

Bullsnake

Pituophis catenifer sayi

Habitat Preference: Open tracts of native grassland and sand prairies. They prefer loose sandy soil for burrowing

Threats:

- Loss of habitat
 - Conversion of prairie to cultivated ground.
 - Tree invasion.
 - Invasion of non-native plants.
- Fragmentation
 - Bullsnakes need large tracts of grassland and are often times forced to cross roads or other hostile areas.



Habitat Improvement Guidelines:

- Prescribed burns should be done in order to keep grassland habitat healthy. Avoid burning during the snake's active period (April through October).
- Remove encroaching woody tree species from grassland habitat.
- Establish grassland habitat. Mixes should be primarily tall grasses with high forb concentration to open up the grass stands for basking. Creating more grassland will help to defragment existing tracts of grassland