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Presentation: Value and Policy Considerations for Native Prairie Ecological Goods and Services

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Ecological goods and services represent a concept that has received increasing attention as an approach to link human welfare to the functioning of an ecosystem. It provides a framework that enables an integration of the physical science discussion of the health and function of an ecosystem with a representation of the human values associated with that ecosystem. Due to these characteristics the concept has gained some traction in the development of conservation policy initiatives. This presentation will examine ecological goods and services in the context of native prairie ecosystems. An overview of the work that has looked at defining ecosystem goods and services, with a focus on policy application and analysis will be provided first. Then, the opportunities and challenges encompassed in understanding values of ecological goods and services will be explored. This discussion will explain how values are interpreted, estimated and potentially applied to questions around native prairie conservation management and policy.

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