



Great Plains Cooperative Ecosystem Studies Unit

Annual Meeting - Thursday January 18, 2024 - 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM

Microsoft Teams Meeting
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- 10:00-10:20 Paul Hanson, GP CESU Director, Welcome and Updates from the GP CESU in 2023
- 10:20-10:30 Brandon Gerig, NPS and GP CESU Research Coordinator, Overview of the NPS Midwest Region

2023 Graduate Student Award

- 10:30-10:35 Introduction of GP CESU Grad Student Awardee - Lusha Tronstad, PhD, Lead Invertebrate Zoologist, Wyoming Natural Diversity Database, University of Wyoming
- 10:35-10:50 GP CESU Grad Student Awardee – Michele Weschler, Assistant Invertebrate Zoologist, Wyoming Natural Diversity Database, University of Wyoming. *Wind energy and Insects: reviewing the state of knowledge and identifying potential interactions.*

Updates from GP CESU Federal Partners

- 10:50-11:00 Tom Fish, CESU Director, National Park Service
- 11:00-11:10 Nancy Finley, Associate Regional Director Natural Resource Stewardship and Science, National Park Service
- 11:10-11:20 Neil Dominy, Assistant State Conservationist, USDA/NRCS,
- 11:20-11:30 Department of Defense/USACE - Zach Rigg, Natural Resource Manager
- 11:30-11:45 Break

Leveraging the CESU for Cooperative Research to Meet Natural and Cultural Resource Needs

- 11:45-12:05 Jesse Bolli – Resource Management Specialist, Homestead National Historic Park, *The CESU Network and Cultural and Natural Resource Management*
- 12:05-12:25 Nancy Barth—Hydrologist, Wyoming and Montana Science Center, United States Geological Survey, *Training the Next Generation of Hydrologists Through the CESU Network*
- 12:25-12:45 George Limpert, Atmospheric Scientist, School of Natural Resources, U of Nebraska-Lincoln, *Potential Use of Radar in Natural Resource Management on the Great Plains*
- 12:45-1:05 Dan Uden, Assistant Professor, School of Natural Resources, U of Nebraska-Lincoln, *Mapping Woody Encroachment in Great Plains Grasslands*
- 1:05-1:25 Wrap Ups & Dismissal - Paul Hanson, GP CESU Director

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