

## Day 1 | Restoration across drylands: Introduction and overview of efforts, tools, and modes of thinking about

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### Welcome

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### Introduction to the workshop

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### Global Arid Zone Project: opportunities for evaluating seed-based restoration success

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### RestoreNet: an emerging dryland restoration network to increase revegetation success

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### Insights into the spatiotemporal variability of restoration seeding barriers in the Great Basin

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### Break-out discussion

## **How the timing of environmental stress influences seed and seedling survival in the Great Basin**

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## **Using a precision restoration framework to identify barriers to restoration in complex rangeland landscapes**

Chad S. Boyd<sup>1</sup>, Stella M. Copeland<sup>1</sup>, Owen W. Baughman<sup>3</sup>, Kirk W. Davies<sup>1</sup>, Jay Kerby<sup>3,4</sup>, Olga A. Kildisheva<sup>5</sup>, Tony Svejcar<sup>2</sup>, Lauren Svejcar<sup>1</sup>

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## **Balancing competition and facilitation in restoration practices**

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## **Discussion and Q&A**

### **Day 2 | Seed technologies: coating and flash flaming**

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#### **Introduction and webinar recap**

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#### **A snapshot introduction to seed enhancement technologies: an Australian perspective**

Todd Erickson<sup>1,2</sup>, Monte Masarej<sup>1</sup>, Andrew L. Guzzomi<sup>1</sup>, Elvan Ling<sup>1</sup>, Alison L Ritchie<sup>1,2</sup>, Bianca Berto<sup>1,2</sup>, Vanessa Brown<sup>1,2</sup>, Matthew D. Madsen<sup>3</sup>, Jeremy J. James<sup>4</sup>, Scott R. Abella<sup>5</sup>, Miriam Muñoz-Rojas<sup>6</sup>, David J Merritt<sup>1,2</sup>

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#### **Uses and application of seed coating, priming and flaming in native forage grasses**

Bianca Berto<sup>1</sup>, Alison L Ritchie<sup>1,2</sup>, Todd E Erickson<sup>1,2</sup>

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#### **Indigenous bacteria and cyanobacteria as seed bio-primers in dryland restoration**

Miriam Muñoz-Rojas<sup>1</sup>

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## Break-out discussion

### **Activated carbon coating as a possible alternative to pelleting for herbicide protection of native seed: Early lab results, current challenges, and next steps.**

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### **Use of fungicide seed coatings to improve restoration efforts where sown seeds have long soil incubation times**

Matthew Madsen<sup>1</sup>, Travis Sowards<sup>1</sup>, Benjamin Hoose<sup>1</sup>

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## Discussion and Q&A

### **Day 3 | Seed technologies: Pellets, pods, pucks, and seed balls**

#### **Introduction and webinar recap**

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#### **Using activated carbon seed technologies and pre-emergent herbicides to restore perennials in annual grass invaded rangelands**

Kirk W. Davies<sup>1</sup> and Danielle Clenet<sup>2</sup>

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#### **Refining extruded pellets to improve herbicide protection and seedling emergence**

Vanessa Brown<sup>1,2</sup>, Alison Ritchie<sup>1,2</sup>, Todd Erickson<sup>1,2</sup>, and Richard Hobbs<sup>2</sup>

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#### **Developing extruded seed pellets to overcome hydrophobicity and emergence barriers**

Alison Ritchie<sup>1,2</sup>, Jason Stevens<sup>1,2</sup>, Todd Erickson<sup>1,2</sup>

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#### **Seedballs to the wall: confronting restoration challenges on arid lands**

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## Break

## **Pucks: Engineering biophysical solutions for aerial seeding in conifer and native plant systems after disturbance**

Matthew Aghai<sup>1</sup> and Tiffani Manteuffel-Ross<sup>1</sup>

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## **Improving sagebrush establishment with root enhancing seed technologies**

Magdalena Eshleman<sup>1</sup>, Chris Donovan<sup>1</sup>, Corinna Riginos<sup>1</sup>

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## **From pasta to pellets: challenges and lessons learned from scaling up production of a promising seed technology**

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## **Discussion and Q&A**

### **Day 4 | Seed handling and deployment**

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#### **Introduction and webinar recap**

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#### **Creating seed mixes at the community level: seed source can explain as much performance variability as species**

Alison C. Agneray<sup>1</sup>, Matthew L. Forister<sup>1</sup>, Thomas L. Parchman<sup>1</sup>, Elizabeth A. Leger<sup>1</sup>

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#### **Sourcing and maintaining high quality seed reserves for ecological restoration**

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#### **Seed traits can influence ant predation rates**

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## **Break**

#### **Engineering restoration for the future**

Monte Masarei<sup>1,2</sup>, Todd E Erickson<sup>1,2</sup>, David J Merritt<sup>1,2</sup>, Andrew L Guzzomi<sup>1</sup>

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#### **DroneSeed: Scalable solutions for rapid response survey and precision seeding in post-disturbance environments**

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## **Low-tech equipment for arid land seeding**

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## **Discussion and Q&A**

## **Day 5 | *Building partnerships to solve complex restoration problems & Webinar series next steps***

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### **Introduction and webinar recap**

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### **The journey of Kings Park Science and its partners in developing restoration solutions in Western Australia**

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### **Stakeholder engagement for rangeland restoration: the Nevada Native Seed Partnership**

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### **Solving complex restoration problems: TNC's Sagebrush Sea Program**

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## **Interactive group discussion: webinar synthesis and next steps**

## **Closing remarks**