



Great Plains Conservation Network

2021 GPCN Annual Meeting Agenda

March 1, 9:30 a.m. – 2 p.m. (MST)

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9:30-9:35	Welcome	➤ Brief introduction to GPCN
9:35-10:15	Bison Working Group	➤ “Wildlife, Wild Bison – A Change in Paradigm” – by Jason Baldes, Eastern Shoshone Tribal Buffalo Program Manager ➤ Continental Bison Strategy, American Bison Society, Wildlife Conservation Society – by Cynthia Hartway, Ph.D., Conservation Scientist, Rocky Mountain Region, Wildlife Conservation Society ➤ Montana Legislature: Bison Bills – update by Chamois Andersen, Senior Representative, Defenders of Wildlife ➤ Video from the Field – by InterTribal Buffalo Council ➤ Priorities for 2021 and Implementation of Working Group Products – by Bison Working Group Chair
10:15-10:45	Mapping Working Group	➤ Homes on the Range: Identifying Potential Landscapes for Conservation across the Grasslands of North America – Integrating Keystone Species, Land Use Patterns, and Climate Change – by Ana Davidson, CSU, Colorado Natural Heritage Program ➤ Hotspots Mapping Project – by Aaron Hall, Ph.D., Senior Aquatic Ecologist, Defenders of Wildlife ➤ Variety of Sources and Spatial Data Available – by Michael Menefee, CSU, Colorado Natural Heritage Program ➤ Priorities for 2021 and Implementation of Working Group Products – by Mapping Working Group Chair
10:45-10:50	Break	

10:50-11:30	Prairie Dog Working Group	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Black-footed Ferret Recovery – by Kristy Bly, World Wildlife Fund ➤ Recapping Another Exciting Year with Video and Perspectives from the Field – by Lindsey Sterling Krank, Humane Society of the United States ➤ Important New Research – by Tara Stephens, Calgary Zoo ➤ Priorities for 2021 and Implementation of Working Group Products – by Nicole Rosmarino, Southern Plains Land Trust
11:30-12:00	International /Regional Briefs	<p>Led by Cliff Wallis, Director, Alberta Wilderness Association</p> <p>International</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ International Year of Rangelands and Pastoralists ➤ IUCN Motion 10 on Grassland Conservation ➤ 30X30 Initiative/High Ambition Coalition ➤ New opportunities for 2021 and beyond <p>Transboundary/USA</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ <u>Central Grasslands Roadmap</u>, including North American Grasslands Conservation Act ➤ Transboundary Grassland Partnership (Montana, Alberta, Saskatchewan) <p>Canada</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ National Grasslands Taskforce ➤ Prairie Conservation Action Plan (Saskatchewan) ➤ Prairie Conservation Forum (Alberta) <p>Mexico</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Advancing conservation in grasslands of Mexico
12:00-12:30	Lunch Break	
12:30-1:45	Building Broader Support	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Indigenous Perspectives and Engagement – by Jason Baldes, Eastern Shoshone Tribal Buffalo Program Manager ➤ Ranching Community Perspectives and Engagement – by Martha Kaufman, Managing Director, Northern Great Plains, WWF ➤ Integrating the diversity of knowledge, engaging the community, and building social acceptance for conservation (lessons learned) – by Lindsey Sterling Krank, Humane Society of the U.S., and Molly Levy, Human-Environment Systems at Boise State

1:45-2:00	Emerging/ Current Key Issues and Priority Setting	Led by Cliff Wallis, Director, Alberta Wilderness Association <ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ Bird Conservation➤ Riparian Issues➤ Carbon Sequestration and Grassland Conservation➤ Key Emerging Conservation Concerns/Opportunities for the Great Plains➤ Identify potential priorities for 2021 work plan
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