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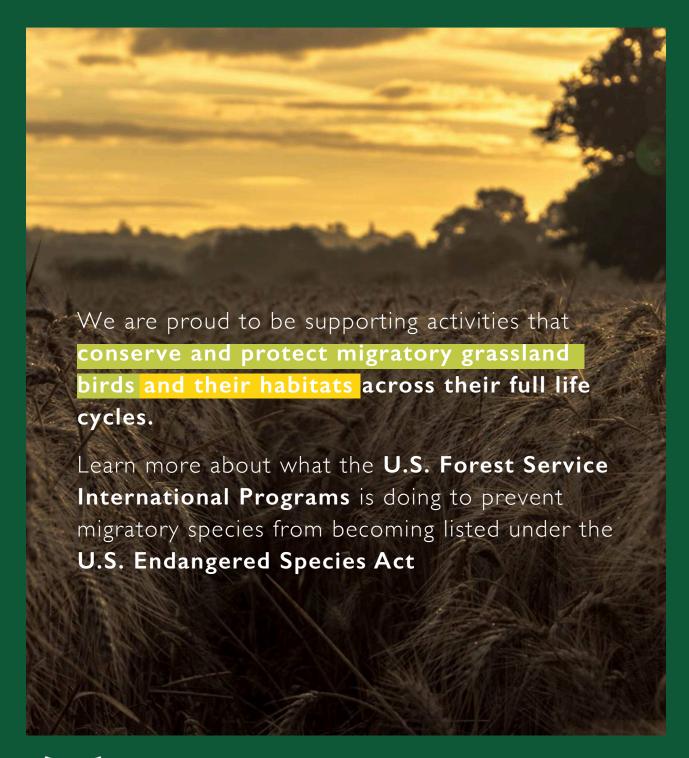


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Conference Agenda



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Tuesday, August 8th

6:45 am - 7:30 am Early Morning Registration - Little America Hotel, Cheyenne

7:30 am - 4:00 pm **Optional Full Day Field Trips** - Depart from Little America Lobby, East Port Exit

- King Ranch Tour Hosted by Mark Eisele and Agriculture Research Service Central Plains Experimental Range Tour Hosted by Justin Derner
- University of Wyoming McGuire Ranch Research Grassland Tour Hosted by Derek Scasta
- Soapstone Prairie Natural Area Hosted by Arvind Panjabi

7:30 am - 1:00 pm Optional Half Day Field Trips - Depart from Little America Lobby, East Port Exit

• King Ranch Tour - Hosted by Mark Eisele

3:00 - 5:00 pm Registration - Little America Hotel, Cheyenne

3:00 - 5:00 pm Set up for Posters and Exhibitors - Pre-Event Lobby and Grand Ballroom

5:30 - 8:00 pm Welcome Reception at the Cheyenne Botanic Gardens

Sponsored by U.S. Forest Service

Free shuttles will leave for the Cheyenne Botanic Gardens from the East Port Exit at Little America Hotel starting at 5:15 pm every 15 minutes. Shuttles will return to hotel at the end of the event.

Welcome Remarks:

Julie Sibbing, National Wildlife Federation

Derek Scasta, University of Wyoming

Jessi Johnson, Wyoming Wildlife Federation

Wednesday, August 9th

7:00 - 8:00 am	Breakfast & Registration - Little America Hotel
8:15 - 9:40 am	Opening Plenary: Grand Ballroom
8:15 - 8:20 am	Opening - Lekha Knuffman, National Wildlife Federation
8:20 - 8:25 am	Welcome Message from Senator Cynthia Lummis
8:25 - 8:55 am	Keynote - Ryan Lance, Pathfinder Ranches
8:55 - 9:10 am	Bob Budd, Wyoming Wildlife and Natural Resource Trust
	Working Lands Work!

9:10 - 9:25 am

Carol Davit, Missouri Prairie Foundation

Small & Mighty: Why Protecting Highly Diverse Original Prairies Matters

9:25 - 9:40 am

John Abizaid, Vence

Virtual Fencing - Sustainable Livestock Ranching for the 21st Century

9:40 - 10:20 am **Break - Foyer**

Hosted by University of Wyoming College of Agriculture, Life Sciences and Natural Resources

10:20 am - 12:00 pm First Concurrent Breakout Sessions

	Track 1: Collaborative Community- based Conservation	Track 2: Ecology, Forage, Native Seeds	Track 3: Connectivity and Wildlife Movements
Room	Wyoming A	Wyoming B	Wyoming D
Moderator	Kelsey Molloy & Aaron Clausen	James Muir	Steve Bender
10:20 - 10:45 am	20 years in the Northern Great Plains with The Nature Conservancy Brian Martin, The Nature Conservancy	Understanding Wildflower Forage Value: Diverse Rangelands Benefit Livestock and Pollinators Rae Powers, The Xerces Society and USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service	Addressing the Threat of Tree Encroachment for Biodiversity and Connectivity in US Grasslands Scott Morford, University of Montana
10:45 - 11:10 am	Conservation Committee: Bringing Partners to the Table for Shared Goals Martin Townsend, Ranchers Stewardship Alliance/ Pheasants Forever	North Dakota Conservation Forage Program Joshua Lefers, Audubon Great Plains	Arizona Antelope Foundation, Arizona Game & Fish Department & National Fish & Wildlife Foundation's "Southeastern Arizona Grasslands Pronghorn Initiative" 2010-2019 Glen Dickens, Arizona Wildlife Federation/Arizona Antelope Foundation
11:10 - 11:35 am	Ranch Systems and Viability Planning Network Alexis Bonogofsky, World Wildlife Fund	The Permian Basin-Panhandle Native Seed Project: Updates from a New Project Region, Strength in Collaborative Partnerships, and the Evaluation and Development of Native Seed Sources Jameson Crumpler, Texas Native Seeds Program	Applying Social Science to Increase Woody Plant Management Ryan Roberts, Playa Lakes Joint Venture
11:35 am - 12:00 pm	Panel Discussion: Moderated Q&A about ways to work together, how partnerships were formed, and evolved Brian Martin, TNC Alexis Bonogofsky, WWF Angel DeVries & Dale Veseth, Rancher's Stewardship Alliance Kendall Wojcik, Winnett ACES	Grass Wars: Manipulating Microbiomes to Favor Native Bunchgrasses Jeff Brady, Texas A&M Agrilife Research	Grassland CRP and Wildlife Habitat Patrick Lewis, USDA Farm Service Agency

12:00 - 1:00 pm **Lunch - Grand Ballroom**

Remarks - Collin O'Mara, President and CEO, National Wildlife Federation

1:00 - 2:40 pm **Second Concurrent Breakout Sessions**

	Track 1: Education and Outreach Strategies	Track 2: Biofuels and Grasslands	Track 3: Indigenous and Community-based stewardship of Grasslands
Room	Wyoming A	Wyoming B	Wyoming D
Moderator	Aleta Dam	Martha Kauffman	Emily Boyd-Valandra
1:00 - 1:25 pm	Circle Up: A Mediated Peer-to- Peer Workshop for Interactive Landowner Outreach Maureen Frank, Sul Russ State University Borderlands Research Institute	RFS and Grasslands - What Research Shows and Policy Ideas: Science and Proposed Solutions Tyler Lark, University of Wisconsin	Buffalo Nations Grasslands Alliance: Connecting People to Ensure Grasslands for Generations Shaun Grassel, Buffalo Nations Grasslands Alliance
1:25 - 1:50 pm	Multimedia Storytelling Emma Balunek, Platte Basin Timelapse/University of Nebraska-Lincoln	RFS and Grasslands - What Research Shows and Policy Ideas: A Conversation on the relationship of Conversion, Conservation, and Corn Jennifer Prenosil, Nebraska Game and Parks Commission	A Grassland Conservation Framework in Arid Northern Mexico with a Perspective on Social Conditions Rogelio Marciel, Pronatura Noreste
1:50 - 2:15 pm	Storytelling in Grassland Landscapes Ethan Freese, Carlee Moates & Dakota Altman, Platte Basin Timelapse/University of Nebraska-Lincoln	Biofuels and Grasslands - Can they Coexist? Moderated Q&A with invited experts about land use change, the role of grasslands in achieving climate objectives, and challenges under discussion related to biofuels programs and policy	Caring for the Grasslands, the Buffalo and Our Relatives at Sioux Valley Dakota Nation Cheyenne Ironman, Sioux Valley Dakota Nation
2:15 - 2:40 pm	Achieving Impact with Conservation Media: Showcasing the Power of Grasslands Partnerships Irene Liu, Cornell Lab of Ornithology		A Conversation with Rural Coalition on Conservation, Climate, and Equity Lorette Picciano, Lisa Bellanger, Samantha Sage Cobenais, Rural Coalition

2:40 - 3:20 pm **Break - Foyer**

Hosted by Ducks Unlimited

3:20 pm - 5:00 pm Third Concurrent Breakout Sessions

	Track 1: Conservation Strategies	Track 2: Conservation Strategies for Birds and Wildlife	Track 3: Grasslands Policy
Room	Wyoming A	Wyoming B	Wyoming D
Moderator	Christian Artuso	Dana Ripper	Andrew Wilkins
3:20 - 3:45 pm	The Chihuahuan Desert Grassland Conservation Investment Strategy Arvind Panjabi, Bird Conservancy of the Rockies	Collaboration to Promote Drought Resiliency, Economic Viability of Livestock Operations and Grassland bird Biodiversity David Pavlacky, Bird Conservancy of the Rockies	North American Grasslands Conservation Act Updates Aviva Glaser, National Wildlife Federation
3:45 - 4:10 pm	Grassland Economics: Competing Interests and Future Opportunities John Pattison-Williams, University of Alberta	The Evolution of Grassland Bird and Habitat Data Workflows Ethan Duke, Missouri River Bird Observatory	Montana's Area D Big Game Migration Overview Martin Townsend, Pheasants Forever
4:10 - 4:35 pm	Generational Grasslands: Conserving Grassland Strongholds Matt Bain, The Nature Conservancy	Informing Climate-smart Grassland Management by Mapping Grassland Bird Community Distribution Under a Changing Climate Nicholas Van Lanen, U.S. Geological Survey	2023 Farm Bill Status and Opportunities for Grasslands Duane Hovorka, National Wildlife Federation
4:35 - 5:00 pm	Horizon II: A Climate Smart Future with Prairie and Cover Crops Bryan Sievers, Roeslein Alternative Energy	Rest, Recover, Recapture Program Concepts for Conserving Grasslands Steven Riley, American Bird Conservancy	Discussion on Equity in Conservation Policy: Opportunities and Challenges facilitated by NWF and Rural Coalition

5:00 - 9:00 pm

Dinner at King Ranch.

Hosted by King Ranch and DeLancey Enterprises

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Thursday, August 10th

7:00 - 8:00 am **Breakfast - Grand Ballroom**

7:00 - 8:45 am **Central Grasslands Meeting "Indigenous**

Kinship Circle"

8:00 - 8:40 am **Poster Session**

8:40 - 10:20 am Fourth Concurrent Breakout Sessions

Indigenous Kinship Circle

Join a conversation about developing a social working group for the Central Grasslands Roadmap.

Meeting Location:

Wyoming B

	Track 1: Grazing Management	Track 2: Central Grasslands Roadmap Initiative	Track 3: Partnerships for Grasslands Conservation
Room	Wyoming A	Wyoming B	Wyoming D
Moderator	Wayne Swanson	Neal Feeken	Kevin Ellison
8:40 - 9:05 am	Ranch-level Sustainability Indicators for Grazing Land Managers Patrick Lendrum, World Wildlife Fund	Central Grassland Roadmap Overview Tammy VerCauteren, Bird Conservancy of the Rockies; Neal Feeken, CGRI	Funding Partnerships Accelerating Grasslands Conservation Seth Gallagher, National Fish and Wildlife Foundation
9:05 - 9:30 am	Environmental Orientation, Ranch Characteristics and Performance: A Comparison of Ranches Under Different Grazing Management Practices Tong Wang, South Dakota State University	Central Grassland Assessment Map Sarah Olimb, World Wildlife Fund	Planting the Seed: Building Relationships for Private Lands Conservation Angela Dwyer, Bird Conservancy of the Rockies
9:30 - 9:55 am	Managing Livestock for Carbon Uptake in Rangelands Rebecca Lee Phillips, Ecological Insights; Lewis Heaton, Rancher	Grassland Ecosystem Team John Carlson, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service	Land Trusts as Partners in Landscape Conservation Delivery Zach Hurst, Playa Lakes Joint Venture
9:55 - 10:20 am	A Long-Term Study of the Impacts of Patch-Burn Grazing with Cattle as a Prairie Management Tool on Plant Community Response and Vegetation Structure Response Metrics in Missouri: Update on the First 5-years Thomas Thompson, Missouri Department of Conservation	Social Science - What are We Learning and Coordinated Efforts Going Forward Ashley Gramza, Playa Lakes Joint Venture	Audubon's Conservation Ranching Initiative Dusty Downey, Audubon Rockies

10:20 - 10:45 am **Break and Poster Session - Foyer and Grand Ballroom**

10:45 - 11:20 am **Roundtable Discussions**

Discussion 1 (Wyoming A): Saving Grasslands, Saving Ranchers: the Latin American

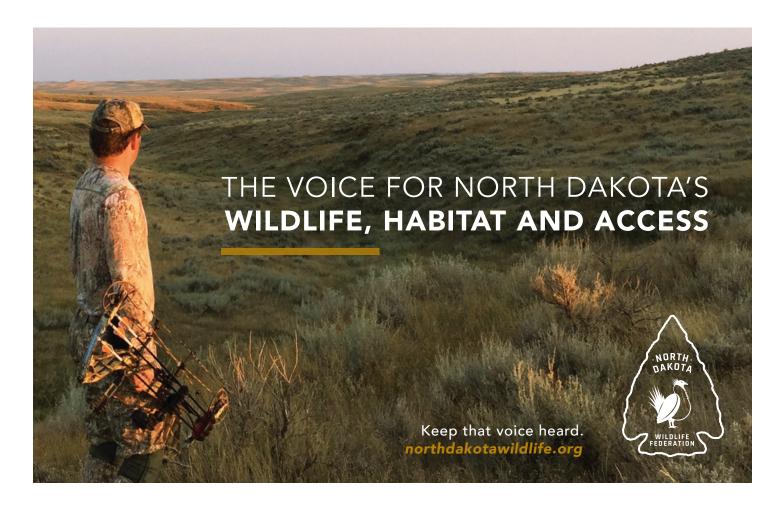
Experience, Jim Chu & David Borré

Discussion 2 (Wyoming B): Grassland Policy Opportunities and Challenges,

Aviva Glaser & Andrew Wilkins

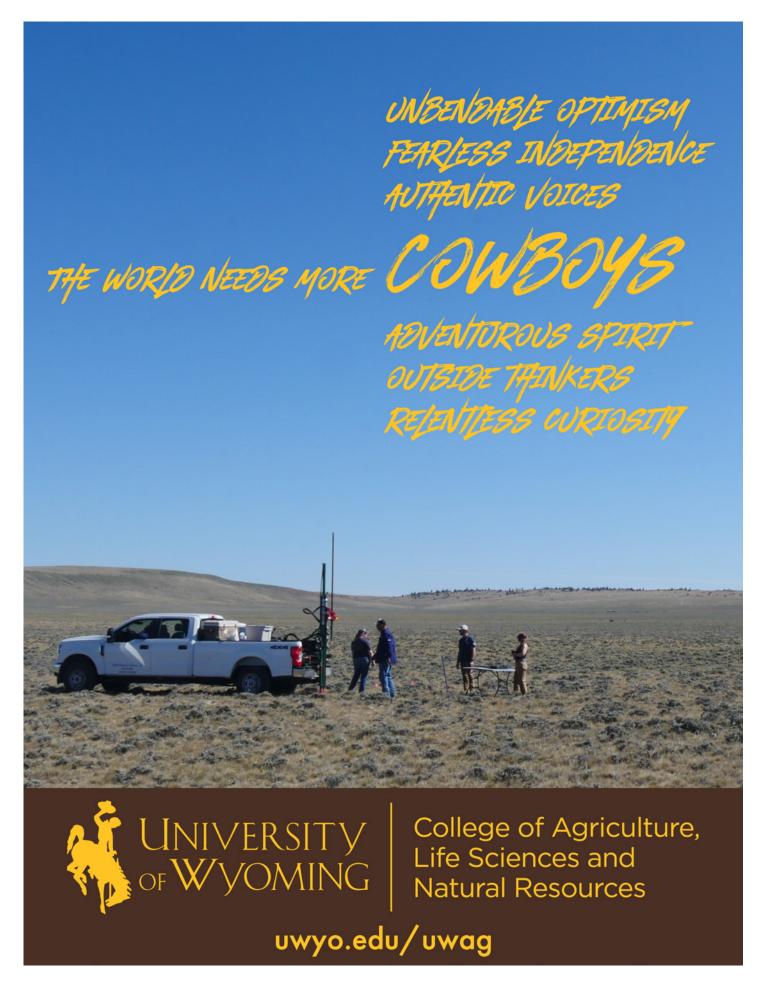
Discussion 3 (Wyoming D): Building the Grassland Conservation Delivery Supply Chain,

Jim Giocomo



Door Prize Giveaway!

Win one of three unique packages containing an assortment of: a Wyoming Wool Initiative blanket made from the wool of the University of Wyoming's heritage breed of sheep, items from local Wyoming companies, gift cards, Audubon Bird Friendly Ranching certified beef jerky, one-year Ranger Rick magazine subscriptions, National Wildlife Federation tote bags and hats; and more! Must be present during the closing plenary to receive prizes.



	Track 1: Landowner and Land Operator Perspectives on Sustainable Livelihoods	Track 2: JV8 Central Grasslands Initiative: Connecting the Grassland Biome Through Proven Partnerships for Birds, Other Wildlife, and People	Track 3: Grassland Inventories, Tracking and Trends	Track 4: Prairie Dogs and Grassland Wildlife
Room	Wyoming A	Wyoming B	Wyoming C	Wyoming D
Moderator	Wayne Swanson	Robert Perez	Tyler Lark	Natalie Hodgman
11:20 - 11:45 am	Grassing the Malpais our experience in conservation and diversification Jorge Bildo Saravia Fuentes, Rancho el Ojo	International Coordination and Collaboration for Conservation Delivery Karen Chapman, Rio Grande Joint Venture; Jeff Raasch, Texas Parks and Wildlife Department	Grassland Mapping in Canada: A Manitoba Case Study and the Future Ahead Nasem Badreldin, University of Manitoba	Present and future suitable habitat for the black-tailed prairie dog ecosystem Ana Davidson, Colorado State University
11:45 am - 12:10 pm	Sustainable Livestock in Janos Biosphere Reserve Celene Moncayo, Natural Protected Areas National Commission (CONANP)	Central Grasslands Avian Modelling Project (CGAMP): Population and Habitat Objectives for Grassland Birds Sarah Olimb, World Wildlife Fund; Barry Robinson, Environment and Climate Change Canada	A New Tool for Assessing and Monitoring Restoration Success in Tallgrass Prairie Ecosystems: The Natural Community Health Index Mike Leahy, Missouri Department of Conservation	Potential Landscapes for Conservation Across the Central Grasslands of North America: Integrating Keystone Species, Land Use, and Climate Change Lindsey Sterling Krank, Humane Society of the United States
12:10 - 12:35 pm	Diverse Producer Perspectives on New Practices through a Climate Smart Commodity Project Sarah Blaney, Oklahoma Association of Conservation Districts; Willard Tillman, Oklahoma Black Historical Research Project	TreeAge: Developing an online DST to Estimate Grassland Bird Response to Brush Management Anne Bartuszevige, Playa Lakes Joint Venture	Grassland Effectiveness Monitoring (GEM): A Tiered Approach for Habitat Treatment Assessment Across Private Lands Incentive Programs Anna Matthews, American Bird Conservancy	Reintroducing Black- tailed Prairie Dogs to Arizona: A 15 Year Update Jennifer Presler, Arizona Game and Fish Department
12:35 - 1:00 pm	Range Management for a Sustainable Livelihood while Maintaining a Conservation Ethic Tracy Rosenberg, Abbey Grasslands of the Prairie Coteau	JV8 Central Grasslands Initiative: Effective Partnerships and Outcomes in Grassland Conservation Catherine Wightman, Northern Great Plains Joint Venture; Robert Perez, Oaks and Prairies Joint Venture	Texas Rolling Plains Prairie Fen Ecology, Unique Flora and Conservation Focus Jason Singhurst, Texas Parks and Wildlife Department	Black-footed Ferret Recovery on Private Lands, Funding for a Model in Crossing Boundaries Mary Pfaffko & Chamois Andersen Defenders of Wildlife; Patty Knupp USDA - Natural Resources Conservation Service

1:00 - 2:00 pm Lunch - Grand Ballroom

2:00 - 3:30 pm Closing Plenary: Grand Ballroom

2:00 pm - Rancher and Conservationist Panel Discussion

Strategies and challenges for balancing wildlife conflicts and reflections on grasslands conservation efforts

Ranchers and Conservationists from across North America

Moderator: Seth Gallagher, National Fish and Wildlife Foundation

Panelists: Dale Veseth, Rancher Stewardship Alliance

Jim Faulstich, South Dakota Grassland Coalition

David Willms, National Wildlife Federation

Tracy Rosenberg, Abbey Grasslands of the Prairie Coteau

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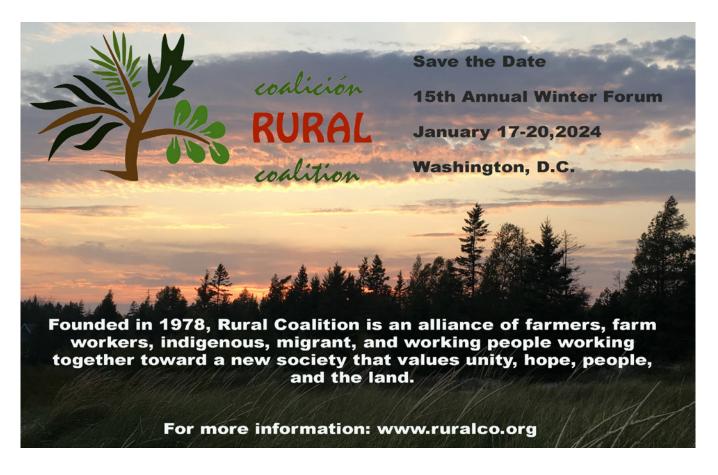
3:00 - 3:15 pm Closing Keynote

Matt Hogan, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Harnessing the Collective Intelligence of

Grassland Conservationists

3:15 pm **Door Prizes!**

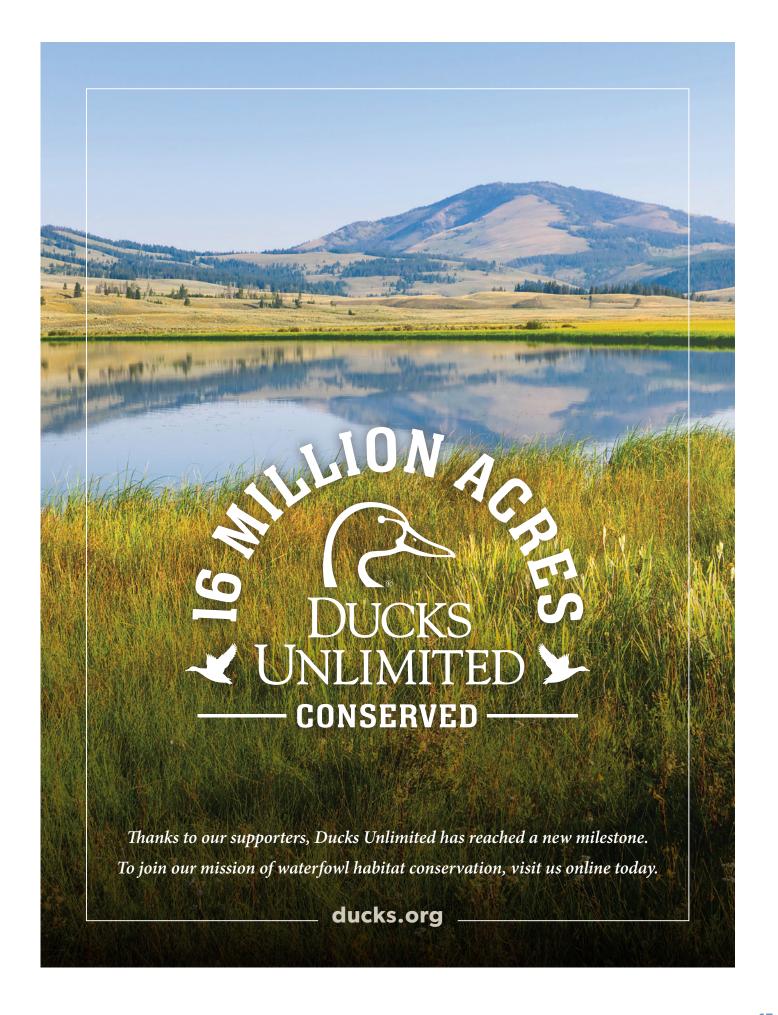
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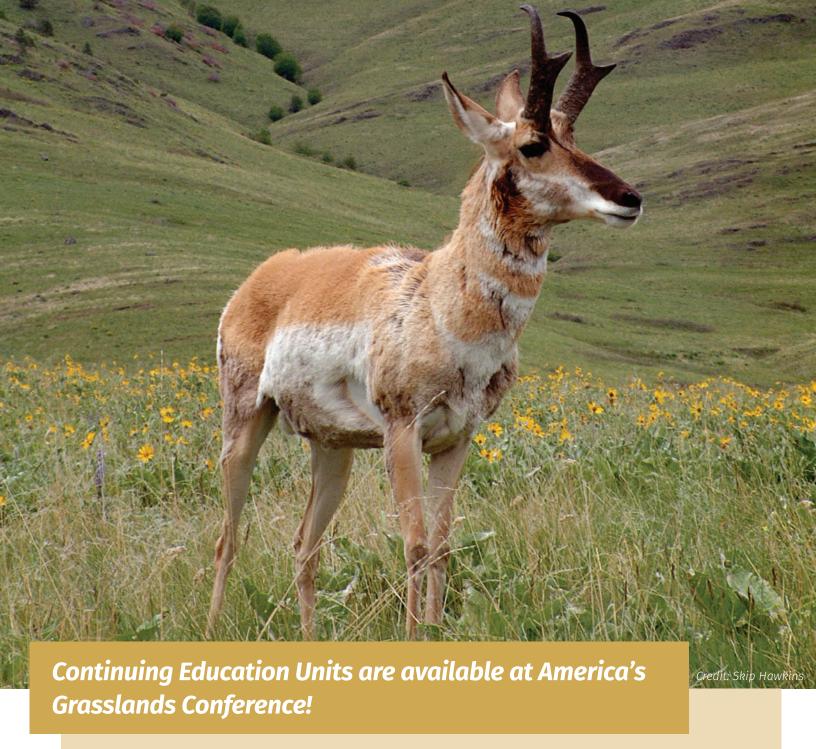


Posters

Note that posters will be on display throughout the conference (even after the poster sessions)

- P1. Tong Wang, South Dakota State University Comparing climate effects of beef production systems across North America
- P2. Michael Houts, Kansas Biological Survey A continental data framework for summarizing and sharing information
- **P3. Rachael Christensen, USDA-ARS -** Nutrients in Kentucky bluegrass do not meet requirements for cow-calf pairs throughout the grazing season in central North Dakota
- **P4.** James Giocomo, American Bird Conservancy Management implications of a new population viability analysis for the endangered eastern Loggerhead Shrike (Lanius ludovicianus migrans) in Canada and the United States
- **P5. Jordan Ignatiuk, Nature Saskatchewan -** Stewards of Saskatchewan: Three decades of engagement, partnerships, and conservation of species at risk habitat in Saskatchewan
- P6. Nate Reid, American Bird Conservancy Prairie Bird Bingo! A Citizen Science Effort in the Northern Great Plains
- P7. Sabrina Claeys, Ducks Unlimited Inc. Duck's Unlimited Working Lands Agriculture Program in Minnesota
- **P8.** Amanda Norton, University of Wyoming Songbird community response to grazing and infrastructure on a sagebrush steppe ranch
- **P9. Jim Sturrock, Lonesome Pines Land & Cattle Co. LLC. -** Back to the Future: Managing the five dimensions of ranching with a changing climate
- P10. Aaron Kersh, University of Wyoming Insights into what influences sheep use of the poisonous plant plains larkspur
- **P11. Kevin Ellison, American Bird Conservancy -** Long-billed Curlews as Umbrella Species for Suites of Grassland Birds in the Dakotas
- **P12.** Kevin Ellison, American Bird Conservancy Windmill Replacement with Solar to Improve Livestock Water Availability and Habitat for Grassland Wildlife
- **P13.** Leah Thayer, World Wildlife Fund and Montana Conservation Corps/Montana Americorps Scaling-up Low-tech Solutions to Drought Resiliency in the Northern Great Plains
- P14. Kelly Williamson & Adrienne Tastad, SODCAP Inc. A Living Lab for the Prairie Ecoregions
- P15. Kenneth E. Spaeth Jr., USDA-NRCS Evaluation of current rangeland conditions and trends on non-Federal grasslands
- **P16.** James P. Muir; Jamie L. Foster; J. Randall Bow; Lisandro Entio; Darrel Murray, Texas A&M University, AgriLife Research Hot mess: biodiverse native subtropical grassland seed mixtures
- **P17.** Karla Liliana López García, Centro de investigacion y de estudios avanzados del Instituto Politecnico Nacional Effect of biotic and abiotic factors on soil respiration in grasslands with holistic and regenerative management
- **P18. Yanet Hernández Gaspar, CONANP -** Determination of the soil carbon baseline in rangelands of protected natural areas in the Chihuahuan desert
- P19. Rogelio Maciel, Pronatura Noreste Agricultural Diagnose of Three Grassland Priority Conservation Areas (GPCAs)
- **P20.** Rebekah Rylander, Rio Grande Joint Venture, American Bird Conservancy Grassland Effectiveness Monitoring (GEM): A Tiered Approach for Habitat Treatment Assessment Across Private Lands Incentive Programs
- P21. Lizeth Álvarez González, Pronatura Noreste Changes in grassland birds' densities within the Mapimi GPCA
- P22. Maksim Sergeyev, Colorado State University A Decision Support Tool for Prairie Dog Management
- **P23. Cliff Wallis, Alberta Wilderness Association -** Transboundary Grasslands Partnership: Coordinating Conservation in Alberta, Saskatchewan, and Montana
- **P24.** Tracy Rosenberg, Abbey Grasslands of the Prairie Coteau Restoration of a 980 Acre Remnant on the Coteau des Prairies
- P25. Kevin Ellison, American Bird Conservancy A Spatial Prioritization Tool for Grassland Conservation



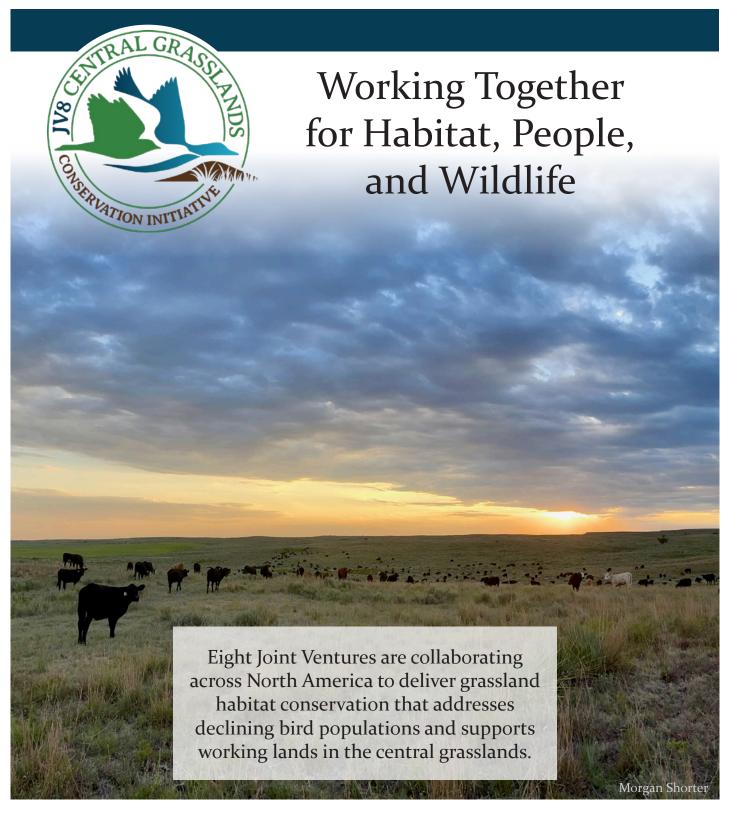




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Keynote Speakers

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Ryan Lance - Opening Keynote



Ryan Lance is the President of Pathfinder Ranches. A Wyoming native, Ryan Lance has dedicated more than a decade of his career to Wyoming institutions including the Office of State Lands and Investments, and the Office of the Governor. His expertise

includes the development and administration of policies related to energy development, recreation, agriculture, wildlife, air and water quality and the preservation of natural resources

As a member of the leadership team for Pathfinder Ranches, Ryan is responsible for overseeing ranch and bank operations and providing legal counsel. Given his background in natural resource law and federal and state trust land policy, he also works to guide our partners through the project permitting process.

Ryan received his undergraduate degree in Political Science and Government, and his Juris Doctor from the University of Wyoming.

Bob Budd



Bob Budd is the Executive Director of the Wyoming Wildlife and Natural Resource Trust, a program established to enhance wildlife habitats and the natural resource heritage of Wyoming.

Prior to helping launch the WWNRT program, Budd was manager of Red Canyon Ranch, and Director of Land Management for The Nature Conservancy in Wyoming.

In his work there, he was credited with developing and maintaining large-scale ecological process, while maintaining economic production on a working cattle ranch. Before his tenure with TNC, Bob spent 15 years with the Wyoming Stock Growers Association, ten as Executive Director

Bob Budd has a Master of Science degree in Range Management, and Bachelor of Science degrees in Agricultural Business and Animal Science, all from the University of Wyoming. He is also trained in Holistic Resource Management, and is a Certified Professional in Rangeland Management.

He is a past-president of the international Society for Range Management and the Wyoming Chapter of the Wildlife Society. He has facilitated development of management plans for the Big Sandy River, Sage-grouse, and Bighorn Sheep in Wyoming.

Carol Davit



Carol Davit is the Executive
Director of the Missouri
Prairie Foundation (MPF).
She works with the MPF
board of directors and
committees and oversees all
operations of MPF – including
fundraising, strategic planning,

communications, advocacy, the Grow Native! program, and administration, and has edited the Missouri Prairie Journal since 1996.

Carol has worked for more than 25 years in the conservation and environmental fields in communications, development, administration, and leadership capacities. She has worked for private, nonprofit conservation groups and at the municipal and state government levels. She has been the editor of field guides and written on a wide variety of natural history and conservation topics for the Missouri Prairie Journal, the Missouri Conservationist, and other publications. Davit has B.A. and M.A. degrees in Interdisciplinary Studies. She is the recipient of the Erna Eisendrath Memorial Education Award and the Plant Stewardship Award from the Missouri Native Plant Society.

"I consider myself fortunate to help conserve some of the most biologically rich habitat on earth," Davit says, "and to work with the many people in the MPF and Grow Native! community who are so passionate about prairie conservation and native plants." Carol and her husband and son are Stream Team #3631.

In addition to serving as the Executive Director of the Missouri Prairie Foundation and the Grow Native! program, Davit also serves in many conservation leadership capacities for statewide groups.

John Abizaid



John Abizaid handles Business Development at Vence. John works with private producers, NGOs, and State + Federal agencies to promote and implement Virtual Fencing projects across the American

West. He came to Vence through his fascination with the relationship between ruminants and



Credit: William Wiley

grasslands and how important grazing species are to ecosystem health when managed properly. His hope is that Vence can provide a tool to land managers that allows them to improve rangeland ecology while minimizing negative impacts to wildlife. His work includes business development, RF modeling, and field deployment. He is based in Denver, Colorado.

Matt Hogan - Closing Keynote



Matt Hogan is the Regional Director, Mountain-Prairie Region for the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. After earning a bachelor's degree in Political Science from LeMoyne College in Syracuse, New York, Matt

Hogan started his career as a legislative director and legislative assistant for a Member of the U.S. House of Representatives.

Hogan has served as Executive Director of the Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies, where he worked with state fish and wildlife conservation agencies to promote a unified vision for sound management and conservation of fish and wildlife.

Hogan has also served in executive leadership roles in the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, as well as the Department of the Interior. He has extensive conservation experience in the NGO community developing networks and alliances to achieve conservation goals.

King Ranch



The King Ranch in Wyoming, established in 1911, has for generations been "Ranching on the Edge" and adapting to new challenges as they operate on the perimeter of Wyoming's largest city, Cheyenne.

Lessons learned from King Ranch are highlighted regarding decisionmaking approaches, management strategies, and partnerships used to manage complex and highly variable systems for multiple goals.



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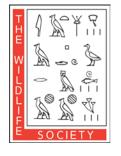


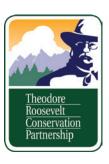


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