Prairie Grouse Technical Council 2022 Biannual Meeting – Field Trip Updated September 29, 2022

The Field Trip – North tour will visit several different sites that support robust sharp-tailed grouse and greater sage-grouse populations in north-central Montana. Speakers at each tour stop will discuss habitat attributes, management objectives and strategies, and on-going restoration efforts, along with an Unmanned Aerial System (drone) grouse survey demonstration at one of the stops. Highlighted spots will include Federal public lands managed by U.S. Fish & Wildlife (Charles M. Russell National Wildlife Refuge) and Bureau of Land Management, and privately owned land managed by a conservation-oriented landowner/producer. The tour will last approximately 8 hours, departing Lewistown at 8:00AM and returning 4:00PM. Lunch and drinks will be supplied, and portable toilets will be available at each stop.

- 1. Leg 1, depart Lewistown (Yogo Inn) at 8:00AM, arrive at Bear Creek Land & Cattle Co LLC at 9:00AM; travel distance 43 miles; 2 hour stop for presentation/discussion
- 2. Leg 2, depart at 11:00AM, arrive at Bureau of Land Management and U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service's Charles M. Russell National Wildlife Refuge at 12:00AM; travel distance 42 miles; 2 hour stop for presentation/discussion/lunch
- 3. Return, depart at 2:00PM, arrive at Lewistown (Yogo Inn) at 4:00PM; travel distance 85 miles

