

## Plains Pocket Mouse *Perognathus flavescens*

**Habitat Preference:** Large open prairie with dry loess or sandy soils. Prefer loose sand for burrows and grooming habits (sand bathers).

### Threats

- Loss of grassland habitat
  - Conversion of prairie to cultivated ground.
  - Urban expansion.
- Invasion of non-native species.
- Woody invasion



### Appropriate Practices:

- Prescribed fire is an important management tool. It can be used to control exotic invaders, control woody invasion, and keep grassland habitat healthy. It is important to use this tool sparingly; leave plenty of unburned vegetation in any given year to provide refuge. Burns should be a minimum of 3 years apart on any given area.
- Remove encroaching woody species.
- Establish native short grasses and forbs in close proximity to known populations.