

Restoration for the Future: Promoting resilience in our rivers and communities  
RiversEdge West's 2024 Riparian Restoration Conference  
March 5 -7, 2024  
Draft Agenda

Tuesday, March 5, 2024

Keynote, Climate Change Plenary and Panel, Watershed Scale Restoration, Poster Session and Happy Hour

9:00 -10:00 AM	Check-in and Networking with refreshments
10:00 – 10:20 AM	Welcome- Rusty Lloyd, Executive Director, RiversEdge West
10:20 – 11:00 AM	Keynote - Anna Sher, Ph.D., Professor of Biology, University of Denver
11:00 am - 12:00 pm	Session: Restoration in the Age of Climate Change
12:00 - 1:30 pm	Lunch
1:30 - 3:00 pm	Session: Climate Change, Adaptation, and Resilience
3:00 - 3:30 pm	Break
3:30 - 5:00 pm	Session: Watershed Scale Restoration
5:00 - 7:00 pm	Poster Session and Happy Hour

Wednesday, March 6, 2024

Concurrent Sessions, Evening Social

8:00 - 8:30 am	Check-in and light breakfast
8:30 - 10:00 am	Concurrent Sessions: River Restoration Monitoring; Plant Response and Revegetation
10:00 - 10:30 am	Break
10:30 am - 12:00 pm	Concurrent Sessions: Scaling Capacity and Funding; Southwestern Willow Flycatcher, Yellow-billed Cuckoo, and Tamarisk Beetle
12:00 - 1:00 pm	Lunch
1:00 - 3:00 pm	Concurrent Sessions: Diverse Stakeholder Engagement; Process-based Restoration
3:00 - 3:30 pm	Break
3:30 - 5:00 pm	Session: Looking to the Future
5:00 - 5:15 pm	Closing - Rusty Lloyd, Executive Director, RiversEdge West
5:15 pm	Evening Social

Thursday, March 7, 2024

Field Trips and Workshops (see full descriptions below)

8:00 - 8:30 am	Check-in and light breakfast
8:30 - 11:30 am	Field Trips and Workshops: Palisade Insectary Tour Just Trust Me: Exploring and Understanding the Role of Trust in Collaborative Efforts Integrated Woody Invasive Management Strategies
11:30 - 11:45 am	Closing

Field Trip and Workshop Descriptions  
Thursday, March 7, 2024  
8:30-11:30 am

Palisade Insectary Tour

Dan Bean, Colorado Department of Agriculture

The Palisade Insectary has long been a promoter of the use of biological control in weed and insect pest management and is home to about 20 different species of biological control agents. Join us for a closer look at these insects and their unique rearing processes, as well as general information on past and future efforts by the Colorado Department of Agriculture's Biological Pest Control Program.

Just Trust Me: Exploring and Understanding the Role of Trust in Collaborative Efforts

Shawn Johnson, Director of the Center for Natural Resources and Environmental Policy at the University of Montana and chair of the University's graduate certificate program in Natural Resources Conflict Resolution

Aireona Raschke, Associate Director of Practice for the Center for Collaborative Conservation at the Warner College of Natural Resources CSU

Shannon Wadas, Associate Director, RiversEdge West

Restoration on any scale can be a daunting endeavor and one that is often more manageable and successful with a collaborative approach. Because collaborative efforts are largely supplemental to existing organizations, institutions, and structures, they rely on effective relationships rather than formal or hierarchical power to function. These relationships take many forms – interpersonal, interagency, cross-cultural – and include relationships to place and to process. Regardless of the type of relationship, it requires a certain amount of trust in order to unlock the promise of that relationship – whether that's greater knowledge and understanding, access to more capacity and resources, accountability to a process, or an abiding connection to place.

We will dive into why trust matters and then explore approaches, tools, and skills for building, restoring, and communicating about the state of trust among partners. We will spend some time on peer-to-peer learning through the sharing of experiences and discuss how we have navigated the ups and downs of trust among our partnerships, coalescing the theoretical with the practical to provide some tangible skills and resources around engaging and sustaining your collaboratives.

## Integrated Woody Invasive Management Strategies: Perspectives from On-the-Ground Experiences

This panel-style workshop is designed to present practical information from project managers' experiences using a variety of methods to treat tamarisk and Russian olive. Topics include prescribed fire, tamarisk beetles, and herbicide selection, timing, and application methods. This panel is aimed at restoration practitioners, land managers, and anyone who is interested in learning current tamarisk and Russian olive treatment approaches, success rates, and lessons learned.

Moderated by: John Leary, Restoration Coordinator, RiversEdge West

Herbicide selection, timing, and application method.

Panelist TBD

Large scale tamarisk treatment and mastication.

Duncan Fuchise

Southeast Area WUI Specialist, Utah Department of Natural Resources, Division of Forestry, Fire & State Lands

Utilizing a combination of prescribed fire and tamarisk beetles for tamarisk management on the Pariette Wetlands, Utah

Jordan Macmahon

Wildlife Biologist, BLM Vernal Field Office

Pariette Wetlands is a complex system consisting of ~2,200 acres of riparian and wetland habitat and 22 ponds. It was constructed in 1973 and consists of a series of dams, canals, diversions, and various water control structures. An oasis in the desert, the wetland habitat has been invaded heavily by Russian olive and tamarisk. Along with improving water control structures and engineering ways to efficiently use water, we have made efforts to control Russian olive and tamarisk through various methods including the tamarisk beetle, herbicide lances, frill cutting, mechanical removal, systematic drying of certain areas, and prescribed burning.