



## ***Grasslands: Basic Ecology and Restoration Challenges*** ***Agenda for Field Tour – Monday, September 17, 2012***

Please bring appropriate footwear and clothing as we will be in the field all day. We will walk some short distances. Washroom facilities are NOT available until Kenna Cartwright Park but trees and shrubs are. Times are approximate and may vary depending on travel times and discussion.

8:45 am Meet at the Coast Kamloops Hotel and Conference Centre (1250 Rogers Way) and load up buses.

9:00 am Buses leave and travel over to Lac du Bois Grasslands.

9:40am **Stop 1: Lower Grasslands** (Parking at 2.1 km past first cattle guard, road on left)  
to 10:40am Introduction to Grassland Ecology: *Wendy Gardner, TRU (30 min)*

- What makes grasslands unique
- Bottom of the elevational gradient: the hot and dry lower grasslands

Managing Grassland Systems: *Sheryl Wurtz, Range Agrologist with MFLNRO (30 min)*

- Grazing, recreation and others
- Invasive plants

11:00am **Stop 2: Middle Grasslands** (Parking in pull-out by Red Hill)  
to 11:40am Changes along the Elevational Gradient: *Wendy Gardner, TRU (15 min)*

- Moving up in elevation, what changes do we see now

Grassland Restoration and Reclamation: *Wendy Gardner (15 min)*

- Crested wheatgrass seeding
- Red Hill bluebunch wheatgrass planting

12:00 pm **Stop 3: Upper Grasslands** (Parking by NCC Sign)  
to 1:15 pm Changes along the Elevational Gradient: *Wendy Gardner, TRU (20 min)*

- More moisture, more plants

Sourcing Native Plants: *Lauchland Fraser, TRU (20 min)*

- What is local?

**Lunch** (during talks)



1:15pm Travel to Kenna Cartwright Park (Parking in Aberdeen main entrance)

2:00pm **Stop 4: Kenna Cartwright Park**  
to 3:30pm Management of Kenna Cartwright Park: *Kelly Johnston, City of Kamloops (30 min)*

- Background on the Park and on current management goals
- Recreation, subdivisions, goats and pipelines
- Knapweed and Bluebunch

Grassland Restoration of a Pipeline Section: *Rachael Jones, Golder Associates Ltd. (20min)*

- Bluebunch and Idaho fescue plugs on an exposed slope

Grassland Restoration and Research: *Kathy Baeke, TRU Graduate Student (10 min)*

- Native species and topsoil piles:

Time for discussion and to for people to walk around

3:40pm Meet in parking lot at Kenna and travel back to Coast Kamloops Hotel and Conference Centre