



Native American Fish & Wildlife Society Great Plains Regional Conference

May 24 & 25, 2023

Deadwood Lodge – Deadwood, SD

2023 Great Plains Regional Conference Agenda

Tuesday, May 23, 2023

7:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Location: Deadwood
Grill

Great Plains Fish & Wildlife Commission Meeting

Directors of Great Plains Tribes

Wednesday, May 24, 2023

8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Location: Main Hall

Registration & Information

Coordinators: Jennifer Bills, Management Partners

8:00 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.

Location: Main Hall

Exhibitors & Vendors

Coordinator: Jeff Kelly, NAFWS Great Plains Regional Director

GENERAL SESSION

9:00 a.m. – 9:45 a.m.

Location: Pine Crest
Room B

Opening Ceremony

Parade of Colors

Drum Group: TBD

Invocation: TBD

Welcoming Remarks:

Charlie Wilkinson, NAFWS Great Plains Regional Director

Jeff Kelly, NAFWS Great Plains Regional Director

Julie Thorstenson, Ph.D., NAFWS Executive Director

9:45 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

Location: Pine Crest
Room B

Conference Overview

Speaker: Jeff Kelly

10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

Location: Pine Crest
Room B

Keynote Address

Speaker: Ryman LeBeau, Chairman of Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe

Moderator: Jeff Kelly, NAFWS Great Plains Regional Director

11:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

Location: Pine Crest
Room B

Presentation: Legislative Updates & National Initiatives

Speaker: Julie Thorstenson, Ph.D.
Executive Director, NAFWS

11:30 am – 1:00 p.m.

Location: Pine Crest Room C

Meeting: Business Luncheon

Coordinator: Jeff Kelly, NAFWS Great Plains Regional Director
Elections (20 mins)

Incumbent: Charlie Wilkinson

NAFWS National Updates

Julie Thorstenson, PhD, NAFWS Executive Director

Federal Updates – 30 mins

Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) Updates

Diane Mann-Klager

CONSERVATION LAW ENFORCEMENT TRAINING

1:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.

Location: Spearfish Rifle and Trap
Club

**Conservation Law Enforcement Officers: Great Plains Regional
Qualifications & Shoot Competition**

Spearfish Rifle and Trap Club
454-620 Spearfish Canyon Hwy
Spearfish, SD 57783

1:00 p.m. – 1:45 p.m.

Location: Pine Crest Room B

Tribal Stewardship Program in the Northern Great Plains

Presenter: Mary Adelzadeh, Director
First Nations Development Institute

1:45 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.

Location: Pine Crest Room B

NAFWS Education Programs

Presenter: Ashley Mueller, M.S.
Education Coordinator, NAFWS

BREAK: 2:30 pm – 3:00 pm

Sponsored by Integrated Technologies

3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Location: Pine Crest Room B

Climate Resiliency and Justice 40 Workshop

Presenters: Heather Bartlett- Fish & Wildlife Biologist, NAFWS
Emily Boyd-Valandra, Wildlife Biologist
Sicangu Lakota (Rosebud Sioux Tribe)

ADJOURN: 5:00 pm

6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Location: Pine Crest Room C

Traditional Feast

Thursday, May 25, 2023

8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Location: Main Hall

Registration & Information

Coordinator: Jennifer Bills

8:00 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.

Location: Main Hall

Exhibitors & Vendors

Coordinator: Jeff Kelly, NAFWS Great Plains Regional Director

PRESENTATIONS

Moderator: Heather Bartlett

Location: Pine Crest Room B

9:00 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.

InterTribal Buffalo Council: Projects and Updates for 2023

Presenter: Joanna Studt, Project Director

InterTribal Buffalo Council

9:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

Cleo Internship Experience

Presenter: Trenton Chalmers

United Tribes Technical College

10:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.

Snapshot USA: Nationwide Mammal Survey

Presenter: Olivia Cosby, Research Ecologist

Aaniih Nakoda College

BREAK: 10:30 am – 11:00 am

Sponsored by South Dakota Game, Fish & Parks

11:00 a.m. – 12:00 a.m.

Partnership with NRCS for Habitat and Environment

Presenter: Darrel DuVall, State outreach Coordinator/ Tribal Liaison

USDA's Natural Resources Conservation Service

LUNCH BREAK: 12:00 pm – 1:00 pm

PRESENTATIONS

Moderator: Shailyn Wiechman

Location: Pine Crest Room B

1:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.

The Great Plains Bumble Bee Atlas- Purpose, Goals, and Preliminary Data

*Presenter: Daniel Kim, Grassland Bird, and Prairie Pollinator Biologist
United States Fish and Wildlife Service*

1:30 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Returning Buffalo to the Land, Lives, and Economy of Native People

*Presenter: Trudy Ecoffey, Executive Director
Tanka Fund*

2:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.

USFWS Conservation Library through NAFWS Membership

*Presenter: Sean Cross
Fish & Wildlife Biologist, NAFWS*

2:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Lakota Parfleche and Geospatial Mapping: Traditional Paradigms

*Elisha Yellow Thunder, Project Manager
Oglala Lakota, Lakota Atlas*

BREAK: 3:00 pm - 3:30 pm

Sponsored by Mandan, Hidatsa and Arikara Nation Game, Fish & Parks

Moderator: Ashley Mueller

Location: Pine Crest Room B

3:30 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

A Review of the Missouri River Reservoir Walleye Fisheries in South Dakota

*Presenter: Mark Fincel, Fisheries Supervisor
South Dakota Department of Game, Fish & Parks*

4:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Buffalo Nations Grasslands Alliance Update

*Presenter: Emily Boyd-Valandra, Wildlife Biologist
Sicangu Lakota (Rosebud Sioux Tribe)*

Moderator: Sean Cross

Location: Pine Crest Room B

4:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Mycoplasma pneumonia (M.ovi.) in the Badlands

*Presenter: Michael Thompson, Wildlife Biologist
Oglala Sioux*

5:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.

Roundtable Discussion: Politics Involved with Managing Wildlife

Moderator: Jeff Kelly, NAFWS Great Plains Regional Director

Banquet

7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

Location: Pine Crest

Room C

Banquet

Retire the Colors

Master of Ceremony: Jeff Kelly & Charles Wilkinson

Award Announcements:

Regional Awards:

Biologist of the Year

Conservation Officer of the Year

Shoot Competition

Silent Auction and Raffle

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