

# Extension Ain't Your Grandpa's Program Anymore<sup>1</sup>

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**Abstract:** Extension education can serve an important role in bringing multiple groups together to share ideas from concepts being taught, research results and industry applications. Dr. Abbey Wick will talk about creative Extension programming using a network approach that can be applied to reclamation. She will talk about how she got to a career in Extension, partnerships that have helped develop programs and some of the successes and failures experienced. This is part of a comprehensive session exploring partnerships amongst the various careers in reclamation will include four individual presentations addressing efforts in teaching (Dr. Terry Toy, University of Denver, retired), research (Dr. Lee Daniels, Virginia Tech), mining industry (Sarah Flath, North American Coal Corporation), consulting industry (Dr. Brenda Schladweiler, BKS Environmental) and Extension education (Dr. Abbey Wick, North Dakota State University). The individual presentations will be followed by a discussion group facilitated by Wick to answer questions, tell stories from the trenches, and help custom tailor information to guide developing careers or revamp careers looking for new opportunities.

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