

2018 Transboundary Grasslands Workshop Survey Responses Summary (n=29)

1. Rate the 2018 TGP Workshop?

- Somewhat Useful- 6
- Very Useful- 15
- Somewhat Successful- 3
- Very Successful- 5

2. What was the most useful/informative part of the workshop?

- Breakout sessions
- Program updates/projects and collaboration between agencies and countries
- Networking
- Motivational speakers
- Science session

3. What was the least useful part of the workshop?

- Work plan development session (too much time, too repetitive from previous, leave to core team)
- Breakout sessions- too many good ones at the same time
- Producer side deficient
- Group sessions- too targeted, presentations more informative
- Acronyms

4. Were there any formats you found particularly helpful or unhelpful (panel, presentations, breakout sessions, facilitated session)?

- Presentations -6 (a couple indicated shorter and less power point use)
- Panel- 2
- Breakout Sessions-3
- Mix- presentation/panel- 1
- Mix- presentation/breakout-1
- Mix- presentation/panel/break out-2
- All formats- 6
- Facilitation- 1

5. What would you add/change/remove, if anything?

- *More private landowners/ranchers invited
- More breakout sessions
- More interactive discussion sessions/'forced' networking
- Tradeshow/poster session
- Banquet- 2nd night/ fruit and veggies at coffee breaks
- No work plan development session
- More time for asking questions
- Advertise more
- Planned debate (i.e. tougher more controversial issues)
- US and Canada policy and laws- more information

6. What is the single most important contribution you feel you can now make following this workshop (with respect to transboundary grasslands initiatives)?

- Information sharing/ ongoing conversations/ spreading the word-communications
- Connecting people and programs/ new contacts made/ networking/ working with landowners, farmers, ranchers
- Learning/Awareness/staying informed/ others perspectives
- Following up on actions/ involvement/ collaborating potential
- Data sharing availability needed
- Gates for pronghorns

7. If there is another transboundary grasslands workshop, what do you think the focus should be?

- Organic certification and conservation?
- Conservation financial incentives, how to value conservation/stewardship programs, incentive stewardship, conservation efforts and implementation (missing)
- Advancing the work plan/communications/ coordination
- Working with ranchers/producers, outreach, landowner perspectives and involvement
- Updates on work completed in areas/ how jurisdictions can move successful work across boundaries
- Identifying drivers of continued habitat conversion and identifying solutions, indicator species for grassland health and programs to promote working grasslands and limit conversion
- Focus on new initiatives and feedback from landowners
- Invasive species
- Filling data gaps, data sharing
- Aboriginal perspectives theme
- Legislation across jurisdictions (e.g. species at risk, cultivation of native prairie), private property rights
- Communications, messaging, awareness (US-Canada-World) more aware/appreciate this huge issue/problem
- Involvement with more landowners and students

8. If there is another transboundary grasslands workshop, whom do you think should be included as invitees (e.g. agencies, organizations, individuals)?

- More producers, landowners, private sector/landowners
- Everyone within the grasslands needs to attend
- All interested stakeholders
- Tribes/First nations, reserve local communities
- All levels government, local MP, municipal districts, state agencies, county conservation districts
- Agencies, organizations, university researchers, on-the-ground
- Guest speakers from other areas beyond the transboundary region (e.g. great plains region)
- As many as possible
- Specifically identified agencies: SK PCAP, SK Ministry of the Environment, Parks Canada, Sask Wildlife Federation, SK CDC, SK groups, SK government, Environment Canada, Wildlife Services (US Federal agency), Montana Dept of Livestock, Montana Governor's office, Montana Congressional Delegation

9. Other comments:

- Nice work team
- Enjoyed the conference overall/ Excellent workshop/great job
- I look forward to this every year (I'm busy then but no better time, Livestock and weather)
- Thought this was the best workshop so far and think it will continue to be successful
- Loved this workshop. So much potential in creating these partnerships. It was awesome that travel was accounted for in the schedule
- Did enjoy what I saw (indicated was unable to attend some of the event)
- The cash bar/socialization was best for me as a new person to the conference. It allowed me to meet new people and pick some brains!
- Great job organizing and I think this is a very important partnership that needs to keep going. Great job!
- Thank you for another great workshop/ Thank you