

Utah Low-Tech Wet Meadow Restoration: Virtual Workshop



Date: May 24, 2023

Time: 9:30 AM – 12:00 PM, 1:00 PM – 3:00 PM (MST); 1-hr lunch break

Hosts:

Moderator: Eric Thacker

Facilitators: Mandi Hirsch, Hannah Nikonow & Megan McGrath

Agenda

Topic	Presentation	Start Time	Presenters
<i>Module 1:</i> Background & Purpose	Welcome and Introductions	9:30	Eric Thacker, Megan McGrath
	What is low-tech restoration?	9:35	Jeremy Maestas
	Context of wet meadow restoration in Utah	9:50	Jim Spencer & Clint Wirick
<i>Module 2:</i> Inventory	Reading the landscape to recognize opportunities	10:05	Shawn Conner & Jeremy Maestas
	Module 1 & 2 - Q&A	10:40	Moderator: Eric Thacker Panel: Shawn Conner, Jeremy Maestas & Clint Wirick
	Break	10:55	
<i>Module 3:</i> Techniques	Low-tech structures for wet meadow preservation and restoration	11:10	Shawn Conner & Jeremy Maestas
	LUNCH	12:00	
	Module 3 - Q&A	1:00	Moderator: Eric Thacker Panel: Shawn Conner & Jeremy Maestas

<i>Module 4: Planning, Implementation & Monitoring</i>	Where should we work?: Goals, objectives, prioritization, and site selection	1:10	Shawn Conner & Jeremy Maestas
	Project Implementation: Design, layout, and construction	1:30	Shawn Conner
	Utah project planning experiences: Panel Discussion	1:45	Moderator: Eric Thacker Speakers: T.J. Cook / Jim Spencer, Clint Wirick / Stan Gurley, Dan Fletcher / Dana Truman
	Module 4 - Q & A	2:05	Moderator: Eric Thacker Panel: Shawn Conner, Jeremy Maestas, Clint Wirick, T.J. Cook, Jim Spencer, Dan Fletcher, Stan Gurley
	Break	2:15	
	Monitoring and Maintenance	2:25	Shawn Conner & Jeremy Maestas
	Wrap-up and Q&A	2:45	Moderator: Eric Thacker Panel: All speakers
	Workshop Adjourns	3:00	

Instructors and Hosts

Shawn Conner, Restoration Specialist, BIO-Logic, Inc. - Montrose, CO
Jeremy Maestas, Ecologist, USDA-NRCS West National Technology Support Center - Bend, OR
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