

Workshop: How to Use the Range Plant Community Guides and Recovery Strategies Guides for Project and Reclamation Planning in Grasslands

The Foothills Restoration Forum is pleased to present an opportunity to attend a Pre-Conference Workshop in conjunction with the Canadian Land Reclamation Association (CLRA) Annual Conference at the Sheraton Hotel and Conference Centre in Red Deer, Alberta February 28th – March 2nd, 2018. The FRF Workshop will be held in the afternoon of February 28th.

Target Audience

Designed for students, agrologists, ecologists, land owners, regulators, planners, reclamation practitioners and anyone interested in learning more about native grassland ecosystems.

This course will provide valuable context to interpret the results of data collected in the upcoming AEP Conservation Assessments – Strategic Siting and Pre-disturbance Site Assessments for Industrial Activities on Native Grasslands.

Learning Objectives

- ❖ Gain a basic understanding of the ecosystem classification concepts for the Grassland and Parkland Range Plant Community Guides.
- ❖ Learn how to navigate through the guides to link site conditions, soils and determine plant communities. Participants will practice on data sets for each of the two classification systems.
- ❖ Overview of disturbance risk assessments and strategic siting for grassland plant communities
- ❖ Work through development of appropriate mitigation and restoration strategies, linked to types of disturbance, for each plant community discussed.

Location

The workshop will take place on Wednesday, February 28, 2018 from 1:00 - 4:00 pm at the Sheraton Hotel and Conference Centre in Red Deer.

Registration

Registrations for both the main conference and the workshop (separately) are handled directly through the CLRA website at: <https://www.clra.ca/events/>

Course Materials

Attendees will need a copy of the "Recovery Strategies for Industrial Development in Native Grassland for the Foothills Fescue, Foothills Parkland and Montane Natural Subregions". You can either print your own (download from the Foothills Restoration Forum website) or it is available for purchase in hard copy (at a subsidized cost of \$40) from the Foothills Restoration Forum website (<https://foothillsrestorationforum.ca/recovery-strategies/>) or at the course (contact corpirate@shaw.ca).

Attendees are also welcome to print or purchase the Range Plant Community Guides (\$25 each) which will be used for the workshop (for the Dry Mixedgrass, and Foothills Parkland NSRs); however, FRF will provide loaner copies for sharing which must be returned at the end of the workshop. These can be accessed through the ***Alberta Environment and Parks website*** or the ***FRF website*** as well. Handouts for key information and exercises will be provided.



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