



July 2020 SER-Rocky Mountain Chapter Member Newsletter

Upcoming SER Webinars

July 16th and August 27, 2020--and Beyond

As part of our webinar series, SER hosts at least one webinar each month to provide opportunities for members to engage with restoration experts from academia and the practice. Each SER webinar is pre-approved for 1 CEC under the Certified Ecological Restoration Practitioner program unless otherwise noted.



Environmental DNA: A Cool New Science That Will Benefit Your Ecological Restoration Projects

July 16th, 12 - 1 PM EDT

Speakers: Jake Riley, Josh Running, and Mary Murdoch, Stantec

As we continue to push towards monitoring and restoring critical habitat around the world, the use of environmental DNA (eDNA) is gaining traction. eDNA tools are being used to detect species by sampling their habitat without having to observe or capture them or disturb their environment. These tools are proving to

be better for detecting species, less harmful to organisms, require fewer field staff, are safer for staff and are often more efficient than traditional methods.

[Failing Forward and Lessons Learned](#)

August 27th, 12 - 1 PM EDT

Speakers: Jack Putz (University of Florida), and Diane Humes (Texas Master Naturalist)

We often hear about restoration success stories - but what about projects that struggled or failed? During this webinar we will hear critical insights from two practitioners who, for over a decade, have learned from numerous projects that didn't always go as planned.

Check back often as we are constantly adding new sessions at [Restoration Resource Center » Webinars!](#) Recordings of past webinars can be found in our Webinar Library.

The Southern Rockies Seed Network's 2020 Annual Conference

December 8th - 9th, 2020 in Ft. Collins, CO

[SRSN's 2020 Annual Conference](#) will cover current topics under three main areas, "**Ecotypes: Research, Policy & Practice**".

We expect to host over 100 attendees at the 2020 annual conference for one day of meetings and one day of site visits/educational tours and sessions along the Front Range of Colorado.

Attendees will include professionals from:

- * Federal, state, and local agencies
- * Seed and nursery industry staff
- * Restoration practitioners & conservation professionals
- * Students & academic researchers
- * And other private citizens interested in native plants!

CO Weed Management Association Spring Training Moved to Winter Training!

In response to the COVID-19 pandemic and in keeping with commitments to protect the health and safety of CWMA members, staff and volunteer leaders, the Colorado Weed Management Association has moved their Spring Training to **December 9-10, 2020** and will now become our 2020 Winter Training. The Training will take place at the Hilton Fort Collins.



For more information, visit [CWMA's website](#).

CWMA Webinar: Long-Term Invasive Winter Annual Grass and Noxious Weed Control Facilitates Ecosystem, Pollinator, and Wildlife Habitat Restoration

July 28th, 2020 @ 8:30 am - 10:00 am

Invasive annual grasses (cheatgrass, feral rye, jointed goatgrass) and other noxious weeds along the Colorado Front Range negatively impact natural areas and rangelands at a landscape scale. Over the past 9 years, studies have been conducted along the Colorado Front Range to identify the most effective tools for successful ecosystem restoration. Research studies and operational treatments with City and County Open Space Programs have demonstrated significant increases in desirable species richness, pollinator habitat, and wildlife habitat. As invasive annual grasses and other noxious weeds continue to negatively impact CO open space properties, new tools and management options have been identified to increase restoration success and promote many of these positive ecosystem services.

HAR – SER-RM 2021 Conference

SAVE THE DATE!

Mark your calendars for April 12th - 15th, 2021

The High Altitude Revegetation Committee and SER-RM are



now planning for the **April, 2021** conference.

Members are encouraged to join in the organizing effort by volunteering to serve on one of the organizing committees, which include: Program, Advertising & Media Relations, Vendors and Sponsorship, Logistics, and Workshop/tour. **Please contact Jeremy Sueltenfuss**, Jeremy.Sueltenfuss at colostate.edu if you are interested in assisting.

Check out the [Conference website](#) for more information as it becomes available, to sign-up for conference updates by email, or to view a recap of the 2019 Conference.

RESCHEDULED: SER's North American Continental Conference

Québec RE3 Conference: Reclaim Restore Rewild

June 19th - 24th, 2021

Quebec, Canada

[Québec RE3 website.](#)



Note: The **2020 Conference has been POSTPONED to 2021** and will Resume in Quebec (not South Korea as originally scheduled)

Since 2005, the SER World Conference has been the premier venue for those interested in connecting with the international restoration community. Our World

Conferences are an exciting biennial gathering of experts in the scientific, technical, and socio-economic dimensions of restoring damaged and degraded ecosystems in all biomes and on all continents. Conference attendees are passionate about discussing and debating big picture issues and broad trends, as well as specific tools, techniques, research, and policies for restoration.

SER is proud to host our next World Conference in Quebec City, Quebec, June 19 - 24, 2021. SER2021 will be the Society's 9th World Conference since 2005 and 25th meeting since our founding in 1988.

Jointly hosted by the Canadian Land Reclamation Association (CLRA) and the Society for Ecological Restoration (SER), the theme of the conference is "From Reclaiming to Restoring and Rewilding".



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