



**Private Lands Partners Day 2018**  
White River Conference Center  
Springfield, Missouri  
October 2-4, 2018



**Day 1: Tuesday, October 2 White River Conference Center, Bass Pro Shops**

- 4:00 P.M. Registration open until 7:00 P.M. (will reopen October 3 at 7:00 A.M.)  
5:00 P.M. Reception begins  
6:00 P.M. Welcome John Morris or Martin MacDonald, CEO Bass Pro? Jim Stone, PFC other VIP opportunities here too  
6:30 P.M. Heavy hors d'oeuvres served with Refreshments  
9:30 P.M. Buses take guests back to hotels

**Day 2: Wednesday, October 3, Gather at Bass Pro Sportsman's Lodge**

- 7:00 A.M. Registration Continues Coffee/Tea/Water Available  
7:30 A.M. Welcome to PLPD and Opening Remarks:  
PFC Jim Stone – Chair Partners for Conservation  
  
7:40: A.M. Welcome to Missouri (State Leaders)  
Sara Parker Pauley – Director of Missouri Department of Conservation  
J.R. Flores, NRCS State Conservationist  
Dru Buntin, Deputy Director, Missouri Department of Natural Resources  
8:05 A.M. Welcome to Missouri's Landscapes-Neighbor UP! Logistics/Mechanics of the Day (instructions for loading buses)– Kelly Srigley Werner – Missouri Private Lands Coordinator  
8:15 A.M. Load Buses  
8:30 A.M. Buses Depart for Field Day Tour

8:30 A.M. – 6:00 P.M. Bus Tours:

**Healthy Land Healthy People – Collaborations improving Soil and Water Health**

- 1) **Dan & Mike Chiles Story: working in public/private partnerships for sustainability**  
**Karst Topography, Healthy Streams, Healthy Wildlife**  
-Karst resource values Rhonda Rimer MDC  
- Josh Poynor, DNR  
**Sac River Balancing Multiple Uses Sustaining Quality Water**  
- Sac River Watershed Health & Drinking water Mike Kromrey WCO  
-Stream Restoration in the Ozarks/karst Drew Holt TNC

**Leopold Lessons- Cooperative Partnerships**

- 2) **Four Oak Farms-Today's Transitions in Management for the Future** (Mark Boehne)
- A Focus Area and building relationships -Byron Mitchell FWS
  - Generational Management/partnerships -Mark & Corey Boehne Landowners

### **Public & Private Partners Neighboring UP! For Cattle and Wildlife**

- Quail Management/Prairie management and how the two can help with other declining grassland bird species - Kyle Hedges, MDC
- Shared Management Goals Between Public and Private Landowners  
Kyle Hedges, John Kremp Landowner

### **3) Return of Fire and Alternative Sources of Income**

- Shared conservation management roles for prescribed fire Len Gilmore QF
- Joint collaboration with MPF and income potential from seed revenue Jerod Huebner Missouri Prairie Foundation

### **Building Sustainability through Communication**

- Building relationships on working lands for cattle and wildlife Rick Rath
- Collaboration gets the job done on prairie conversion (PFW, LAP, Farm Bill, and more) Rick Rath MDC, David Haubein Landowner

### **4) Bee keeping and the Almond Business**

- Raising bees in Missouri for Almonds in California Jonathan Poirot, landowner
- Prairie remnants and connecting landscapes in the region James Cole, TNC

### **History of the Farm**

- Philosophy of Eugene Poirot – Greg Swick, Master Naturalist
- Soil Health then and now – Drexel Atkisson

6:00 P.M.      **Arrive at Pavilion-Farmers Market of the Ozarks**  
**Farm to Table “A Taste of Missouri Fall”** Missouri Health and Senior Services organized + presentation of ways they connect with communities

9:00 P.M.      Buses take attendees back to hotels

## **Day 3: Thursday, October 4, White River Conference Center**

8:00 A.M.      Welcome Intro to themes/Events of the Day Sergio Pierluissi/Jim Stone

Introductions of Local/Regional/National Leaders (subject to change)  
Congressional Leadership – possible taped messages from Members  
FWS Acting Regional Director – Charlie Wooley  
FWS Acting Director – Jim Kurth  
NRCS Associate Chief for Conservation – Leonard Jordan?

8:30 A.M.      Aldo Leopold/Leo Drey: The Land Conservation Ethic – Dr. Susan Flader

### **Community Profits – Building Partnerships around the Greater Good**

**Missouri story of Conservation Community profits – Moderator Rebecca Landewe TNC**

9:00 A.M.      Amy Hamilton- Diverse Natives for Grazing, and Karen Brinkman, NRCS

9:20 A.M.      Rudi Roeslein-Why Prairie? and Chris Woodson, FWS

9:40 A.M.      Rick Holton Sr.- A Partnership Story-Protecting the Values of the Mississippi River Floodplain and Dan Crigler, FWS

10:00 A.M. Break

**Regional/National story of Community Profits-Chris Woodson Moderator**

10:20 A.M. **Utah:** Troy Forrest- Multi-Partner Grazing Consolidation: Working together on a Landscape Scale and Karl Fleming, FWS

10:40 A.M. **North Dakota:** Jerry Doan- Intensive Grazing to Regenerate Soil Health, Wildlife, and Profitability on the Black Leg Ranch and Scott Mcleod, FWS

11:00 A.M. **Iowa:** Mike DeCook- Ecologically Sound Grazing on Working Lands Provides Open Spaces and Clean Water for Iowa and Gregg Pattison FWS

11:20 A.M. **Alaska:** Chris Rainwater- Fox River Cattlemen’s Association - An Alaskan Story and Kyle Graham, FWS

11:40 A.M. Lunch Buffet

- Missouri Department of Agriculture Deputy Director Garrett Hawkins
- Missouri Farmers Care Executive Director Ashley McCarty

**Future Generations and the Land**

**Missouri Land Succession Stories – Mike Budd FWS**

1:00 P.M. Gary Lawrance- Missouri Agricultural Wetlands Initiative: A Cooperative Project in North Central Missouri, and Chris Woodson, FWS

1:20 P.M. Kate Lambert- 2017 Aldo Leopold Award Winner-Farming, Fishing and Family: How agriculture and conservation come together on the family farm, and Brent Vandeloecht, MDC

1:40 P.M. Emily Brunner- “No-Till. No Money.”? and Jennifer Sampsell, CFM

2:00 P.M. Harry Cope-Grassland Conservation and Mentoring the Next Generation, and Dan Crigler, FWS

**Regional/National Succession Stories—Brent Vandeloecht MDC**

2:20 P.M. **Indiana** – Sam and Sara St. Clair – Partners for Fish and Wildlife – An Indiana Perspective and Scott Fetters FWS

2:40 P.M. **Minnesota:** Kirt and Heidi Abraham- Cattle and Conservation easements in northern Minnesota and Kurt Svendsgaard FWS

3:00 P.M. **Illinois:** John Dassow Chatsworth farms- Farming with the Land: how conservation and farming coexist in a changing agricultural landscape and Mike Budd FWS

3:20 P.M. **Texas:** Arlene Kalmbach and TX Parks and Wildlife Dept. and Ruth Russell (Landowner) - Voluntary Species Recovery using Landowner Incentive Program and Cyndee Watson, FWS

3:40 P.M. Break

4:00 **Panel Discussion Helping landowners and Conservationists with Succession and estate planning:**

Moderated Session: Introduction of succession planning, terms and concepts  
Facilitated Panel for a discussion consisting of an Expert in planning, Agency conservationist, NGO professional, and a Landowner

5:10 P.M. Lessons Learned from the week, Closing remarks Jim Stone/Steve Jester  
5:30 P.M. Reception: We will celebrate conservation Champions-Landowners and early Missouri +  
Midwest Conservation leaders, setting the stage with Leopold Messages slide  
presentation  
6:30 P.M. Silent Auction closes  
6:30 P.M. Banquet  
8:00 P.M. Live Auction  
9:30 P.M. Busses leave for the hotels