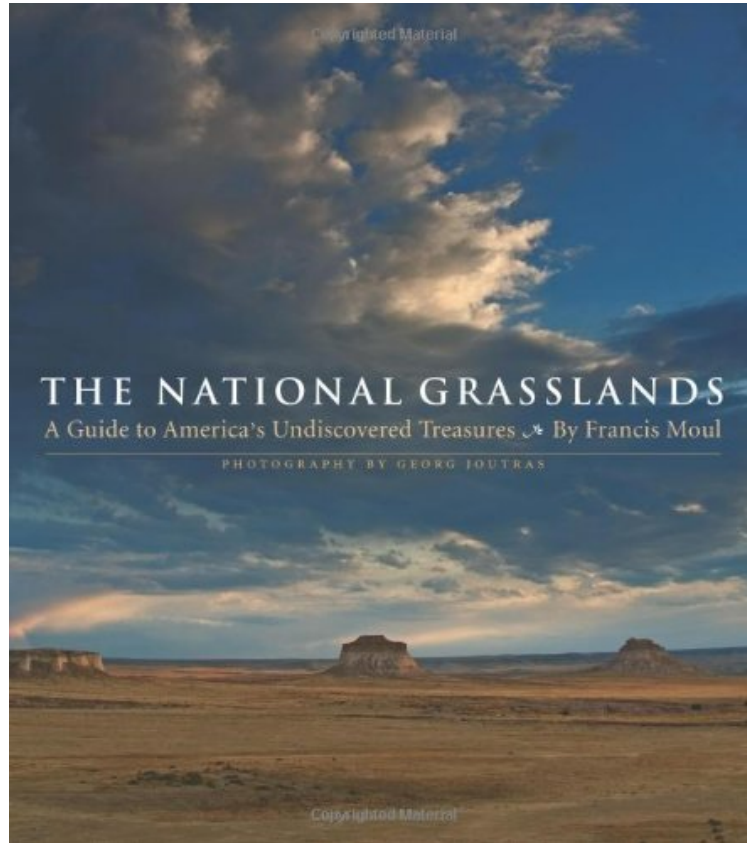


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the Buffalo Gap Grasslands in Nebraska. The constant triangle of conservationists, ranchers, and conservatives is well illustrated in a non emotional, detached way, not really taking any of the three sides. Then all 20 of the National Grasslands are well described with maps. If one is going to visit, one should get the individual large maps of each grassland. This is fascinating in its detail as to flora, fauna and geology. Then Francis Moul presents the current status of the National Grasslands and three scenarios for the future. These include 1) continuing the status quo, 2) return to the old pre 1930 style open range, and 3) balanced multipurpose use. The first is under fire from all three sides. The second is the least likely and most undesirable. The third would require legislation and changes to years of practices. The book is well written, reads well, is concise and well conceived. My congratulations to Mr. Moul on producing such a fine, informative book. This was published by the University of Nebraska Press and meets their usual very high standards of publication.

The four million windswept acres of wildflowers and grass in the twenty national grasslands in the United States are scattered across a region extending from the Pacific Ocean to the eastern edge of North Dakota. Although all were once seas of grass teeming with wildlife, they now exhibit striking differences, and range from a small lake recreation area in Texas to the enormous Little Missouri National Grasslands in North Dakota. An essential guide to the American grasslands and the Grasslands National Park of Canada, *The National Grasslands* presents a history of the region, that traces the establishment of the national grasslands as an important part of the New Deals social revolution. The guide also provides a concise summary of the debates surrounding preservation and use, with special focus on the Buffalo Commons controversy. Each national grassland receives individual attention, including overviews of flora and fauna, clear descriptions of terrain and noteworthy natural features, and vital information on grasslands history, visitor centers, and ranger stations. All the articles in this first full-length book on the history of the national grasslands are richly illustrated with maps and exquisite photographs by the noted Great Plains photographer Georg Joutras.

[Joutrass] photographs are lyric, evocative. Thomas D. Isern, *Chronicles of Oklahoma*