CALL FOR PRESENTATIONS

America's Grassland Conference

Reconnecting America's Grasslands

August 8-10, 2023 | Cheyenne, Wyoming

Deadline for Abstracts: March 27, 2023

The 2023 America's Grasslands Conference will feature grassland researchers and conservation professionals from varied backgrounds coming together to share and learn about the latest on North America's amazing grasslands. This year's theme, "Reconnecting America's Grasslands", emphasizes reconnecting grasslands across North America and reconnecting across our areas of expertise and as partners after being apart these last few years.

Every other year, the Grasslands Conference brings together an inclusive and diverse group of around 300 people from all over North America. Over a two-day forum, participants learn about the most important and emerging grasslands conservation issues, network with fellow professionals and stakeholders, develop strategies to advance federal, regional and local conservation goals, and learn from successes. The conference is typically attended by researchers, conservation practitioners, and grasslands advocates, including policy experts, project implementation staff, communications staff, and executive directors of local, state, regional, and national environmental nonprofits. Additionally, the conference draws representatives of state and federal agencies, community groups, business, agriculture, and industry.

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This unique gathering offers a tremendous opportunity to gain broad exposure for and share information about a wide range of issues facing our most threatened ecosystem. Any person or organization with valuable experience and knowledge to share is invited to apply to present a talk, moderate a session, and/or present a poster at the conference. If you work on grasslands issues, ranging from livelihoods, management, tracking, research, conservation, education, or others, please apply to present your work and attend the 6th biennial America's Grasslands Conference.

The organizing committee is issuing this call for presentations, discussion panels, and posters on a range of grassland conservation and restoration topics. We welcome unique and diverse voices specifically related to ranching and agricultural communities as we are dedicated to using the conference to highlight all voices and to serve as an inclusive platform for the entire grasslands conservation community. We are soliciting presentations covering a range of geographies and ecotypes, which address, but are not limited to:

1. Grazing management and integrated systems / Producer perspectives and case studies

2. Indigenous or community-based stewardship of grasslands

3. Grasslands connectivity and wildlife movements on grasslands

4. Ecosystem services, inventories, tracking and trends

5. Corporate sustainable sourcing commitments

6. Climate change and energy development

7. Education and communication strategies

8. Successful partnerships including outcomes

Conference Structure

All interested participants are encouraged to respond to this call for presentations, moderated sessions*, and posters that fit within any of the topic areas listed above. Oral presentations will be approximately 20 minutes long, followed by five minutes for questions. Accepted posters will be prominently displayed and there will be several opportunities during breaks for viewing and interaction with authors.

Those chosen to present will be required to submit a short paper, no longer than two to three pages, to be included in the conference proceedings to be released after the conference.

*Submissions can include entire moderated sessions – Please submit a brief description of the session, the speakers (preferably < 5), proposed talks, and who will moderate if accepted.

See next page for submission details.

Submission Guidelines

All submissions must be sent via this form. In case of any issues with the online form or for further questions, you can email **KnuffmanL@nwf.org**

Abstracts will be transmitted to reviewers for consideration. The abstract should clearly state objectives and results or main contributions to the body of knowledge on grasslands. Inclusion of tentative or final conclusions will greatly strengthen abstract proposals.

Abstract reviews will be based on the following criteria:

- Make a connection between the theme and closely match one or more of the categories above.
- Importance and relevance of topic
- Innovation and contribution to knowledge base and/or useful synthesis of current knowledge and manageable solutions
- Include an interactive component that effectively engages audience participants.
- Feature speakers with demonstrated expertise in their field.
- Include diverse voices, particularly speakers from or who work in underserved communities.
- Include creative visual presentations (e.g. Exhibits, before and after photos, models, charts, handouts, etc.)

Abstracts are due March 27th 2023. Notification of acceptance will be made in April 2023.

Abstracts from students and producers addressing the topic areas are encouraged and limited scholarships for attendance are available. Find application information on the conference website.

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