



Native Prairie Speaker Series

Title: A Watershed Stewardship Approach to Invasive Species Education and Management
Summary

Speakers: Kevin Steinley of Swift Current Creek Watershed Stewards and Stephanie Huel of Moose Jaw River Watershed Stewards

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This presentation will describe why Watershed Stewardship Groups are focusing on invasive species education and management and the work that the Swift Current Creek Watershed Stewards, the Moose Jaw River Watershed Stewards, and other watershed stewardship groups are doing to minimize the impacts of aquatic and terrestrial invasive species on watershed health. This presentation will highlight educational material put together by Watershed Stewardship Groups to teach students why invasive plants are harmful to the watershed and how to identify these plants and the steps they need to take to reduce them.

About Kevin:

Kevin Steinley is the Executive Director of the Swift Current Creek Watershed Stewards. He has been in that role since May of 2016. Kevin holds a degree in Agriculture majoring in Animal Science from the University of Saskatchewan and is a Professional Agrologist. Kevin has over 30 years of experience in agri-business helping producers get the most out of their operations.

In addition to his role as Executive Director, Kevin and his brother and his family operate a cow-calf operation specializing in producing Hereford/Angus F1 bred females that sell in a sale every December. The farm also has a large holding of flood irrigated hay land in the Rush Lake Irrigation Project. Kevin's interest in watershed stewardship comes from his experience with the irrigation and cattle operations, how water quality and quantity affect hay production and cattle performance and working to ensure that all users have access to a safe and sustainable supply of water.

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In his spare time in winter Kevin still likes to get out and play rec hockey and in summer tries to get in a few rounds of golf if time allows.

About Stephanie:

Stephanie Huel was raised in the tiny town of Coderre, SK. In 2020 she graduated from the U of S with a B.S.A. in Environmental Science minoring in Soil Science. The summer after graduation, she got a job an hour from her hometown as a Watershed Technician with the Moose Jaw River Watershed Stewards. She has been there ever since. Over the past year, Stephanie’s projects have primarily consisted of the Watershed Wonders Education Kits, a large drainage network, and building the Co-op Community Food Farm in Moose Jaw.

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