



AGENDA

Midwest Grassland Summit

Tuesday, August 27 – Thursday, August 29, 2024

8:00 am – 4:30 pm Central Time

Greater Des Moines Botanical Garden

909 Robert D. Ray Drive

Des Moines, IA

Summit Goals:

- Shape a unified vision for native and surrogate tallgrass habitats across the Midwest that focuses on collective impact of all partners and organizations.
- Build an active coalition of people invested in increasing grasslands on the landscape.
- Identify collaborative actions (policy, funding, management, etc.) to pursue as next steps moving forward to realize the vision of this effort.

Mobile Polling:

- Throughout the summit we will use mobile polling via the application Mentimeter to capture participant feedback.
- Please use the QR code here to access mobile polling opportunities during the summit, or navigate to this address: <https://www.menti.com/alvoh33qj4ea>
- The initial access code for the summit event is: **1449 4555**



Specific time allocations may change based on discussion dynamics and evolving user group needs.

Day One: Tuesday, August 27

Time	Agenda Item	Presenters
08:00am – 09:00am	<i>Registration & Breakfast</i>	
09:00am – 09:15am	Welcome, Agenda Review, Ground Rules	Jason Gershowitz, Kearns & West
09:15am – 09:30am	Opening Remarks	Pete Hildreth, Iowa DNR Will Meeks, USFWS
09:30am – 10:00am	Day 1 Kickoff Plenary	Nathan Anderson, Bobolink Prairie Farms
10:00am - 10:30am	<i>Break</i>	
10:30am – 11:30am	Initial Interests Identification Exercise <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Polling Activity • Small Group Discussion 	Jason Gershowitz, Kearns & West Summit Participants
11:30am – 12:30pm	<i>Lunch Break: Sponsored by ConocoPhillips, Ducks Unlimited, Pheasants Forever, and National Audubon Society</i>	
12:30pm – 01:00pm	Panel Discussion 1: Tribal Nations Perspectives	Gabriel Miller, Prairie Island Indian Community Shaun Grassel, Buffalo Nations Grasslands Alliance
01:00pm – 01:30pm	Panel Discussion 2: Private Landowner Perspectives	Grace Yi, Practical Farmers of Iowa Dave Haubein, Partnerscapes Jim Faulstich, Landowners
01:30pm – 02:00pm	Panel Discussion 3: State and Federal Agencies Perspectives	Todd Bishop, Iowa Department of Natural Resources Sergio Pierluissi, US Fish & Wildlife Service Jeff Matthias, Natural Resources Conservation Service
02:00pm – 02:30pm	Panel Discussion 4: Non-Governmental Organizations Perspectives	Brent Rudolph, Pheasants Forever Ellen Herbert, Ducks Unlimited Christopher Wilson, National Audubon Society
02:30pm – 03:00pm	<i>Break</i>	

Time	Agenda Item	Presenters
03:00pm – 04:15pm	Initial Interests Identification Exercise & Facilitated Discussion	Jason Gershowitz, Kearns & West Summit Participants
04:15pm – 04:30pm	Closing Reflections	Jason Gershowitz, Kearns & West
04:30pm	<i>Adjourn</i>	
05:30pm – 08:30 pm	Grasslands Summit Social – Sponsored by ConocoPhillips, Ducks Unlimited, Pheasants Forever, and National Audubon Society 215 E 3rd St Ste 100, Des Moines, IA 50309	

Day Two: Wednesday, August 28

Time	Agenda Item	Presenters
08:00am – 09:00am	<i>Breakfast</i>	
09:00am – 09:15am	Welcome, Agenda Review, Ground Rules Opening Remarks	Jason Gershowitz, Kearns & West
09:15am- 09:45am	Day 2 Kickoff Plenary	Abigail Derby Lewis, Field Museum
09:45am – 10:00am	Introduction to the Day 2 Breakout Group Sessions	Jason Gershowitz, Kearns & West
10:00am – 10:30am	<i>Break</i>	
10:30am – 11:30am	Community Breakouts: What is your community doing? What is it achieving? What gaps or challenges are ahead?	Summit Participants
11:30am – 12:30pm	<i>Lunch Break: Sponsored by ConocoPhillips, Ducks Unlimited, Pheasants Forever, and National Audubon Society</i>	
12:30pm – 01:30pm	Community Breakouts Continued: Preparing to Report Out	Jason Gershowitz, Kearns & West
01:30pm – 02:45pm	Plenary Discussion Breakout Reports & Facilitated Discussion	Jason Gershowitz, Kearns & West Representatives from Breakout Tracks
02:45pm – 03:00pm	<i>Break</i>	
03:00pm – 03:30pm	Plenary Discussion Identifying Cross-cutting Themes	Jason Gershowitz, Kearns & West
03:30pm – 04:30pm	Grasslands Visioning: Collective Mural Drawing	Summit Participants
04:30pm	<i>Adjourn</i>	

Day Three: Thursday, August 29

Time	Agenda Item	Presenters
08:00am – 09:00am	<i>Breakfast</i>	
09:00am – 09:15am	Welcome, Agenda Review, Ground Rules	Jason Gershowitz, Kearns & West
09:15am – 09:45am	Day 3 Kickoff Plenary	Randall D. Jackson, University of Wisconsin-Madison
09:45am – 10:00am	Introduction to the Day 3 Breakout Group Sessions	Jason Gershowitz, Kearns & West
10:00am – 10:30am	<i>Break</i>	
10:30am – 11:30am	Cross-cutting Breakouts: Searching for Solutions	Jason Gershowitz, Kearns & West
11:30am – 12:30pm	<i>Lunch Break: Sponsored by ConocoPhillips, Ducks Unlimited, Pheasants Forever, and National Audubon Society</i>	
12:30pm – 2:30pm	Cross-cutting Breakouts Continued: Workshopping Solutions	Jason Gershowitz, Kearns & West Representatives from Breakout Tracks
02:30pm – 03:00pm	<i>Break</i>	
03:00pm – 04:15pm	Plenary Discussion Cross-cutting Breakout Reports & Facilitated Discussion	Jason Gershowitz, Kearns & West Representatives from Breakout Tracks
04:15pm – 04:30pm	Closing Statements and Thank You	Summit Planning Team
04:30pm	<i>Adjourn</i>	