

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

Meeting Notice and Agenda

Meeting of August 28th & 29th, 2018

Time: 6:30 a.m.- August 28th
7:00 a.m. – August 29th

Locations both days:

Radisson Hotel
605 E Broadway Ave.
Bismarck, ND 58501

Re: 2018 North Dakota Grasslands Policy Tour and Workshop

Agenda:

6:30 – 7:30 a.m. Breakfast in the Off Broadway Lounge at the Radisson Hotel Bismarck
(Lounge area is reserved)
7:30 a.m. – Load buses – Hotel’s North Entrance
7:30 a.m. - 7:45 a.m. – Welcome and Opening Remarks (on buses) – NDGLC & PPJV
representatives
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9:00 – Tour of Oswald Ranch (west) – Implementation of conservation programs
through grazing management.
10:15 a.m. Tour of Oswald Ranch (east) - Integrating cover crops & annual cropping
into a grazing management system.
11:30 a.m. Load buses and travel to Jerry Doan’s Black Leg Ranch
1:00 p.m. Lunch along Long Lake Creek @ Black Leg Ranch (south)– Maintaining
healthy riparian areas (water quality, fish and wildlife populations, etc.) through
grazing management.

- 3:30 p.m. Tour of Black Leg Ranch (north) – Integrating cover crops and grazing management to build healthy soils and help profitability with winter grazing. Rainfall simulator demonstration by Jay Fuhrer, NRCS Soil Health Specialist.
- 6:00 – 9:30 p.m. Social, Dinner and entertainment at Black Leg Ranch. The evening will also include an Agri Tourism and Rolling Plains Adventures presentation.
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7:30 a.m. – Travel to ND Game & Fish Office, Bismarck (Vans will be ready at the Radisson North Entrance to transport people, if needed)

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- Summary of highlights from the tour.
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 - Collaboration opportunities for agriculture, conservation, and political leaders. -- Building effective conservation tools for private landowners in the Northern Great Plains. --Helping to build and maintain rural communities for the future while also conserving our soil, water and wildlife resources. --And more!


12:00 p.m. – Adjourn

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2018 North Dakota Grasslands Policy Tour & Workshop

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August 27-29, 2018 – Bismarck,
North Dakota

Learn how ranching/farming operations are focusing on soil health and successfully integrating grassland conservation, annual cropping and wildlife conservation into their business models. This tour will focus on ranching/farming operations located in the Missouri

Coteau of central North Dakota, with some of the tour highlights listed below.

RSVP online (<https://goo.gl/forms/9rxMo6HJmFmJ65f23>)
by Friday, August 24.

Oswald Ranch: Rotational Grazing System, Grazing CRP, Winter Grazing, No-till Cropping System, Cover Crops, Conservation Programs (Plots, CRP, EQIP). The ranch is located near Wing, ND. Our host will be Darrell Oswald.

Black Leg Ranch: This five-generation, 125-year-old ranch will show Rotational Grazing System, Winter Grazing, No-till Cropping System, Cover Crops, Riparian Management, Hunting Enterprise and Agritourism. Conservation Programs include Grassland CRP, CRP, CSP, EQIP, WHIP, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Partners for Fish and Wildlife Program. The ranch is also a partner in the Audubon Conservation Ranching Program promoting bird friendly beef. The ranch is located near McKenzie, ND. In 2016, the ranch received both the inaugural North Dakota Leopold Conservation Award for 2016 and the National Cattlemen's Beef Association's (NCBA) National Environmental Stewardship Award for 2016. Our host will be Jerry Doan, his wife Renae, and their four children, who are all involved in this family operation.

North Dakota Governor Doug Burgum also plans to join us at the Black Leg Ranch and will share his thoughts on the recent local and national achievements received by the Black Leg Ranch and what they mean for agriculture, conservation, recreation and tourism in North Dakota and will also discuss how conservation and agriculture fit into his Main Street Initiative.

Following the tour, we will spend half a day together discussing what was seen on the tour and evaluating the various conservation programs in terms of what works well, what not so well, what changes are needed, etc. and other potential conservation tools (e.g., new programs, policy) that may be missing from the option menu offered to landowners.

Agenda

Monday, August 27th

4:00 – 7:00 p.m. –
Registration –
Lobby, Radisson
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Headquarter Hotel

Radisson Hotel Bismarck, 605 E Broadway Ave., Bismarck ND 58501

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A block of rooms has been reserved at the Radisson Hotel. Please ask for the “PPJV Tour” when making your reservation. For on-line reservations, please reference promotional code PPJV18 when making reservations.

This block of rooms is available for reservations only through July 27th, so book soon. The Radisson Hotel will honor Federal per diem rates.

Weather in North Dakota can be highly variable, so please plan accordingly for the site tours. Weather permitting, we plan to spend quite a bit of time during the field tours walking in pastures and other areas of the ranches.

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Questions about the tour?

Housekeeping items – lodging, travel, meals and other logistics please contact:

Kathy Kirschman, 701-223-8501

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For specific questions about the tour please contact:

Jerry Doan, 701-220-8442



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