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CALL FOR PRESENTATIONS AND POSTERS **Deadline for Abstracts: July 10, 2017**

America's Grasslands: United for Conservation will bring together researchers, natural resource professionals, ranchers, policy experts and conservationists for two days to discuss relevant issues related to the conservation of North America's grasslands.

This year's conference will take place November 14th – 16th, 2017 in Fort Worth Texas. November 14th will be a day of optional field trips to local grasslands around the Fort Worth area.

The organizing committee is issuing this call for presentations and posters on a range of topics related to native grassland conservation and restoration in North America; including the following:

1. Status & Trends: Grasslands, grassland-dependent wildlife, wetlands and aquifers, ecology, and ecosystem services
2. Threats & Drivers: Conversion, transitions, climate change, energy development
3. Solutions –Tools: Community-based conservation, grazing for grasslands/wildlife, policy, private land conservation (easements)
4. Solutions – Approaches: Restoration, corporate sustainable sourcing commitments
5. Education and Communication strategies
6. Producer perspectives and case studies
7. Other relevant issues to grasslands conservation

Presentation Structure

All interested participants are encouraged to respond to this call for presentations and posters that fit within any of the topic areas described above.

This year, presenters can choose to give a 25 or 15 minute talk, followed by a 5 minute question period. There will also likely be facilitated discussion time for each topic area consisting of comments, questions, and answers. Accepted posters will be prominently displayed throughout the conference area and there will be several opportunities during breaks for viewing and interaction with authors.

Conference presenters will be required to submit a short paper of approximately two to three pages to be included in the conference proceedings to be released after the conference. Poster submissions should plan to submit a short abstract length overview of the material from the poster for the conference proceedings.

Submission Guidelines for Presentations and Posters *(please use the list below in your submission and include answers under each point)*

1. Title of presentation
2. Contact person with affiliation and email address
3. Presenter and affiliation
4. Other author(s) and affiliation(s)
5. Selected topic area
6. Presentation (15 or 25 minutes) or poster?
7. Abstract of **750 characters or less**, single spaced, 11 point font size

All submissions must be sent via [this form](#) or by email to Lekha Knuffman at KnuffmanL@nwf.org. Please append MS Word files with **author name as first word in file name** in your email submissions.

The abstract should emphasize 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:

- + Importance and relevance of topic
- + Innovation and contribution to knowledge base and/or useful synthesis of current knowledge
- + Overall quality

Abstracts are due **July 10th, 2017**. Notification of acceptance will be made in early August.

Abstracts from students and from all professional sectors addressing the topic areas are encouraged and limited scholarships for registration waivers and attendance are available.