



Recommended Monitoring Protocols for Targeted Grazing Projects - July 29, 2021



Antelope Creek Ranch, Brooks, Alberta - 8:30 -16:30

Antelope Creek Ranch is located west of Brooks on Cassils Road. It is a working cattle ranch managed cooperatively in partnership with Alberta Fish and Game Association, Ducks Unlimited, Wildlife Habitat Canada and Alberta Environment and Parks for conservation research in a multiple use landscape.

Targeted or prescriptive grazing can be defined as the use of a specified kind of livestock at a determined season, duration and intensity to accomplish defined vegetation and landscape goals. A relatively new but increasingly popular tool in western Canada, it has applications in managing invasive species, grass and broadleaf vegetation competition in forest regeneration, fine fuels and fire risk, wildlife habitat, and other conservation issues. Easily accessible information to guide the successful implementation of targeted grazing projects in western Canadian grassland and forested ecosystems is limited.



The Grassland Restoration Forum has partnered with Antelope Creek Ranch and the Kainai Nation to help address this gap in knowledge and training. This field-based training workshop will assist land managers to successfully monitor targeted grazing projects using a standardized protocol designed to provide data that illustrates the efficacy of grazing prescriptions over time, enabling success by providing feedback and identifying any points of prescription adjustment.

Target Audience Public land grazing lease holders, grazing co-ops, agrologists, Ag Fieldmen, First Nations, landowners, invasive species councils, land restoration practitioners, conservation organizations, consultants, planners, and targeted grazing contractors.

Workshop Objectives

- ❖ Introduction to targeted grazing: what it is, how is it managed, how well it works in western Canada.
- ❖ Overview of recommended monitoring protocols.
- ❖ Incorporating traditional ecological knowledge.
- ❖ Hands on, field-based training in monitoring an ongoing targeted grazing project.

Registration: \$250.00 per person. Numbers will be limited to 20 participants to reflect Covid-safe outdoor group sizes. Please bring your own lunch. Lunch will not be provided. Register on the GRF website, www.grasslandrestorationforum.ca. While you're there, check out the document, "**Recommended Monitoring Protocols for Targeted Grazing Projects**" found on the News and Events page.

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