Prairie Chicken Range in Kansas

Due to increasing pressures on prairie chicken habitat, there is a need to better define the current range and distribution of greater and lesser prairie chickens in Kansas. The Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks and the Kansas Biological Survey are working together to do just that.

Realizing it was not feasible to find and map every prairie chicken lek (breeding area) in the state, we used the general knowledge of these birds’ distribution that exists within our agencies and other parties.

A preliminary map showing the distribution of greater and lesser prairie chickens was created and mailed to regional experts for field assessments during the early spring of 2004. The comments and edits were then used to produce the map showing the current range and distribution of prairie chickens in Kansas.

The result of this mapping effort is a current and accurate map of prairie chickens in Kansas that will be updated in the future as more information is received. Last revised May, 2005

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