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The Future of the Great Plains

The Great Plains region, North America's grassland and breadbasket, is a vast, beautiful, charismatic place with a volatile settlement history. It occupies nearly one sixth of the area of the continental United States, from the eastern, tallgrass prairies to the western shortgrass region. Since the end of the Civil War, the Plains has suffered three large cycles of population, economic and environmental boom and especially bust. Seventeen years ago Drs. Frank and Deborah Popper proposed a solution for the region's difficulties, a vision of the Plain's land-use future called the Buffalo Commons. This concept is both a metaphor and a proposal which outlines feasible ways to restore the ecology of the region while planning for environmentally sound development. The Buffalo Commons concept has sparked intense public discussion in the Great Plains and promises to alter future planning and development in the region.

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