

# *National Wild Pheasant Conservation Plan*



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# Why create a plan to promote conservation of wild pheasants?

## Justification

- Long term population declines across the range.
- Charismatic species, engine for conservation.
- Species can exist in modern agricultural landscapes.
- Economic impacts to rural economies.
- Powerful tool to influence federal agricultural policy.
- Resident species, difficult for any individual state to move policy needle.

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- Proven Model
  - North American Waterfowl Management Plan
  - Northern Bobwhite Conservation Initiative
    - MAFWA sponsor

**NBCI**  
National Bobwhite Conservation Initiative

...the unified strategy to restore wild quail

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## From the Farmhouse to the White House

Don McKenzie  
NBCI Director

NBCI Niche: *Top Of The Pyramid*

The need for a national bobwhite strategy is demonstrated by our collective failure. If a *laissez faire*, everyone-for-himself, bobwhite conservation approach was sufficient then bobwhite populations would be in fine shape everywhere. Clearly, that approach comes up far short.

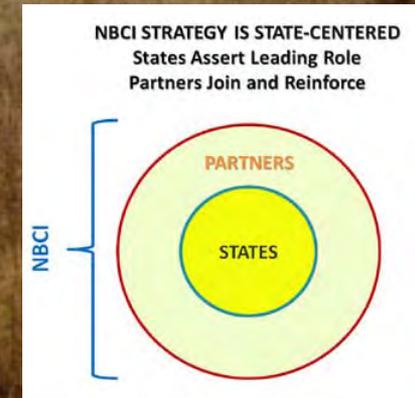
Now we have a simple choice: (1) continue the failed *laissez faire* approach; or (2) try something different. Bobwhite conservationists, to our credit, finally opted for (2). Thus arose the NBCI.

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## NORTHERN BOBWHITE CONSERVATION INITIATIVE

March 2002





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## Goal

- Restore and maintain self-sustaining wild pheasant populations in each participating state that maximizes recreational opportunity.
- Primarily focused on federal policy.

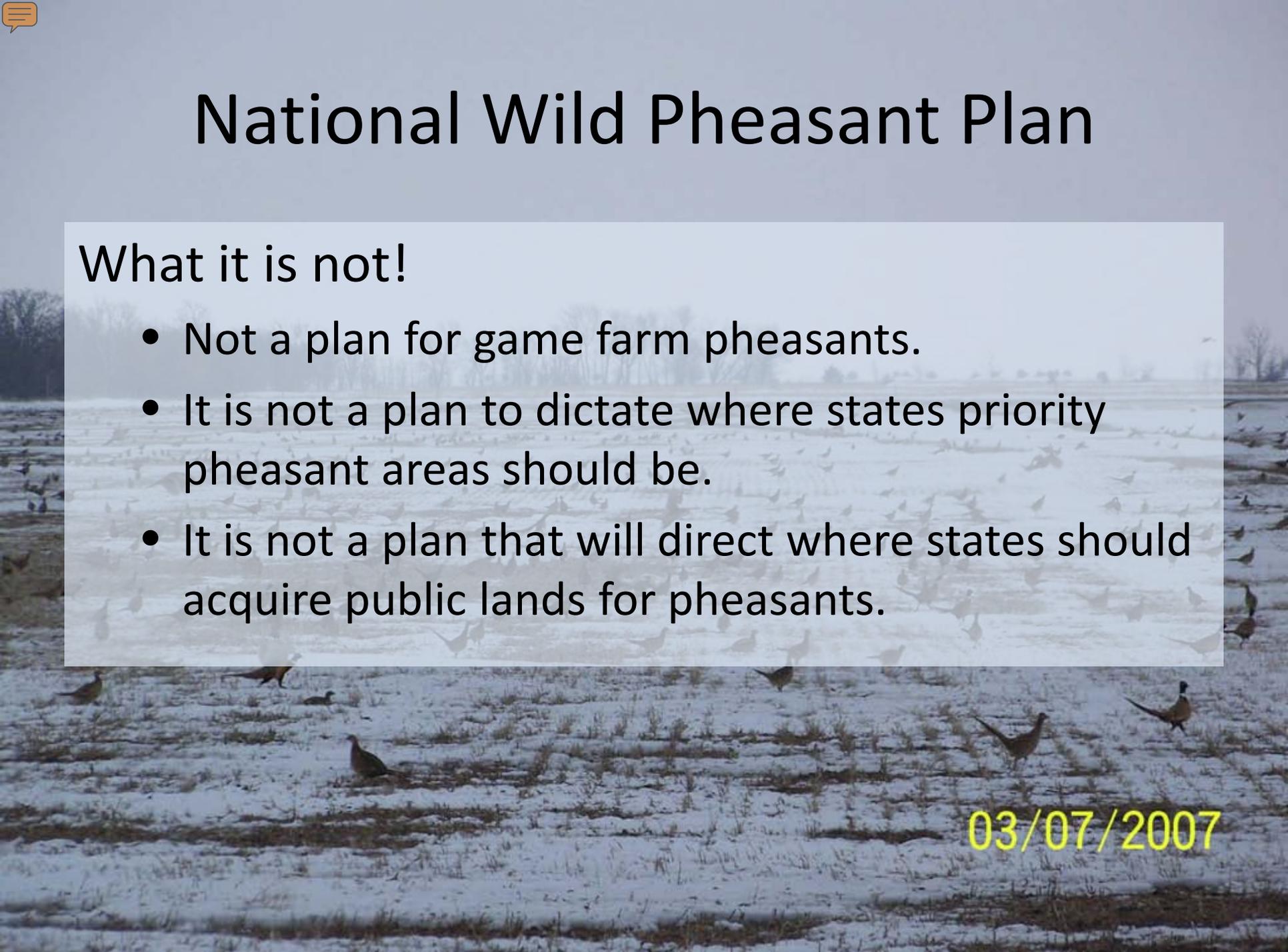


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## Objectives

- Develop population measures based on long-term average harvest as determined appropriate by each state, contributed toward a national goal.
- Identify habitat levels needed to achieve harvest objectives.
- Identify projected economic impact that could result by achieving harvest objectives.
  
- Need hire national plan coordinator.
- National Management board and technical committee.



A large flock of pheasants is scattered across a snowy field. The birds are mostly brown and tan, with some showing darker plumage. They are standing on the snow, which is partially covered with patches of dry grass. The background is a hazy, overcast sky, suggesting a winter or early spring setting. The overall scene is a naturalistic depiction of a pheasant population in a field.

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## What it is not!

- Not a plan for game farm pheasants.
- It is not a plan to dictate where states priority pheasant areas should be.
- It is not a plan that will direct where states should acquire public lands for pheasants.

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# National Wild Pheasant Plan

- Next steps
  - Document useful for you?
  - Too much detail?
  - AFWA
    - North American Bird Conservation Initiative
    - Resident Game Bird Working Group
- Midwest Pheasant Group next steps
  - Input from other regions, your help.

Questions?

