

2018 Native Prairie Restoration/Reclamation Workshop

"Look to the Future, Learn from the Past"

Tentative Program Overview

* Schedule subject to change

Wednesday February 7th, 2018

Rooms >>	Saskatchewan Ballrooms (A, B and C)		
7:30 – 8:45	Registration on Mezzanine		
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8:45 – 9:00	Welcome - Sponsor Introduction		
	Session #1		
9:00 – 9:30	Plenary #1: Measuring Prairie Restoration Success – Is it Worth It?? - John Morgan, Prairie Habitats Inc		
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9:40 – 10:05	A Step-By-Step of Planning a Native Prairie Restoration Project, Section 1 – Steven Tannas, Tannas Conservation Services	Landowner perspective – Brian Weedon, The Weedon Ranch	Climate Change and Canadian Native Prairie - Jeff Thorpe, Saskatchewan Research Council
10:10-10:35	A Step-By-Step of Planning a Native Prairie Restoration Project, Section 2 – Steven Tannas, Tannas Conservation Services	Managing Habitat a Balance of Agriculture, Wildlife and Industry – Neal Wilson, Antelope Creek Ranch	Data on Climate Change on the prairies – Mike Schellenberg, Agriculture and Agri-food Canada
10:35-10:50	Coffee / Poster Session / Trade Show		
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10:50 – 11:25	Plenary #2: Restoration Challenges: Past, Present, and Future - Ron Bowen, Prairie Restorations, Inc		
11:30-12:05	Expert panel #1: Beyond Restoration – Utility of native species		
12:05 - 1:05	Lunch		
12:05 - 1:05	Coffee / Poster Session / Trade Show		
	Session #2		
1:05-1:40	Plenary #3: Rooted in Soil: An Overview of a Valuable Resource – Barbara Cade Menun, Agriculture and Agri-food Canada		

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1:50-2:15	Oil & Gas Site Reclamation and Considerations to Native Prairie – Graham Daviduk, Crescent Point Energy	Enhancing Grassland Bird Habitat in a Semi-Urban Setting: A Conservation Agency Perspective – Renny Grilz, Meewasin Valley Authority	Inoculation with native mycorrhizal fungi accelerates grassland restoration – Jim Bever, University of Kansas
2:20 - 2:45	Technology and Reclamation Design - Ragnar Robinson and Toby Noy, Westmoreland Coal Company	Restoration of Sagebrush Grassland for Greater Sage-Grouse Habitat in Grasslands National Park, Saskatchewan – Autumn Watkinson, University of Alberta	Descriptions of Manitoba's Aspen Parkland Plant Communities for Rangeland Health Monitoring - Lysandra Pyle, University of Alberta
2:50-3:15	Irrespective of burn history, high levels of browsing are required to effectively control aspen encroachment in upland Manitoba – Kathryn Barr, Brandon University	Species at risk – Speaker TBD	Stories from the Pit: What wetland soils can tell us about the landscape – Angela Bedard-Haughn, University of Saskatchewan
3:15 - 3:45	Coffee / Poster Session / Trade Show - Mezzanine		
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3:45 – 5:00	Expert Panel #2: Prescribed Burning in the Current Social Environment		
5:00 - 6:30	Designated Poster Session / Tradeshow		
6:30 - 8:00	Banquet & Silent Auction - Saskatchewan Ballrooms (A, B & C)		
7:00 – 7:45	Banquet Speaker – Sharon Butala		
	Banquet & Silent Auction wrap-up		

Thursday February 8th, 2017

Rooms>>	Ballrooms (A, B and C)		
Session #3:			
9:00-9:40	Plenary #4: Natural Processes for the Restoration of Drastically Disturbed Sites - David Polster, Society for Ecological Restoration – Western Canada Chapter		
Rooms >>	Room A. Presentations	Room B. Case Study	Room C. Case Study
9:55-10:20	Wetland Restoration – Trevor Plews, Ducks Unlimited Canada	Case Study 1 – Restoration and reclamation : A Niitsitapi Perspective - Paulette Fox	Case Study 2 –Weed Management – Kerry Hecker, Environment and Climate Change Canada
10:25-10:50	Artificial Wetland Creation – Purpose, Design, and Construction – Ben Poltorak, Earthmaster Environmental Strategies		
10:50- 11:15	Coffee / Poster Session / Trade Show - Mezzanine		
Rooms >>	Room A. Presentations	Room B. Case Study	Room C. Case Study
11:15-11:40	Holistic management approach to reclaim and restore grasslands – Kansie Fox, Blood Tribe Land Management	Case Study 1 continued - Restoration and reclamation : A Niitsitapi Perspective - Paulette Fox	Case Study 2 continued – Weed Management – Kerry Hecker, Environment and Climate Change Canada
11:45-12:10	Salt Contaminated Sites: Options for Remediation Using Risk Assessment and Phytotechnologies - Adam Dunn, Earthmaster Environmental Strategies		
12:10-1:10	Lunch		
12:10-1:10	Coffee / Poster Session / Trade Show - Ballroom A		
Session #4:			

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1:10-1:35	Recovery Strategies for Industrial Disturbance in Native Grasslands: A Collaborative Approach to Developing Guidance to Promote Retention and Restoration Outcomes - Jane Lancaster, Foothills Restoration Forum	Weeds Won't Wait! Establishing a Grassland Community with an Integrated Weed Management Approach - Chet Neufeld, Native Plant Society of Saskatchewan	Case Study
1:40 – 2:05	Restoring 71 – Redefining Value on Undesirable Land – Katie Suek, Amec Foster Wheeler	Understanding factors leading to plant invasion - Jon Bennett, University of Saskatchewan	
2:10-2:35	Traditional Ecological Knowledge; Look to the Future, Learn from the Past - Carol Crowe, Indigenous Visions	Alternative communication methods about invasive species - Nadia Mori, Saskatchewan Ministry of Agriculture	
2:35 - 3:10	Coffee / Poster Session / Trade Show - Mezzanine		
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3:10 - 4:10	Expert Panel #3– Passing the Torch		
4:10 - 4:30	Closing Remarks		
4:30	Hand in Evaluations & Head Home - Safe Travels!		