

**2019 PNW SRM Summer Meeting, Cache Creek, BC, June 25-27**

**Rangelands and Wildfire: Responding to issues arising from the 2017 and 2018 wildfire seasons in the Cariboo-Chilcotin**

The PNW Section Summer Meeting and Symposium will be held June 25 to 27, 2019 in Cache Creek, British Columbia, a town located at a historic transportation junction with its roots dating back to the Gold Rush days. Cache Creek is located about 1-hour west of Kamloops and was impacted by the 2017 Elephant Hill wildfire which burned 191,865 ha and resulted in the evacuation of the entire town. The tour will include stops and discussion on multiple topics including: 1) trees versus grass – how to address this debate post fire, 2) burn severity maps – calibration of these maps and their role in post-fire planning (forestry, grazing, seeding etc.), 3) hydrology – issues relating to soil erosion, water quality and reclamation, and 4) grazing post fire – the challenges regarding animals returning to the range.

**Collaborative Approaches to Managing a Fire Recovery Landscape**

Activity	Lead/Host, Speaker(s)	Location	Time
<b>Day 1 Tuesday June 25</b>			
Board of Directors Meeting	Wendy Gardner	<a href="#">Bear's Claw Lodge</a> - Mezzanine	2-4:30 p.m.
Registration/Evening Social		<a href="#">Bear's Claw Lodge</a>	4:30 – 9:00 pm
<b>Day 2 Wednesday June 26</b>			
Registration Breakfast on your own/Provided “continental”		<a href="#">Bear's Claw Lodge</a> - Mezzanine	7:00 a.m.
Bus Tour 8:00 am to 4:30 pm. Group discussions		Bear's Claw Lodge	8 a.m.
Stop 1 - <b>Wildfire impacts on grass:</b> What have been the impacts of wild fires and what are the best management practices to maintain forage production?	Andrew Volo/ Haley Manke	Boston Flats Pasture	8:30 a.m.
Stop 2 - <b>Post Wildfire Invasive Plant Prevention and Control:</b> What are some best practices to prevent the introduction and provide control of invasive plants within burned areas?	Francis Njenga/ FLNRORD Mike Dedels TNRD	Elephant Hill Fire Fireguard location TBD	9:30 a.m.

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Stop 3 - <b>Semlin Crested Wheatgrass Seeding</b> : What can we still learn from the seeding of crested wheatgrass on the site seed by Alf Bawtree so many years ago?	Greg Tegart/Bob France	Semlin Pasture	10:30 a.m.
Lunch – Stop 3/Stop 4 or nice place in between	Provided		12:00 - 1:00 p.m.
Stop 4 - <b>Trees vs Grass</b> : What is the research on wildfire in dry ecosystem types telling us about where to plant trees?	Tim Ross/ Brian Wallace	Dry site within Elephant Hill fire	1:00 p.m.
Stop 5 - <b>First Nations impacts/Mushroom Harvest</b> : What are the First Nations uses, impacts of fire, and response by First Nations on the grasslands and forests in their territory?	David Borth Rachael Pollard	Sketchstn or Bonaparte location	2:00 p.m.
Stop 6 - <b>Rancher Impacts</b> : What were the immediate impacts and what have been the longer term wildfire impacts on ranching operations and use of the range?	David Borth/ Local Rancher	Sketchstn or Bonaparte location	3:00 p.m.
Return to Bear's Claw Lodge			4:00 p.m.
Happy Hour	No-host Bar	Bear's Claw Lodge	5:00 p.m.
Mayoral/First Nation Greeting/Banquet, Silent Auction, Alf Bawtree Recognition/Past Member Tribute			6:00 p.m.
Evening Presentation – High School Youth			
Music (and Campfire weather permitting)	Dinwoodie/Ross		8:00 p.m.

### Day 3 Thursday June 27

Breakfast - On your own Bear's Claw or other

Morning Speakers Forum – Bringing together traditional knowledge, modern technology, range science, and communities together to facilitate recovery from wildfire

[Cache Creek Community Hall](#) 8:00 a.m.

Presentation 1 Secwepemc Emergency Land Mgt Program

Activity	Lead/Host, Speaker(s)	Location	Time
Presentation 2 Burn Severity Assessment using Drones			
Presentation 3 Post Wildfire Grazing “Readiness” Indicators			
Panel Discussion “Lessons Learned”			11:00 a.m.
End of Meeting - Lunch On your own – Suggest Herbies!			12 Noon

[Register online](#)

Mail in Registration Coming soon

**Motels:**

**Bear’s Claw Lodge** is holding rooms for us at \$79.00 per day (plus taxes at 15%) for a standard room double occupancy (10 rooms blocked until June 16th for Society for Range Management, 16 rooms total).

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- [1492 HWY 97, Cache Creek BC V0K 1H0](#)

**Riverside Motel** (7 rooms confirmed)

- 250-457-9500
- [827 Trans-Canada Highway, Cache Creek, BC. V0K 1H0](#)

**Sandman Inn Cache Creek** (35 rooms, pet-friendly)

- 250-457-6284
- [987 Hwy 1 South Cache Creek, BC V0K 1H0](#)

**Sage Hills Motel** (No rooms blocked, pet friendly)

- 250-457-6451
- [1390 Cariboo Hwy 97, Cache Creek BC V0K 1C0](#)

**Camping:**

**[Brookside Campsite](#)**

- 250-457-6633
- [1621 East Trans-Canada Hwy Cache Creek, BC V0H 1H0](#)

**[Historic Hat Creek](#)**

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- Jackson Rd, Thompson-Nicola BC V0K 1H0

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