



# Native American Fish & Wildlife Society Great Plains Regional Conference

April 5–6, 2023

Deadwood Lodge – Deadwood, SD

## 2023 Great Plains Regional Conference Agenda

### Tuesday, April 4, 2023

7:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Location: Deadwood  
Grill

**Great Plains Fish & Wildlife Commission Meeting**

*Directors of Great Plains Tribes*

### Wednesday, April 5, 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, April 6, 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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