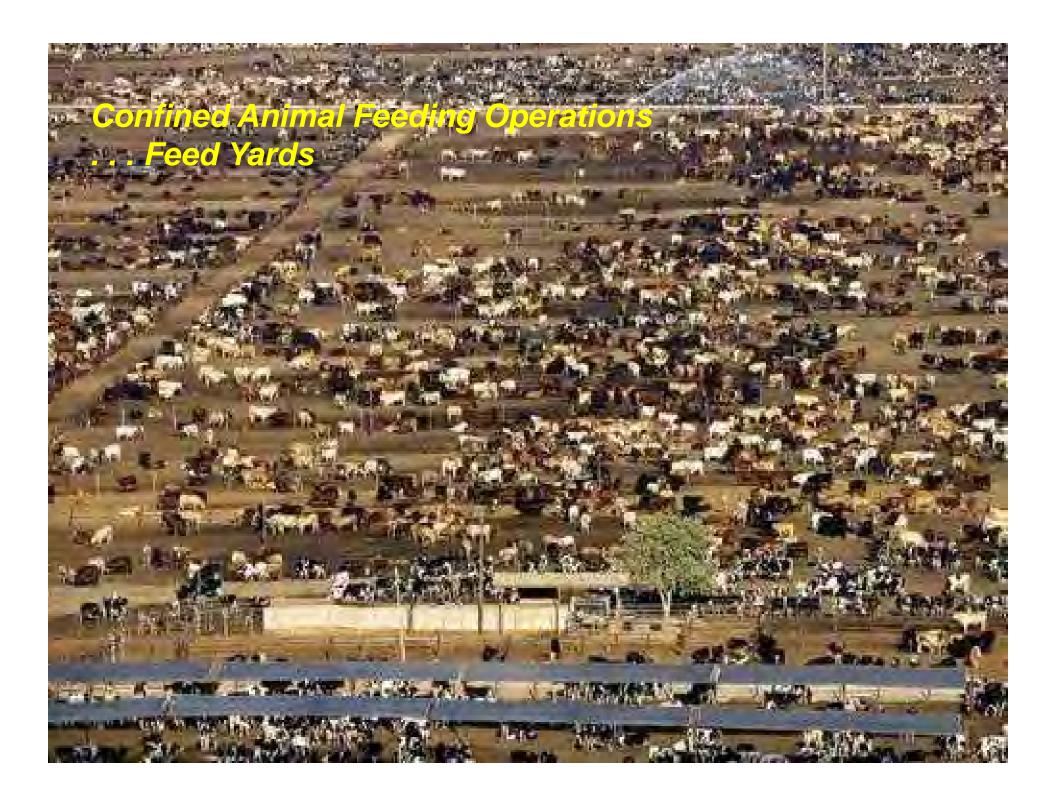






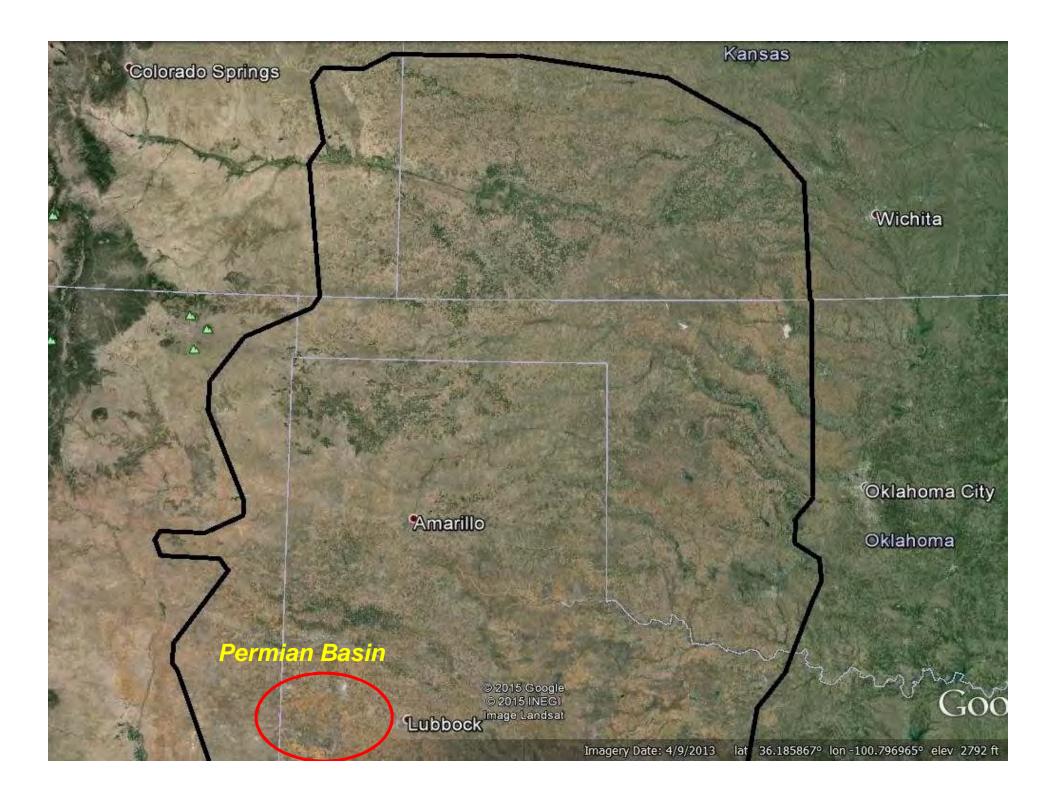


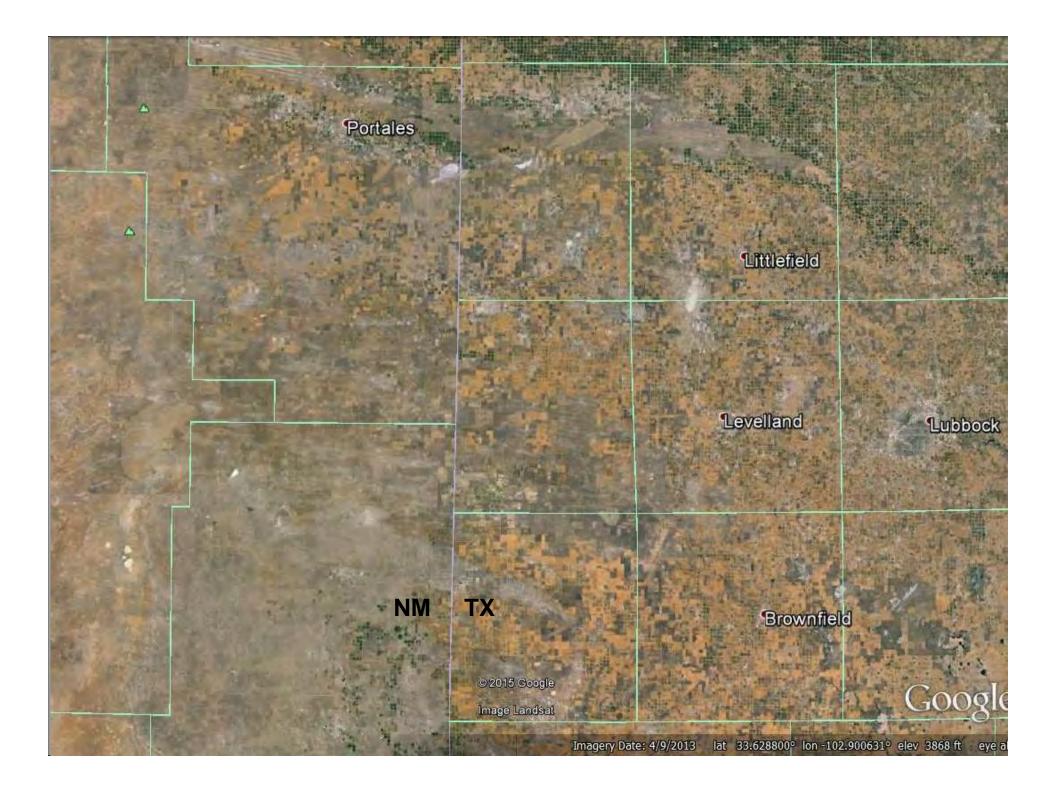


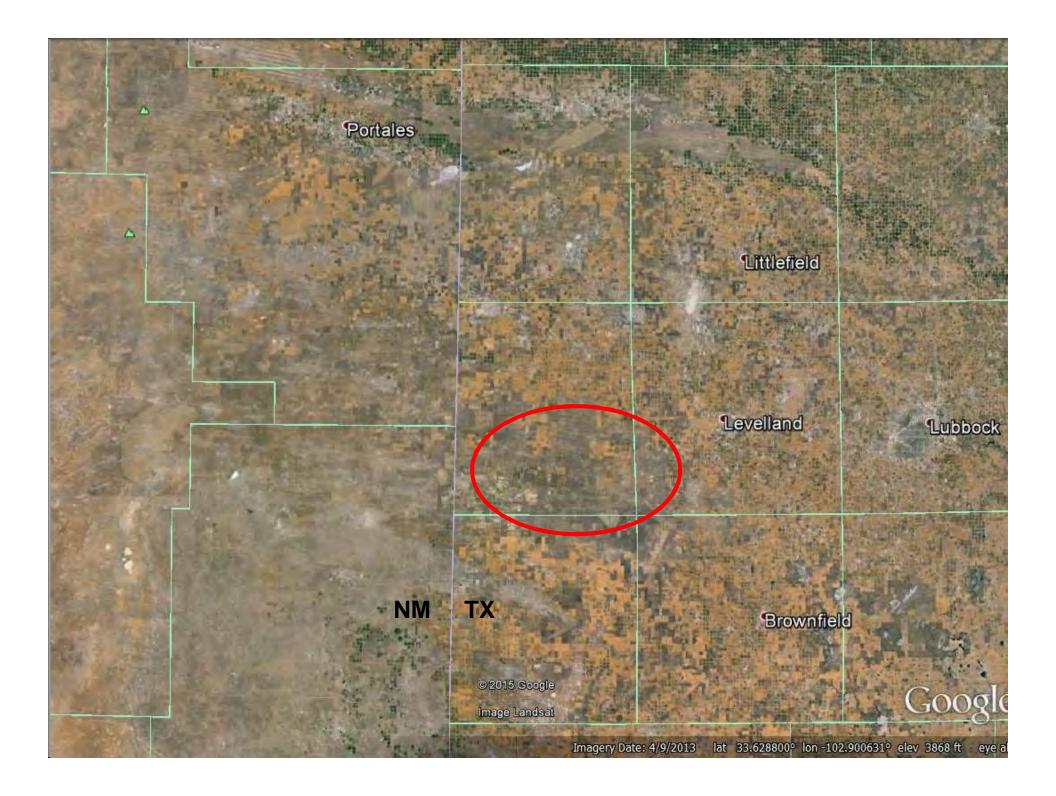










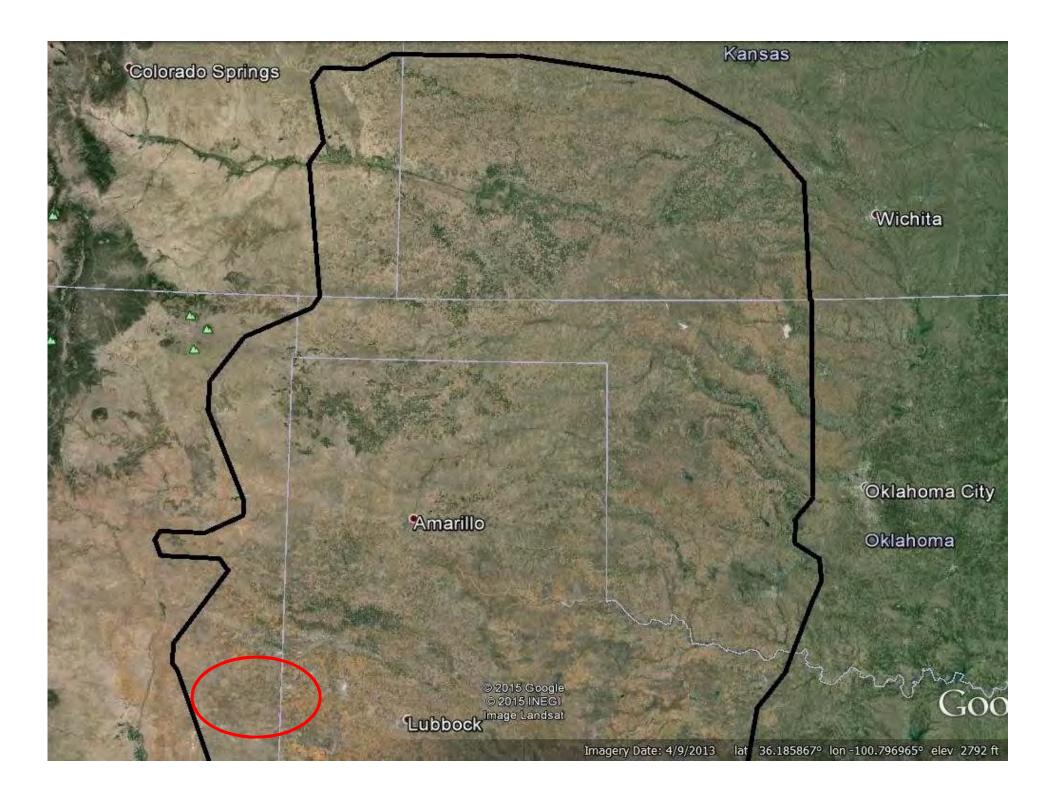








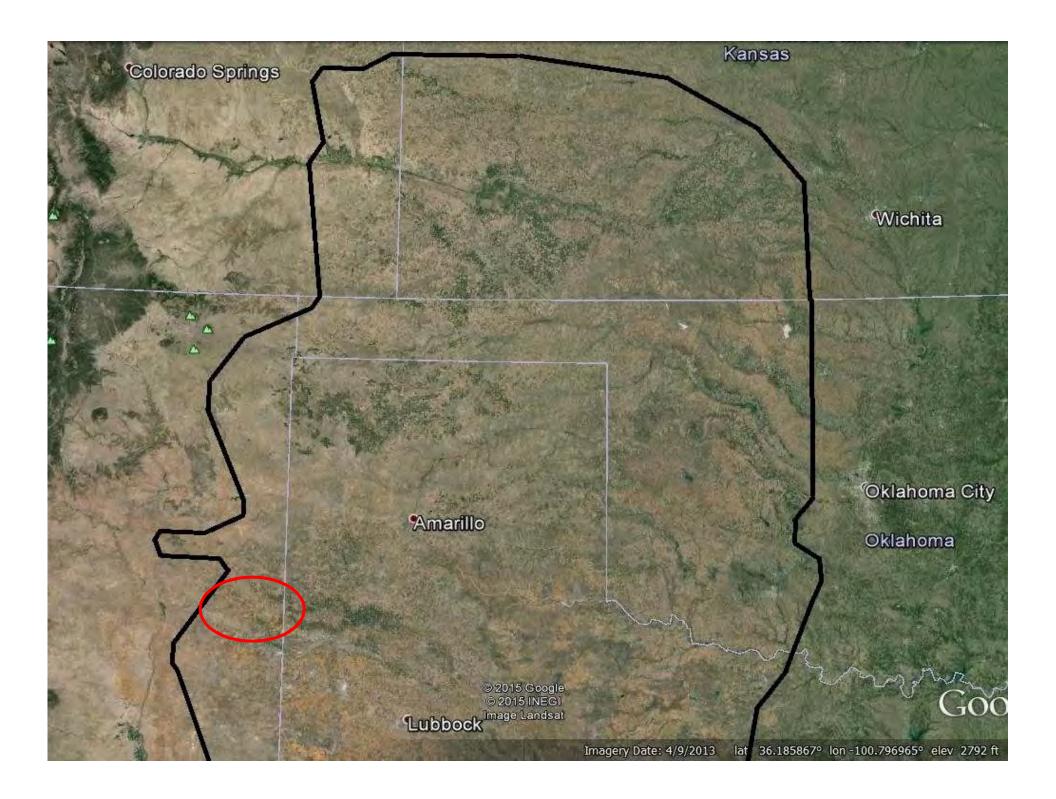


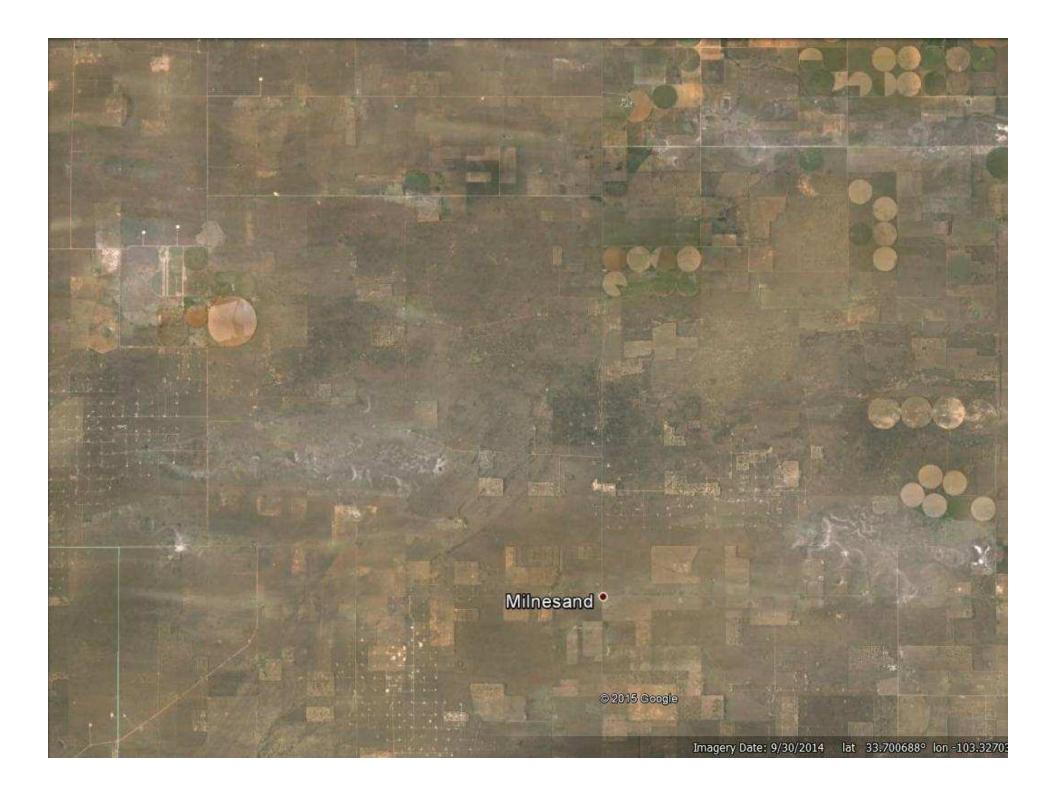




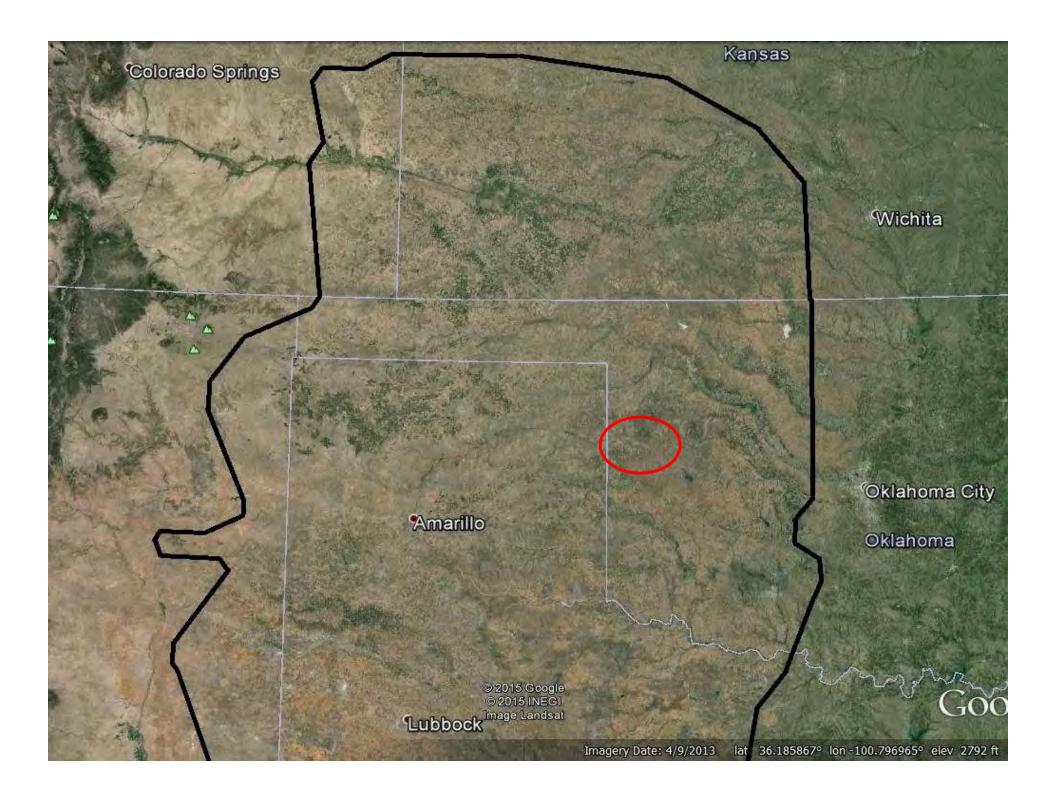


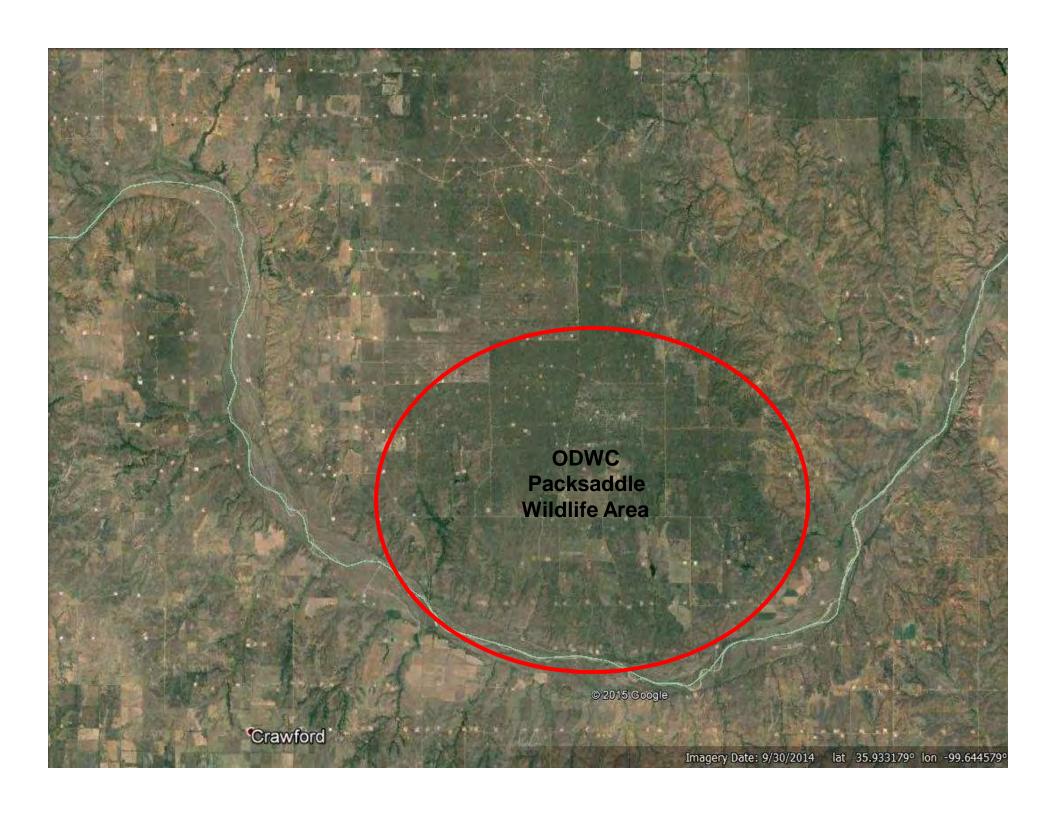


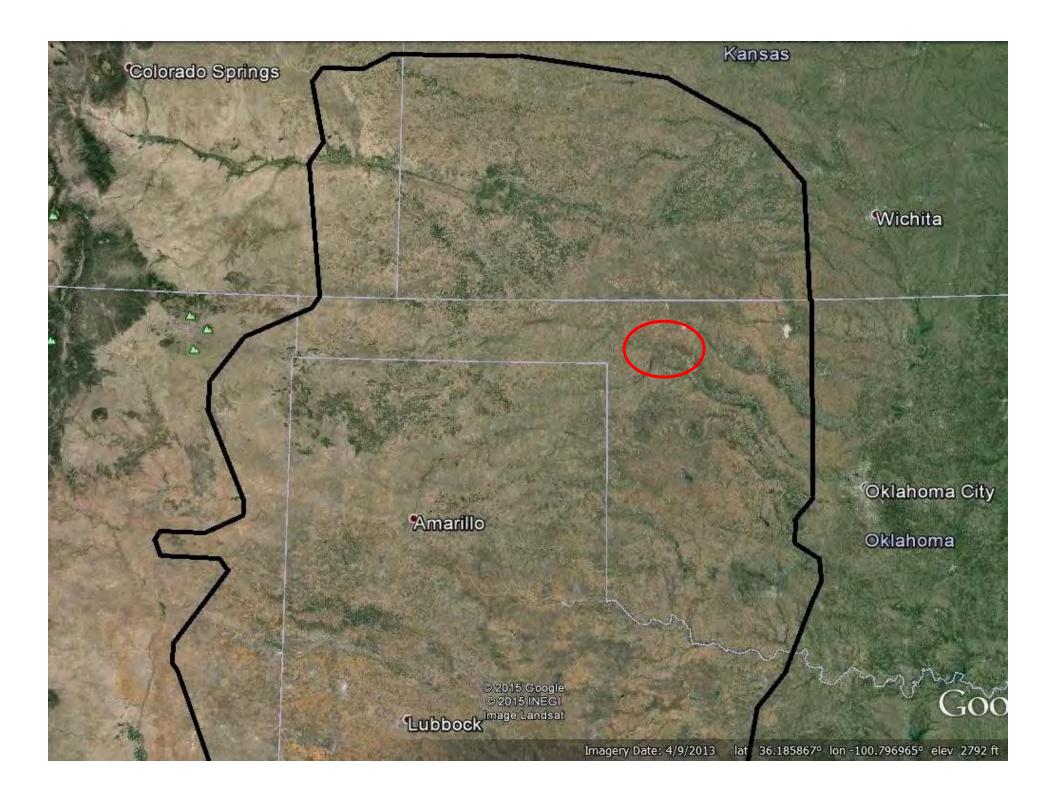




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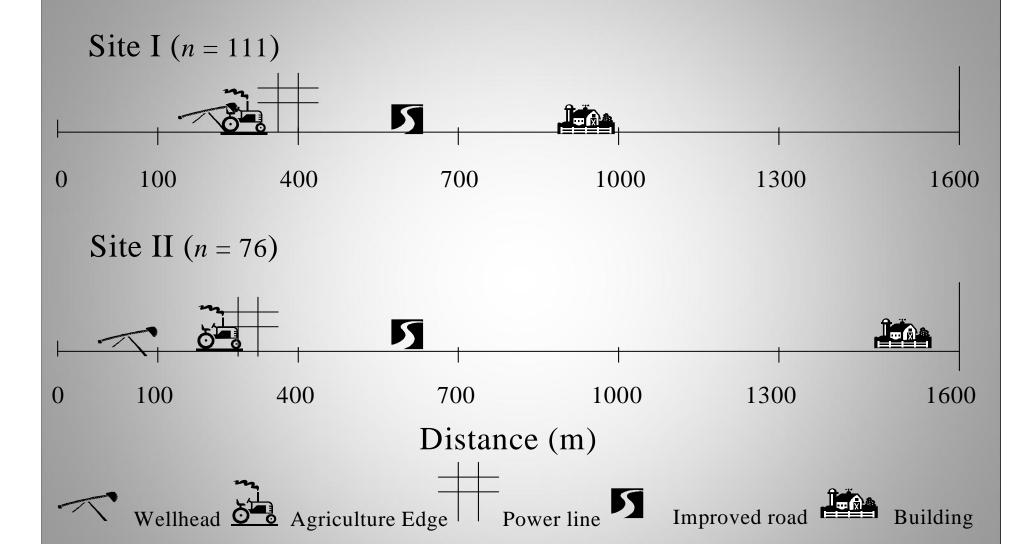




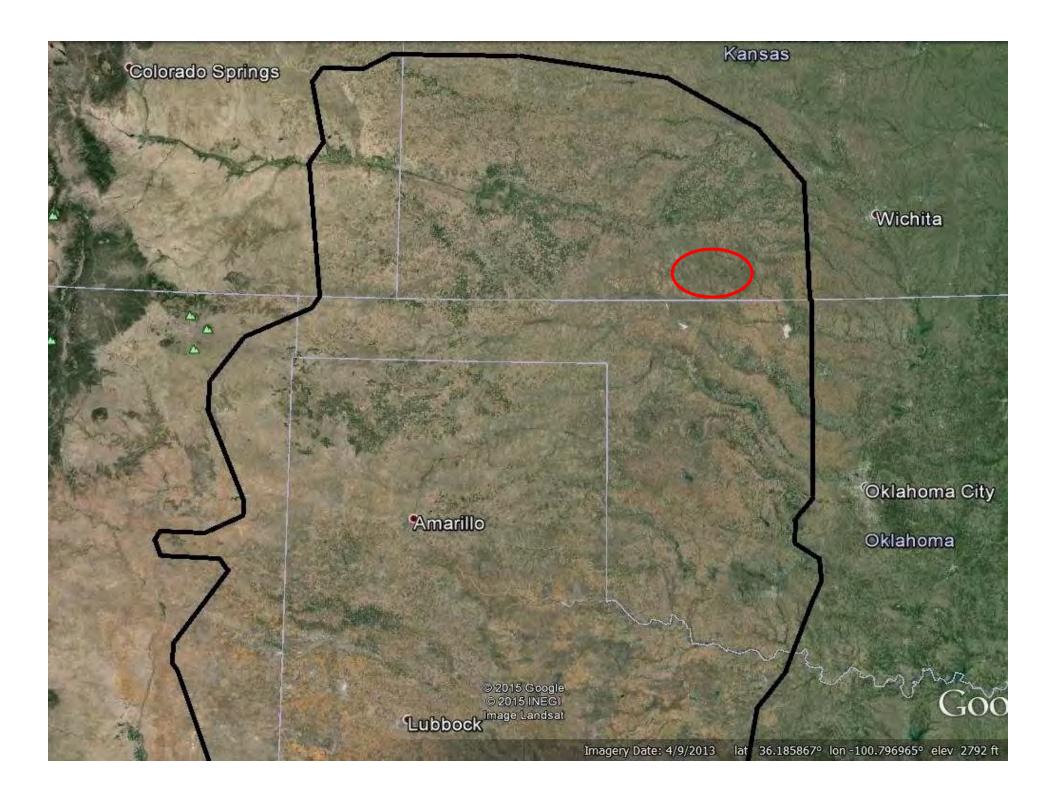




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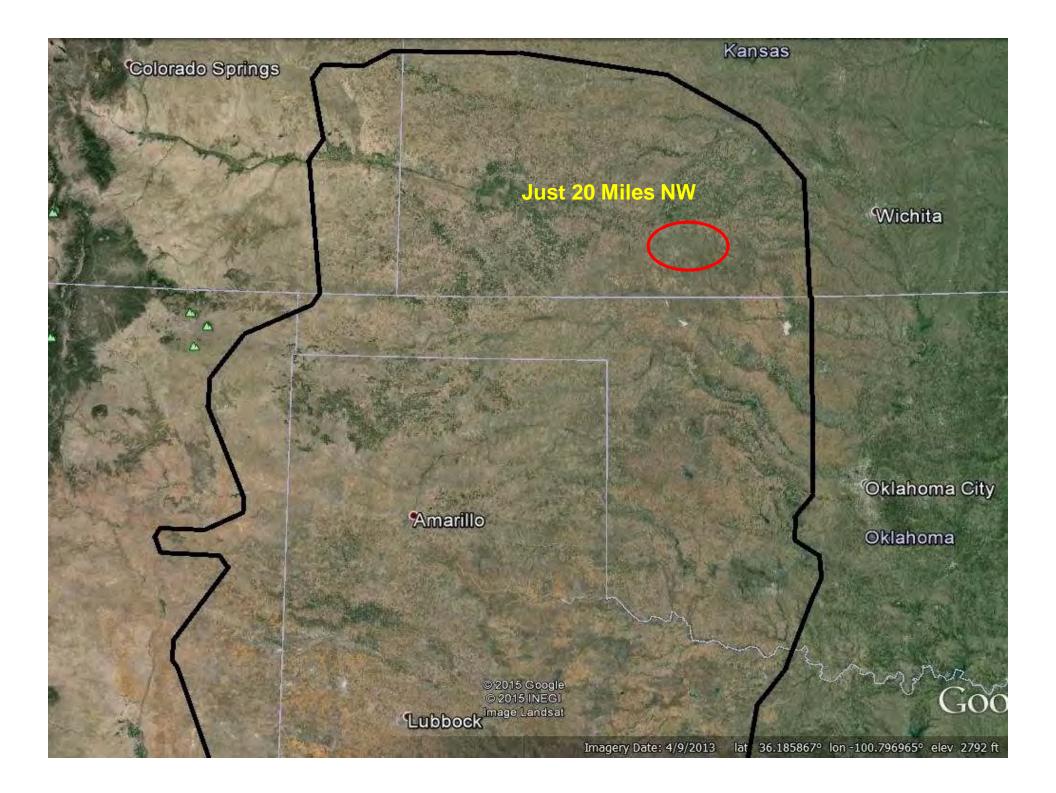








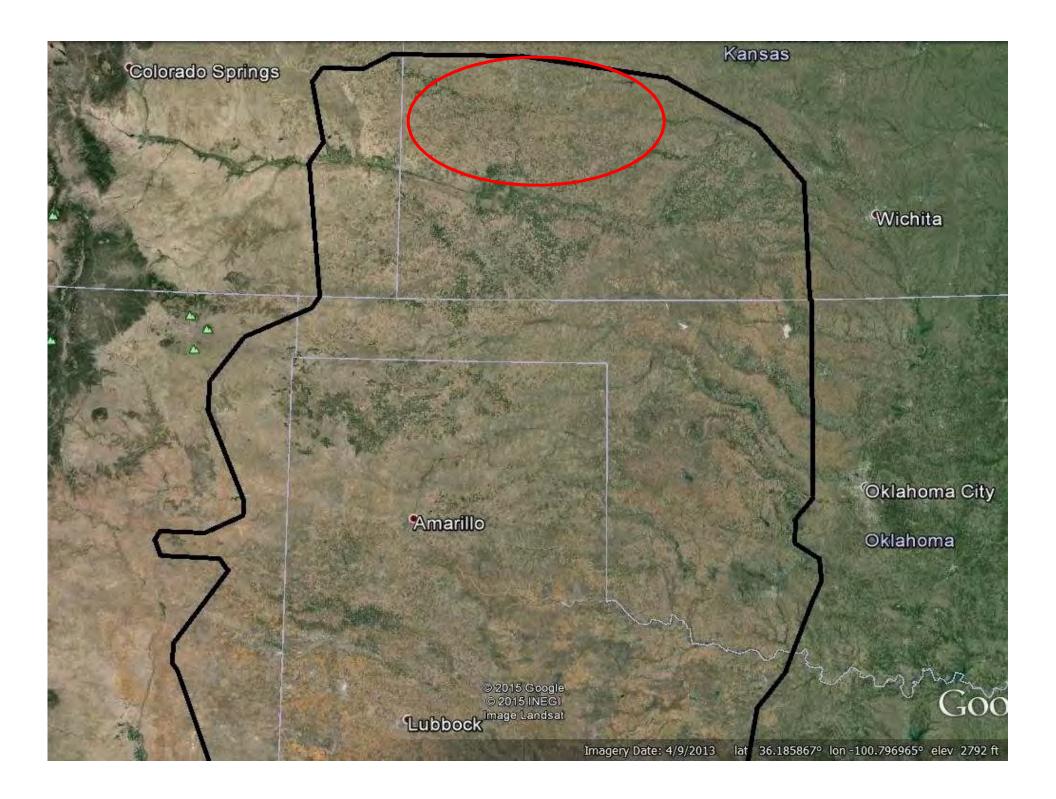






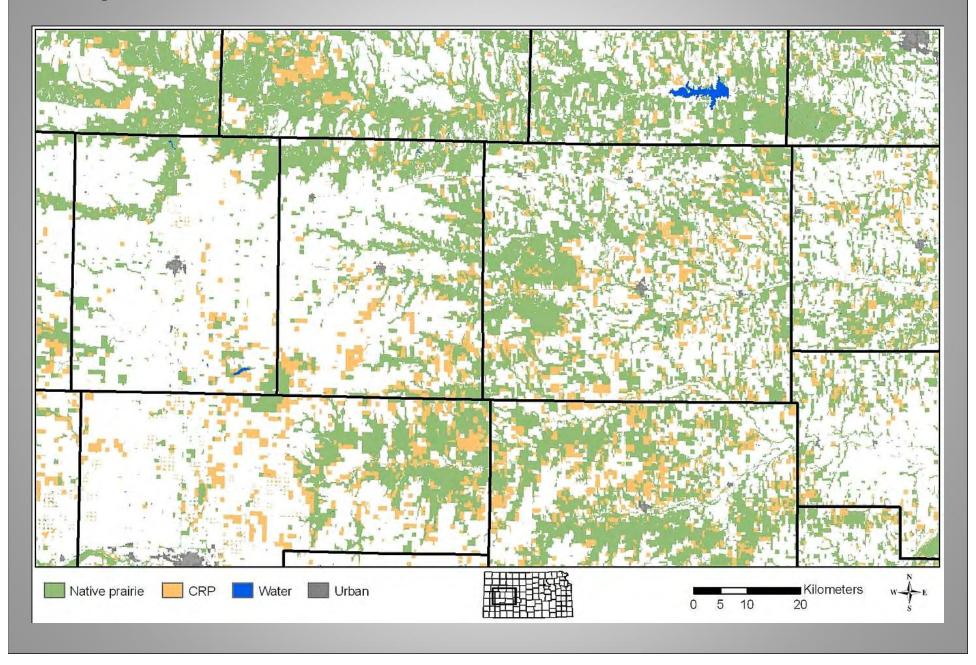




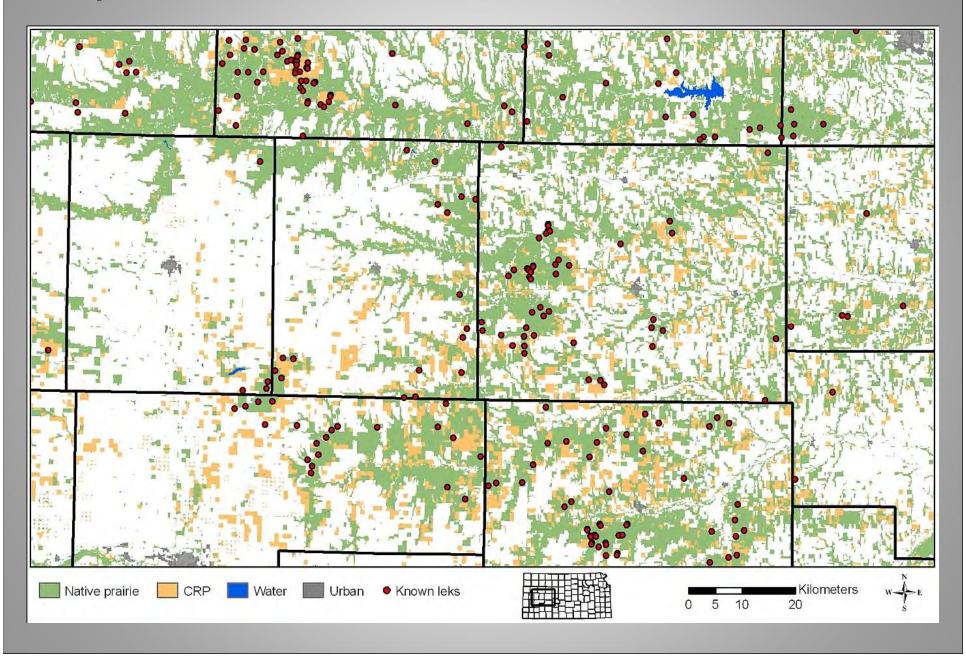




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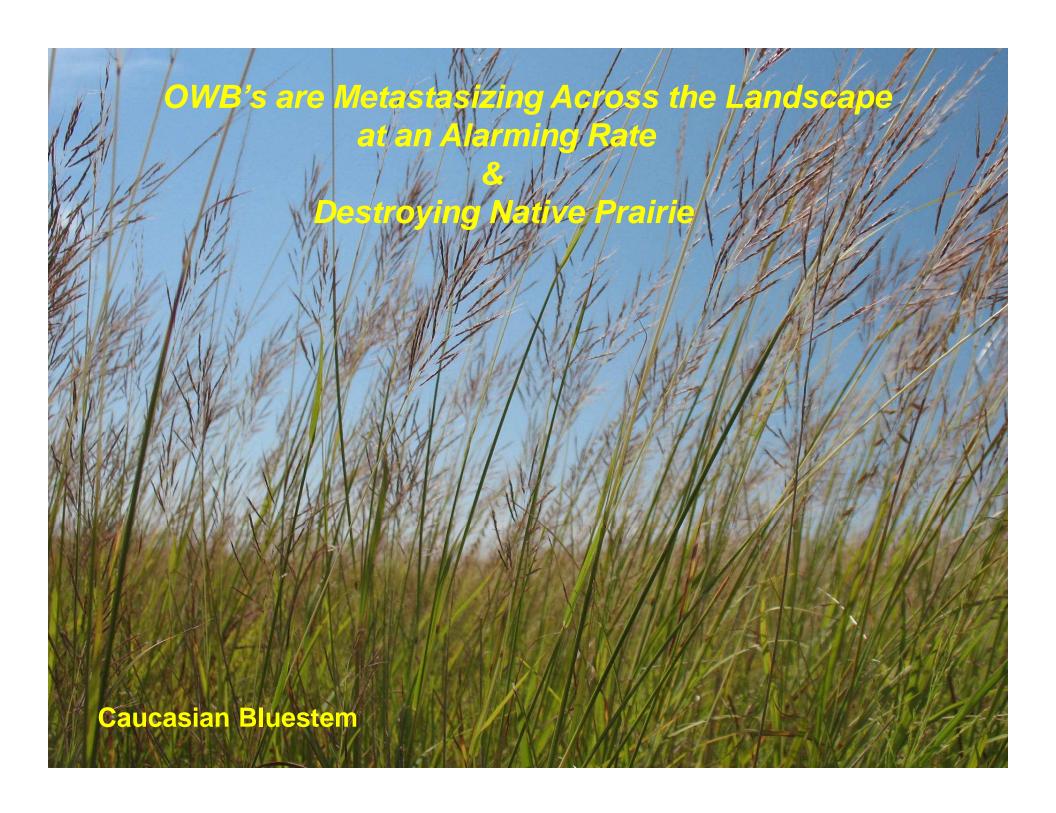
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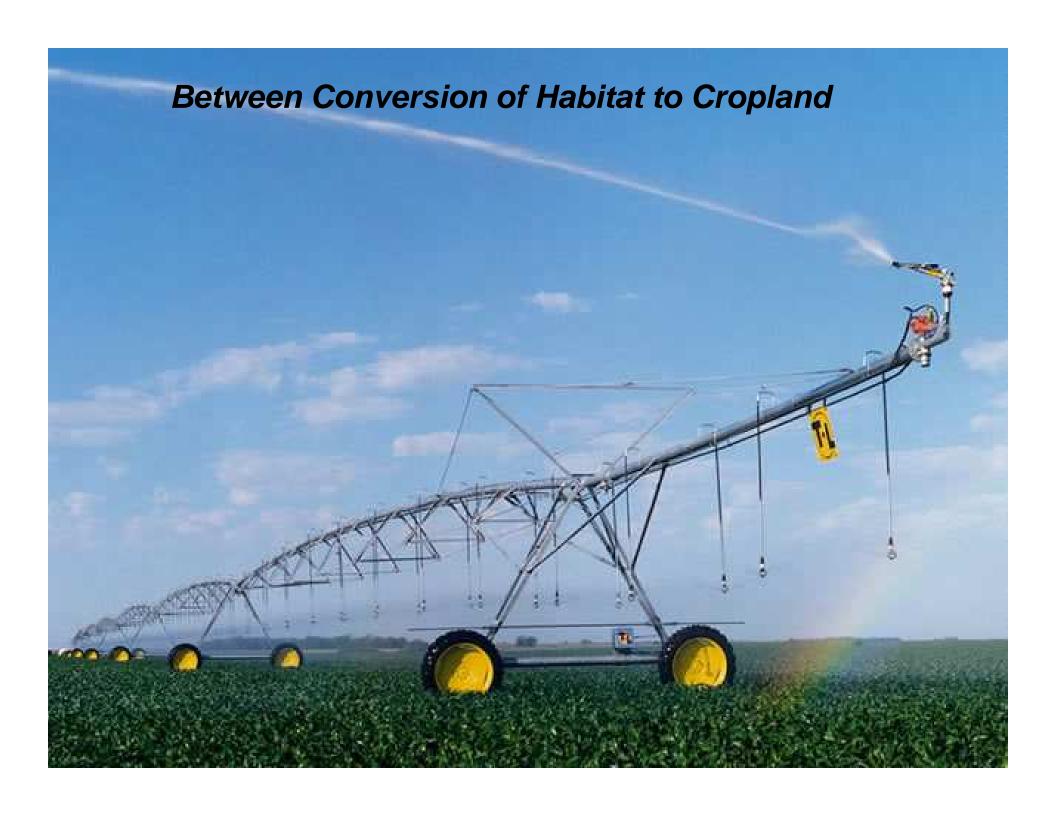


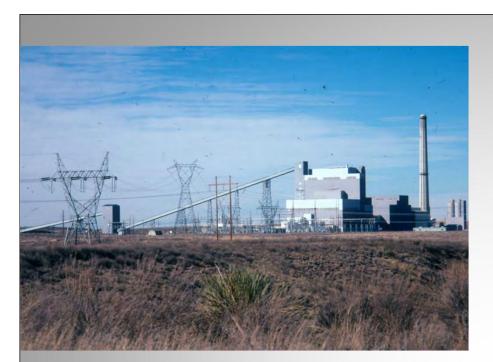














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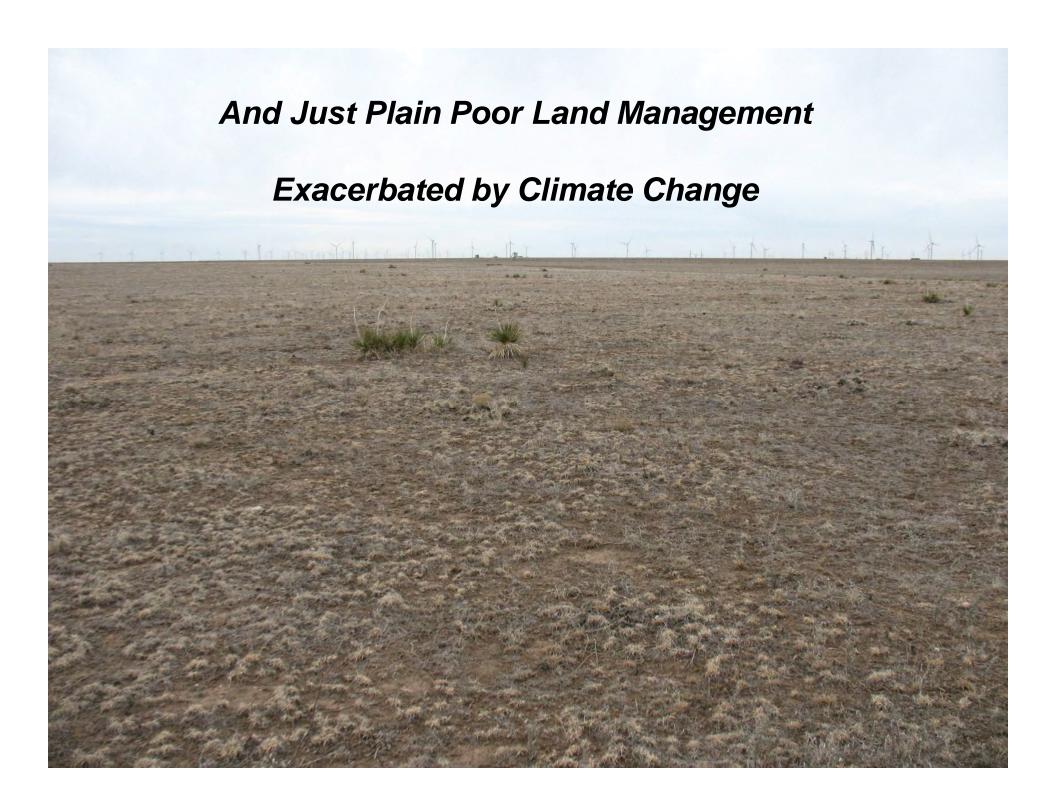












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