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Native Prairie Speaker Series

In Eastend, SK

Friend or Foe: Prescribed Fire in Our Prairie Grasslands



Join us for a Presentation!

Thursday November 20th, 2025 at 7:00pm

**Speaker: Renny W. Grilz, PAg – Meewasin Valley Authority and Canadian Prairies
Prescribed Fire Exchange**

At the Eastend Memorial Hall Tea Room

This presentation is FREE! Everyone welcome!
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About this Presentation:

Prescribed fire is one of the most talked-about and often misunderstood tools in prairie management. Across the Great Plains, carefully planned burns are being used to rejuvenate native grasslands, control woody species encroachment, improve habitat for grassland birds, and control invasive species. Yet, for many in southwestern Saskatchewan, fire remains a source of concern, particularly the risk of escape and potential impacts on neighboring lands.

In this presentation, Renny Grilz will explore both sides of the fire conversation: why prescribed fire is being reintroduced to prairie stewardship, how it differs from wildfire, and what safeguards, science, and training are in place to ensure burns are conducted safely and responsibly. Drawing on examples from across the Prairies, including collaborative projects supported by the Canadian Prairies Prescribed Fire Exchange and partners, Renny will discuss lessons learned, emerging best practices, and the role fire can play in sustaining our working landscapes for future generations.

Whether you're a producer, land manager, or simply curious about how fire fits into prairie conservation, this session offers an open and practical discussion on the risks, benefits, and realities of "good fire" in Saskatchewan.

About the Speaker:

Renny W. Grilz, PAg, is the Manager of Conservation with the Meewasin Valley Authority and a 2024 Nuffield Canada Agricultural Scholar. With more than 30 years of experience in prairie conservation, he has worked across Saskatchewan to restore native grasslands using tools such as prescribed fire, targeted grazing, and invasive species management. Renny is also a founding member of the Canadian Prairies Prescribed Fire Exchange, which helps train land managers and agencies in safe, science-based fire practices. Through his work, Renny brings a balanced perspective on how prescribed fire can be used responsibly to maintain healthy prairie ecosystems while addressing local concerns about safety and risk.

PCAP's Native Prairie Speaker Series is a monthly presentation about prairie conservation or species at risk.

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