

Wetlands Working Group

November, 2020; 10 am – 12 pm

Google Hangouts Meet

Start Recording

10:00 Welcome (display welcome slide and ask people to type in their first and last names if not displayed already; briefly introduce wetlands working group, Election Day quip)

Speakers

1. Jeremy Maestas, Ecologist, NRCS out of the West National Technology Support Center, Bend, OR
Jeremy has a B.S. and M.S. in Wildlife Biology from Colorado State University and has focused much of his career on developing approaches to conserve and restore habitat in sagebrush ecosystems in the West. His talk is:

Water is Life: Restoring riparian and wet meadow resiliency in sagebrush country to benefit wildlife and working lands

2. Rae Robinson is currently a master's student under Dr. Karin Kettenring at Utah State University. Her current research focuses on strategies for enhancing seed-based restoration around Great Salt Lake wetlands.

Revegetation following *Phragmites australis* removal: effects of seed mix composition, sowing density, and seedling survival in Great Salt Lake wetland plant communities,

3. Emily Tarsa started at Utah State University in 2017, where she is currently a PhD student under Dr. Karin Kettenring. She is interested in plant and seed ecology, restoration, and invasive species management. Her talk is entitled:

Modeling restoration outcomes to optimize native plant establishment in wetlands

11:05 Wetland-related announcements from the group and general discussion

- UGS wants to develop some landscape-scale resources to help with planning and assessment related to wetlands. This will likely involve putting together spatial data layers as well as summarizing the data by various boundaries such as watersheds or ecoregions. Is anyone interested in being involved in this project in an advisory role, to help us make sure that the data can be used for a variety of projects?; Finally meeting, next Friday at 10 am; please let me know if you are interested in joining the discussion
- Wetland plant application

11:20 Discuss dates and possible topics for next meeting

- March or April; any conflicts that I should be aware of
- Potential topics or speaker ideas