

Transboundary Grassland Partnership Workshop

“Native Grasslands: Culture, Carbon and Conservation”

December 6-7, 2023 at the Living Sky Casino, Swift Current, SK

December 6, 2023	
9 AM-10 AM	Registration
10:00-10:30 AM	Welcome, Prayer, Greetings (Weston Foundation/AAFC)
10:30-10:45 AM	History of TGP
10:45 AM-12:00 PM	Jurisdictional Updates (Alberta, SK, Montana)
12:00-1:00 PM	Lunch
1:00-2:15 PM	<p>Presentations: Biodiversity</p> <p><i>The Bird-friendliness Index: An Outcome-based Indicator for Grassland Conservation</i> - Ian Cook, Birds Canada</p> <p><i>Grassland Insect Diversity - The SSGF Multi-taxa Project</i>– John Wilmshurst, Canadian Wildlife Federation</p>
2:15-2:45 PM	Coffee break
2:45-4:20 PM	<p>Jurisdictional Transboundary Grassland Partnership Producer Panel</p> <p>Dale Mosquito, Nekaneet First Nation</p> <p>Dale Veseth, Ranchers Stewardship Alliance (MT)</p> <p>Jody Larson (SK)</p> <p>Kyle Forbes, Cottonwood Livestock (AB)</p> <p>Wayne Smith, Piikani Lodge Health Institute</p> <p>Moderated by: Jeremy Pittman, University of Waterloo</p>
4:15-5:15 PM	<p>Presentations: Grassland Restoration</p> <p><i>Native forage breeding and development: Utility, challenges and prospects</i> by Sean Asselin - Agriculture and Agri-food Canada</p> <p><i>Some Things to Consider for Restoration</i> by Michael Schellenberg – Living Labs Central Prairies</p>
5:15 PM	Wrap up
5:20-6:30 PM	Cocktails and Networking/trivia
6:30PM	Supper
7PM	<p>Evening Presentation</p> <p>Natural Products from Prairie Plants: Where Science Hits the Dirt – Dr. Roy Golsteyn, University of Lethbridge</p>

December 7, 2023	
8:30-8:45 AM	Welcome
8:45-10:15 AM	Presentations: Carbon <i>Carbon storage and sequestration in grasslands</i> by Cameron Carlyle, University of Alberta <i>The Holos whole-farm model - a software aiming to help farmers understand their greenhouse gas emissions</i> by Roland Kroebel, Agriculture and Agri-food Canada
10:15-10:30 AM	Coffee Break
10:30 AM-12:00 PM	Living Labs - Central Prairies Producer Panel Milt Mastad, Single Seven Ranch Ltd Jodie Horvath Arlie and Brett LaRoche, Farm One Forty Moderated by Jeremy Pittman, University of Waterloo
12:00 PM-1:00 PM	Lunch
1:00-2:30 PM	Presentations: Grazing <i>World Wildlife Fund in the Northern Great Plains</i> by Caitlin Gillespie, World Wildlife Fund <i>The Piikani Lodge Health Institute Regenerative Grazing Initiative</i> by Andrew Berger and Wayne Smith, Piikani Lodge Health Institute <i>Grazing in BC vs SK</i> by Erika Stewart, Pine Ranch Ltd
2:30-2:50 PM	Coffee Break
2:50-4:15 PM	Speed dating case studies: Emerging Issues
4:15 PM	Closing Remarks (5-10 min)

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