

Transboundary Grasslands Partnership

2026 Workshop Agenda

Roots and Renewal: Transferring Knowledge for the Future of Grasslands
Cypress Hills, Saskatchewan

Day 1 – Tuesday, October 20

Field Tour (Optional)	
9:00 AM - 4:00 PM	9:00 AM – meet at the Cypress Hills Community Center Parking Lot Field Tour of Cypress Hills West Block and Nekaneet First Nation • Bag lunch Provided • Please dress for the weather and wear sturdy footwear Cypress Hills West Block: Home to rare fescue grasslands and the province's only naturally occurring lodgepole pine forest. Proper management of this sensitive landscape comes with its challenges and for more than 100 years, a group of local ranchers, known as the Cypress Hills Stockmen's Association, have worked with the Cypress Hills Interprovincial Park to maintain and enhance ecosystem health and biodiversity. You will see how well-managed grazing can be an important part of grassland conservation, and how ranchers and land managers are working together to care for this unique landscape. Nekaneet First Nation: You will tour Nekaneet First Nation to learn about the Nation's approach to land stewardship, including traditional knowledge, sustainable land-management practices, and their relationship with the land.
4:00 - 5:00 PM	Travel Cypress Hills Community Center

Workshop – Cypress Hills Community Center	
4:00 - 5:00 PM	Registration
5:00 - 5:15 PM	Welcome Message Presented by: Mindy Hockley-Anderson, TGP Chair Land Acknowledgement by: Dale Mosquito
5:15 - 6:15 PM	Catered Dinner
6:15 - 7:00 PM	Keynote Presentation: Dark Sky Preserve Presented by: Kelly Broder, Cypress Hills Interpretive Center Photography by: Craig Hilts, Prairie Fire Photography



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Day 2 – Wednesday, October 21

Workshop – Cypress Hills Community Center	
8:00 - 8:30 PM	Coffee/Refreshments
8:30 - 9:00 AM	Jurisdictional Updates
9:00 - 9:45 AM	Generational Knowledge Transfer Prairie Pastures Management Network – Kelly Williamson, SODCAP Youth Range Days – Tracy Kupchenko
9:45 - 10:15 AM	Networking Break; Coffee/Refreshments
10:15 - 11:00 AM	Succession Planning Presentation Corey Henderson, Farm Credit Canada
11:00 - 12:00 PM	Producer Panel: Women in Ranching Tara Mulhern-Davidson Erin McKnight Taylor Kleinknecht Dionne Abrahamson
12:00 - 1:00 PM	Catered Lunch
1:00 - 1:30 PM	Traditional Knowledge Transfer Dale Mosquito, Nekaneet First Nation Travis Spyglass, Mosquito Grizzly Bear's Head Lean Man First Nation
1:30 - 2:30 PM	Tools for Grassland Conservation in Ranching New Educational Tools – Mickenzie Plemel, Canadian Forage and Grazing Association Virtual Fencing as a Grazing Management Tool – Jodie Horvath, Ducks Unlimited
2:30 - 3:00 PM	Networking Break
3:00 - 4:30 PM	Tools for Grassland Conservation in Ranching (continued) Downy Brome: a problem weed on Saskatchewan pastures Trevor Lennox, Government of Saskatchewan Sheep Grazing - Tyler Hammerstedt, Southwest Sheep Grazing Co-op Burrowing Owl & Loggerhead Shrike Census Results – Rebecca Magnus, Nature Saskatchewan

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