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## Thank You to the Private Lands Partners Day 2022 Planning Team



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# Private Lands Partners Day

October 4-6, 2022  
Fayetteville, Arkansas

### TUESDAY, OCTOBER 4<sup>TH</sup>

8:00 AM - 4:00 PM	<b>Board Meeting</b> — <i>Spoofers Stone Room</i>
4:00 PM - 7:00 PM	<b>Registration</b> — <i>First Floor Pre-Function Area</i>
6:00 PM - 8:00 PM	<b>Reception &amp; Silent Auction Opens</b> — <i>Spoofers Stone Room</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Welcome to Arkansas - Chris Davidson, Deputy Field Supervisor, Arkansas Ecological Services Field Office</li> <li>Heavy hors d'oeuvres and refreshments served.</li> </ul>

### WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 5<sup>TH</sup>

7:00 AM - 5:00 PM	<b>Registration</b> — <i>First Floor Pre-Function Area</i>	
7:30 AM - 8:00 AM	<b>Welcome to Private Lands Partners Day and Opening Remarks</b> — <i>Brodie Payne Room</i> Steve Jester, Partnerscapes  <b>Welcome to Arkansas and Field Tour Logistics</b> Jonathan Baxter, U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service  Coffee and light refreshments available.	
8:00 AM - 8:30 AM	<b>Load Buses</b>	
8:30 AM	<b>Buses Depart for Field Tours</b>	
8:30 AM - 5:30 PM	<b>Field Tours</b> Buses will run two different routes to reduce crowd size, but all participants will visit the same stops. Please refer to the ticket in your nametag, which provides your bus assignment.	
	<b>Group A</b>	<b>Group B</b>
	8:30 AM: Depart Graduate 8:30 AM - 9:30 AM: Travel 9:30 AM - 10:45 AM: Bill Haak 10:45 AM - 11:45 AM: Travel 11:45 AM - 1:45 PM: Tom Shrum Lunch on Location by Granny's Kitchen 1:45 PM - 2:15 PM: Travel 2:15 PM - 3:30 PM: Jeff Marley 3:30 PM - 4:00 PM: Travel 4:00 PM - 5:15 PM: Marion Crider 5:15 PM - 5:30 PM: Travel to Tyson Center	8:30 AM: Depart Graduate 8:30 AM - 9:00 AM: Travel 9:00 AM - 10:15 AM: Marion Crider 10:15 AM - 10:45 AM: Travel 10:45 AM - 12:00 PM: Jeff Marley 12:00 PM - 12:30 PM: Travel 12:30 PM - 2:30 PM: Tom Shrum Lunch on Location by Granny's Kitchen 2:30 PM - 3:30 PM: Travel 3:30 PM - 4:45 PM: Bill Haak 4:45 PM - 5:45 PM: Travel to Tyson Center
5:30 PM - 8:30 PM	<b>Dinner</b> — <i>Don Tyson Center for Agricultural Sciences</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Moderator: Leif Kindberg, Executive Director, Illinois River Watershed Partnership</li> <li>Dr. Vic Ford, University of Arkansas, Division of Agriculture</li> <li>Ted Zawislak, Arkansas Game and Fish Commission, Arkansas Private Lands Stewardship Alliance</li> </ul>	
7:30 AM - 8:30 PM	<b>Buses Return to Graduate Hotel</b>	

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 6 <sup>TH</sup>	
All events held in the Brodie Payne Room at the Graduate Hotel	
<b>Welcome and Introduce Events of the Day</b> Moderators: Amanda Mathis, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Natural Resources Conservation Service (USDA-NRCS) and Jonathan Baxter, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS)	
8:00 AM	<b>State and National Conservation Leaders</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Cynthia Martinez, Chief of National Wildlife Refuge System, USFWS</li><li>• James Tillman, Regional Conservationist - Southeast, USDA NRCS</li><li>• Leopoldo Miranda-Castro, Regional Director, USFWS South Atlantic--Gulf &amp; Mississippi-Basin</li><li>• Clyde Williams, Acting Arkansas State Conservationist, USDA-NRCS</li><li>• Austin Booth, Director, Arkansas Game and Fish Commission</li><li>• Wes Ward, Arkansas Secretary of Agriculture</li></ul>
9:15 AM	<b>USFWS Partners for Fish and Wildlife (PFW) 35th Anniversary</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Matt Filsinger, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS)</li></ul>
9:45 AM	<b>Partnerscapes Challenges, Successes, and Opportunities</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Jim Stone, Partnerscapes</li><li>• Steve Jester, Partnerscapes</li></ul>
10:15 AM	<b>Break</b>
<b>Collaborative Conservation on Private Lands</b> Moderators: Amanda Mathis, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Natural Resources Conservation Service (USDA-NRCS) and Jonathan Baxter, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS)	
10:45 AM	<b>Using Voluntary Conservation Programs in Rice Agriculture</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Jim Whitaker, Whitaker Grain</li><li>• Josh Hankins, USA Rice</li></ul>
11:45 AM	<b>Lunch</b>
1:00 PM	<b>Neighbor Helping Neighbor (North Carolina Sandhills)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Jesse Wimberley, Landowner/President, North Carolina Sandhills Prescribed Burn Association</li><li>• John Ann Shearer, North Carolina PFW State Coordinator, USFWS</li></ul>
1:45 PM	<b>Ranchers Stewardship Alliance (Malta, Montana)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Angelica DeVries, Executive Director, Ranchers Stewardship Alliance</li><li>• Rick Caquelin, Board Member, Ranchers Stewardship Alliance</li></ul>
2:30 PM	<b>Break</b>
3:00 PM	<b>Panel Discussion: Keeping Fire as a Resource Management Tool</b> Moderators: Ted Zawislak, Arkansas Game and Fish Commission and Bubba Groves, Arkansas Game and Fish Commission Panelists: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Randy Brents, Arkansas Game and Fish Commission Prescribed Fire Manager</li><li>• Maia Larson, Conservation Programs Manager Pheasants Forever, Inc. and Quail Forever and former President Central Arkansas PBA</li><li>• Jim Whitaker, Landowner, Whitaker Grain</li><li>• Kurtis Cecil, President Ozark Prairie PBA (Prescribed Burning Association)</li></ul>
4:00 PM	<b>Saline River Watershed Alliance</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Brian Nally, Landowner</li></ul>
4:30 PM	<b>Lessons Learned and Closing Remarks</b> Partnerscapes and Planning Team
6:00 PM	<b>Cocktail Hour</b>
6:30 PM	<b>Banquet Dinner &amp; Silent Auction Closes</b> <i>Sponsored by Arkansas Game and Fish Commission</i>

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