NORTHERN GREAT PLAINS
IMPROVED GRAZING CARBON
PROJECT OVERVIEW FOR PARTICIPANTS

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The Northern Great Plains Improved Grazing Carbon Program (IGCP) pays land managers (ranchers) to implement practices that increase the potential for the soil to sequester additional soil organic carbon.

Carbon is the measure of the energy in the system that drives improved ecosystem functions such as increased water holding capacity of soils, increased water infiltration rates, and better soil structure that can help mitigate drought and increase available forage on rangeland. The program supports ranchers, financially and technically, to deploy these practices and bring them access to carbon markets for twenty years. The practices include more pasture splits to increase stocking density and livestock movement, reduce days grazed on all pastures, and prioritize rest on all land managed. Native measures, reports, and verifies the carbon sequestered in the soil to develop and transact carbon credits in voluntary markets.

UPFRONT CAPITAL
The project assumes infrastructure is needed to meet the improved grazing goals on your grazed land. The project can bring upfront capital to help cover those costs before carbon sequestration can be measured, bridging a key gap in the development of a carbon project.

CARBON MANAGEMENT GOALS
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RANCH COMMITMENT
The land operator contracts with Native for 20 years of carbon credits through improved grazing practices on all land managed. Landowners make statement of public intent to manage land for soil health for 30 years.

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