LPC-CHAT Revision Workshop
Edmond, OK
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WGWC Vision

- Identify key wildlife corridors and crucial habitats, and develop and coordinate policy options and tools for preserving those landscapes.

- Provide a user friendly online tool for parties to access consistent wildlife information across political boundaries to better inform land use planning.
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Phase I Product
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- Kansas
- New Mexico
- Texas
- Oklahoma
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November 1, 2012: Regional (west-wide) products due & crucial habitat layers in each state due
Phase III Timeline

December 1, 2013: Crucial Habitat Assessment Tool will go live.
Landscape Integrity
(Size + LIBHM + LocalHM + Permeability)
Terrestrial Game and Sportfish

Mule Deer

Big Horn Sheep

Elk
Species/Habitats of Concern:

- Terrestrial/Aquatic species
  - > 200 species
    - Species occurrence data
    - Modeled distribution

- Habitats
  - Riparian Areas
  - Wetlands