Fall Information Session - Restoration and Ranching Solutions
November 19, 2026
Claresholm Community Centre 5920-8 St W, Claresholm, AB
Agenda

8:00-8:30 AM – Check-in and Registration

8:30-8:35 AM – Welcome & Opening Remarks - Jane Lancaster, GRF Coordinator

8:35-9:35 – Pesticide Application by Drone: New Regulations - Andrea Sawatzky, Government of Canada

9:35-10:05 – Drone Pesticide Application Technology - SkyView Drones

10:05-10:30 - Mini Updates:

- Oldman Watershed Council
- Dr. Hali Heavy Shield (also known by her Blackfoot name Nato'yi'kina'soyi)
- Nathan Gill (EcoLogic Horticulture)
- Brandy Fisher (Grumpy's Native Plants)
- Morgan Webb (Seed Check Technologies)
- Kayla Giles (Foothills Forage and Grazing Association)

10:30 to 10:50 AM - Coffee/Networking Break - 20 minutes

10:50-11:25 – Virtual Cattle Collars - John Smith, Plateau Cattle Company 30 mins

11:25-12:10 - Prairie Restoration in Fish Creek Park - Emma Stroud, Friends of Fish Creek Provincial Park Society

12:10 PM to 1:10 PM - Catered Lunch - 1 hour

1:10- 1:30 - Targeting Grazing on Woody Encroachment - Ryan and Kelly Cartwright, GrazinGoats

1:30-2:20 Rosebud River Bat Survey - Susan Holroyd, Alberta Community Bat Program

2:20-2:45 - Solutions for Beaver Flooding in Grassland Ecosystems - Kirby England, You Betula

2:45-2:55 - Mini Updates:

- Shayna Jones (MD of Ranchland)
- Dr. Adriana Morrell (Lethbridge Polytechnic)
- Kaitlin Mercier (PNSC)

2:55-3:15 - *Coffee/Networking Break - 20 minutes*

3:15-3:35 – Best management practices for ranchers supporting native bee populations - Sydney Worthy, AB Native Bee Council

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3:35- 4:05 - Weeds on Wellsites and Updates to the Weed Regulation - Joshua Melzer & Gayah Sieusahai, GoA Agriculture and Irrigation

4:05 - 4:10 - Closing Remarks and Adjournment

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