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Southwest Fire Science Consortium Webinar

Join TXSER Board President and Ecologist with The Nature Conservancy, Charlotte Reemts, and Helen Poulos of Wesleyan University, guest presenters for the Southwest Fire Science Consortium's webinar entitled:

"Effects of Fuel Treatments on Wildfire Severity"

The Webinar is scheduled for Wednesday, August 21, 2013 from 12-1pm and is free of charge. For more information and to sign up, visit: [Fire Webinar](#).

Additionally, mark your calendars for February 25-27, 2014 for the Southwest Fire Consortium's workshop "Fostering Resilience in Southwestern Ecosystems: A Problem Solving Workshop." The workshop is to be held in Tucson, AZ. For more information visit: [2014 SWFC Workshop](#).

Conference Registration is Open

Registration for the 2013 Conference is now open!

**The New Ecology:
Managing for Resilience in a Changing World**

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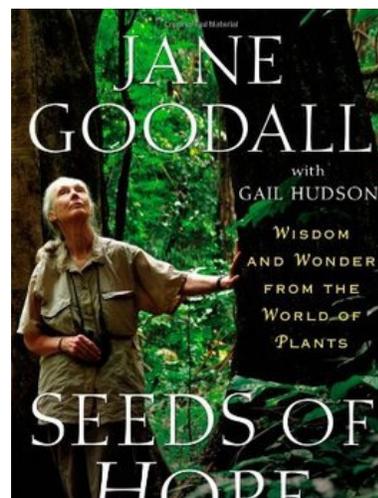
Texas Tech University, Llano River Field Station
Junction, TXTo register for the conference, click here: [Conference Registration](#)For more information on the conference, please visit our website at: www.txser.org.**Call for Abstracts****2013 Joint Conference**

We invite submissions for presentations and posters on any topic related to restoration, management, or conservation of natural areas of Texas in either rural or urban settings. Abstracts should be sent by September 15th as an MS Word document to Gwen Thomas at: gmthomas_eco@fastmail.fm. Please include with your abstract submission the information below. Authors will be notified of the status of the acceptance of their abstracts by October 1, 2013.

- Title
- Abstract (not to exceed 250 words)
- Authors (format - Lyons, K., Dictson, N.,... Please add an asterisk before the last name of the presenting author.)
- Authors' affiliations
- Preferred presentation type (Talk or Poster)
- E-Mail and phone number for presenting author
- Indicate if you would like to be considered for a best student presentation or poster award

Coordinator's Corner**Lessons from Jane Goodall,
Ethologist and Advocate of Ecological Preservation**

I recently reviewed Jane Goodall's new book "Seeds of Hope - Wisdom and Wonder from the World of Plants"* for the Journal of the Botanical Research Institute of Texas. Goodall has been a personal heroine since elementary school days when she made history with her research on the behavior of chimpanzees in Gombe, Tanzania. A myriad of lessons can be taken from her example as a leader in the environmental movement. Perhaps we, as fellow ecological restorationists, can use some of them to inspire us as well.



Lesson 1: Access multiple networks to accomplish goals.

Today, when global linkages are so easily attained, we can tap into people and resources far and wide to assist us in accomplishing our goals. One of the things Goodall does with great diplomacy, as she has done in her life's work, is to link the biological and social sciences. Her work is grounded in the biological sciences and yet she moves them into social and political realms making her work accessible to all and, at the same time, garnering resources to promote further success.



Lesson 2: Involve local communities and local leaders. Throughout her life's work, Goodall has stressed the importance of community participation. From the villages surrounding Gombe, Tanzania, to families and communities restoring prairie lands in the US, Goodall highlights cases of the successes achieved with community involvement. Where there is local buy-in to the problems and issues, there is greater opportunity for creative responses and tangible accomplishments.

Lesson 3: Recognize the importance of education to future environmental protection. Goodall believes strongly in the education of future generations. She has established the Roots and Shoots Program to support environmental education efforts among children from urban Dallas to the tip of India. Inspiring and training future environmental leaders is critical to protecting the future of our planet.

Lesson 4: Never give up hope. Goodall is an optimist. She concludes her book with a section entitled "Hope for Nature" in which she touches upon the resilience of our natural systems. She provides us with several cases of plants and systems that, even under the harshest conditions of deprivation, fight back with a strong will to survive.

In many ways, "Seeds of Hope" serves as a capstone to Goodall's life's work. In this book Goodall weaves examples and reflections from her life-long experience as a spokesperson for the natural world to motivate and inspire the rest of us to protect the world around us.

*Jane Goodall with Gail Hudson and forward by Michael Pollan. 2013. Seeds of Hope - Wisdom and Wonder from the World of Plants. Grand Central Publishing, Hatchette Book Group, 237 Park Avenue, New York, NY 10017, U.S.A.

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Membership

TXSER members receive valuable benefits from the chapter including:

- the opportunity to network with restoration practitioners and enthusiasts;
- discounts to our Annual Conference, an opportunity to share and learn;
- invitations to attend volunteer field days around the state; and,
- regular updates with notices about regional events that allow you to connect to the local restoration community.

SER member benefits include:

- RESTORE biweekly e-bulletin
- SERNews quarterly newsletter

- Discounts on journal publications
- Discounts to SER World Conferences
- Discounts on SER Career Center
- Access to a searchable, online member director
- Promotional opportunities through the SER Calendar of Events, Restoration Project Showcase, and Restoration Marketplace.

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