



Wyoming Sagebrush Restoration Summit

Lander, Wyoming

April 23 – 24, 2025

CALL FOR PROPOSALS

SUBMISSIONS DUE NOVEMBER 3, 2024

The Nature Conservancy, in partnership with the U.S. Bureau of Land Management, invites proposals for presentations and discussion sessions for the Wyoming Sagebrush Restoration Summit. The 2025 meeting focuses on Wyoming upland sagebrush habitat, and will be an in-person event at the Lander Community and Convention Center.

- **Share your expertise.** This meeting will bring together reclamation and restoration practitioners and rangeland habitat managers from diverse sectors, including the resource extraction industry, commercial seed growing industry, governmental agencies, academic research, and non-governmental organizations.
- **Connect.** Meet with others who are knowledgeable and passionate about discussing big picture issues and ideas, as well as specific tools, techniques, and lessons learned for Wyoming upland sagebrush habitat restoration.

Themes: Submissions related to the following themes are encouraged. The 2025 meeting is focused on upland sagebrush habitat restoration; please do not submit proposals on mesic or riparian restoration.

- Restoration of upland sagebrush habitat after surface disturbance, for example:
 - Lessons learned about current reclamation practices in Wyoming locales
 - Post-fire restoration
 - Bottlenecks and challenges
- Native seeds and seed supply for restoration projects, for example:
 - Addressing the native seed shortfall

- Challenges faced by seed producers and end users
- Consolidating and clarifying demand for native seed
- Managing and restoring areas invaded by annual grasses, for example:
 - Managing invasive grasses after fire, or in reclamation projects
 - Planning and prioritizing actions
 - Lessons learned from herbicide treatment outcomes
 - Proactive management to limit spread
- Managing and restoring areas experiencing conifer encroachment, for example:
 - Planning and prioritizing areas for treatment
 - Lessons learned from conifer reduction treatments, including treatment options and outcomes

We also encourage this summit be used as a chance to identify knowledge gaps, raise questions that need answering, and stimulate discussion on related topics. For example: What is needed to keep pace with the future demand for sagebrush restoration in Wyoming?

Presentation Format Options:

- Full-length discussion – 60-minute session. This does not need to be a traditional panel discussion, we encourage ideas and formats that will engage attendees to participate.
- Concise discussion – 30-minute session. This does not need to be a traditional panel discussion, we encourage ideas and formats that will engage attendees to participate.
- Full-length talk – 15-minute timeslot. Full-length talks are ideal for sharing bigger-picture ideas, synthesizing across multiple projects and sites, or other longer messages.
- Lightning talk - 5-minute timeslot. Lightning talks are ideal for sharing experiences at one site, one project, new and in-progress work, or other quick messages. These do not need to be formal (powerpoint-type) presentations.

The organizers do not guarantee that your first choice of format will be available. Depending on the number of submissions, we will make decisions about number and length of presentations and discussion sessions.

Deadline: All proposals must be submitted via the online form by midnight U.S. Mountain Standard Time on November 3, 2024:

<https://tinyurl.com/2025-Sagebrush>



Evaluation Criteria:

- Clear relevance to the field of restoration and its ecological, economic, or cultural dimensions
- Applicability for restoration professionals working in Wyoming on upland sagebrush habitat
- Submission of a complete and compelling proposal

Notification of Acceptance: Notifications of acceptance will be sent via email by December 7, 2024.

Registration: Summit registration is a separate process and will open in January 2025. TNC and the BLM are pleased to offer this conference free of charge. Registration is required for planning purposes. [Click here to subscribe for updates.](#)

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