



CeRSER is getting a new name! As of January 1, 2019, we will become the **Society for Ecological Restoration – Rocky Mountains chapter (SER-RM)**. Also beginning in January, our emails will be coming from [SERRockyMountains@gmail.com](mailto:SERRockyMountains@gmail.com) [*email address corrected from previous message*]. Please add this email address to your contact list to help ensure you receive our monthly newsletters, event announcements, and other chapter communications.

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## HAR-CeRSER 2019 Conference

**Online registration is open.** Take advantage of early-bird rates by registering soon for the High Altitude Revegetation Committee (HAR) – Central Rockies chapter of the Society for Ecological Restoration (CeRSER) 2019 Conference that will take place March 12 – 14th, 2019, at Colorado State University, Fort Collins, Colorado.

**Abstract submission deadline EXTENDED to January 25, 2019!** High-quality oral and poster presentations by practitioners, scientists, land managers, students, and policymakers to enhance our understanding of restoration and revegetation are being sought. Contributions on ANY topic related to revegetation or restoration of regional ecosystems are welcome.

In addition to moderated session presentations, the Conference will feature:

- \* Keynotes by Kingsley Dixon, Don Falk, Tania Schoennagel, and Daniel Laughlin
- \* Poster presentation sessions
- \* Student oral and poster presentation awards
- \* Networking opportunities
- \* Vendor and sponsorship opportunities

### **HAR-CeRSER Pre-Conference Workshop: Emerging Approaches to Overcoming Cheatgrass in Restoration Projects**

This workshop will feature speakers working on practical approaches to achieving restoration success when dealing with cheatgrass infestations. Speakers to include:

\* Herbicide Treatment: Dr. Paul Meiman – Extension Specialist and CSU Professor – Presenting successes from recent studies regarding the application of Indaziflam to control cheatgrass and other annual grasses.

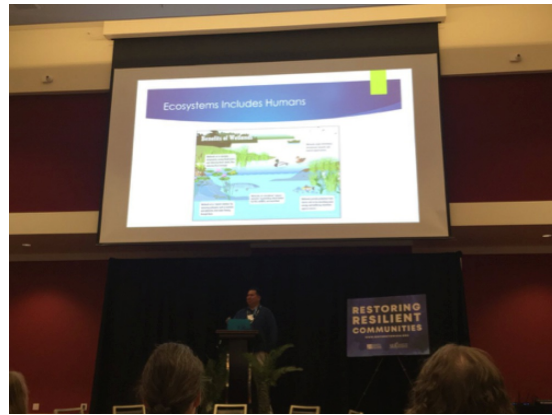
\* Land Management: Mr. Kyle Wendtland – Administrator, Wyoming Department of Environmental Quality, Land Quality Division – Presenting successes from large scale field projects where land management activities helped limit cheatgrass invasions.

\* Seeding: Dr. Mark Paschke – CSU Professor and Shell Endowed Chair of Restoration Ecology and Research Associate Dean – Presenting seeding approaches to optimize establishing desirable species over cheatgrass on restoration projects.

[Click here to submit an abstract](#)

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**PNW-SWS SERNW Regional Conference Recap**



## Restoring Resilient Communities in Changing Landscapes

In mid-October, the Pacific Northwest Chapter of the Society for Ecological Restoration and Society of Wetland Scientists co-hosted the joint Pacific Northwest Regional conference in Spokane, Washington. Scientists, practitioners, and decision makers discussed a variety of topics focused on restoring resilient ecosystems and communities. Plenary speakers included Hillary S. Franz (Washington State Department of Natural Resources), Daniel Isaak (US Forest Service Rocky Mountain Research Station), Caj Matheson (Coeur d'Alene Tribe), Jack Nisbet (Spokane-based naturalist, teacher and author), Erin Pettit (University of Alaska Fairbanks), and Ben Goldfarb (Spokane-based author/journalist). Talks included restoration case studies and research projects from urban, wetland, prairie, and desert systems from across the globe with speakers from as far away as Europe and Africa. Messages emphasizing benefits of incorporating traditional ecological knowledge, engaging diverse communities, and considering historical perspectives in ecological restoration planning and implementation underpinned many talks and conversations at the meeting.

[Conference Website](#)

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## CSU Student SER Association - 1 Million Trees Initiative

Over the course of the last year, the CSU SER Student Association has launched their “1 million trees” campaign. The goal of the initiative is to record and monitor the planting of over 1 million trees. Students in the club have grown over 10,000 tree seedlings in the CSU and Colorado State Forest Service green houses that they hope will be planted in the months to come. The campaign was launched April 20, 2018 when students planted the first tree in CSU’s Sherwood Forest near the Forestry Building. Local tree plantings, as well as those from distant regions, can be logged on the project's citizen science [webpage](#). The club's president Liz Kehm hopes other SER student associations as well as the regional and global SER

community becomes involved in the project.



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