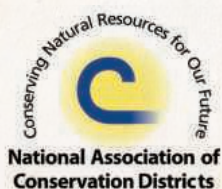




Conservation:
Historical Legacy
Guiding a Brighter Future

**NACD 2016 ANNUAL
MEETING PROGRAM**

**January 31-February 3, 2016
Reno, NV**





WELCOME TO RENO!

Welcome to Nevada and the 70th Annual Meeting of the National Association of Conservation Districts!

We're so glad you could join us in the scenic city of Reno, The Biggest Little City in the World—known for its entertainment, shopping, site seeing, and great food—for what is sure to be an exceptional time of learning and networking with conservation leaders from across the nation.



A special thanks to the state of Nevada for serving as our hosts this year. Together, we have put a lot of time and planning into this event, and we are confident that you will be pleased with the results.

Our program this week will focus on the theme “Historical Legacy, Guiding a Brighter Future,” highlighting our seventy years of leadership in natural resource conservation delivery and how the past will guide our future generations’ efforts to provide a sustainable resource base in America.

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This week, we have the tremendous opportunity of being surrounded by conservation leaders from across the country. We hope you’ll take full advantage of this time to network, learn and ask questions so you can go back home equipped with new information and ideas to share with your local districts and communities and to utilize in your own operations.

Thank you for your continued leadership, engagement and dedication to the cause of conservation. If I, or any of the other NACD officers or staff, can be of assistance to you this week, please don’t hesitate to ask. Enjoy the meeting!

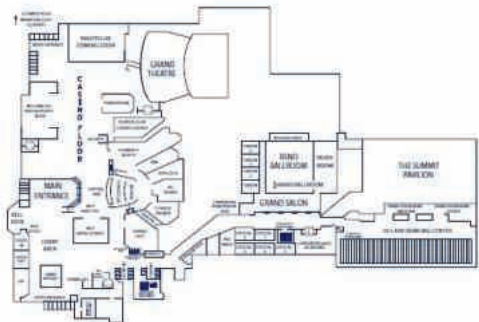
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Earl Garber
NACD Past President &
2016 Annual Meeting Chair



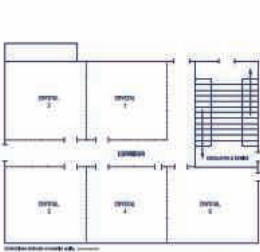
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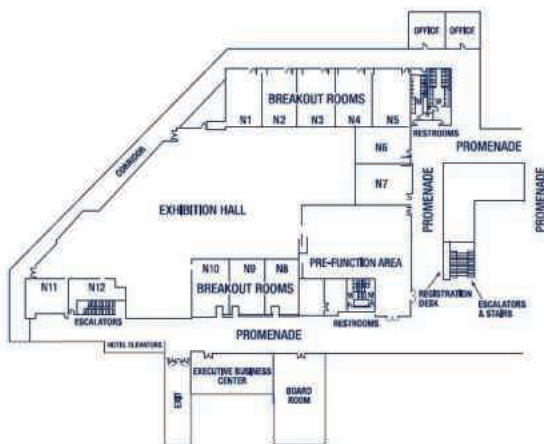


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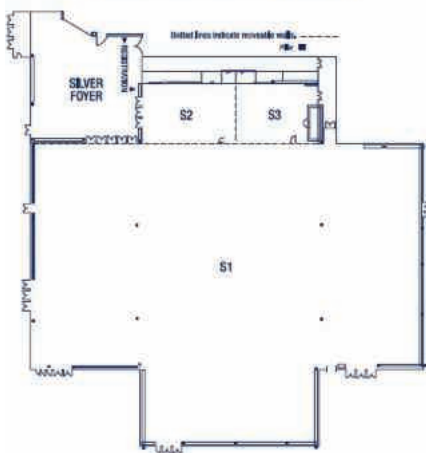
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GENERAL INFORMATION

REGISTRATION AND TICKETS

Grand Sierra Resort and Casino

A name badge is required to gain entry into each Annual Meeting event, including the Conservation Expo, Welcome Reception, Morning Networking Sessions/Coffee Breaks, NACD General and Concurrent Sessions, Monday's Leadership Lunch, Reception and Live Auction.

NACD asks that you have your name badge with you at all times during the Annual Meeting. A \$50 badge replacement fee will apply. Thank you and enjoy the conference!

Sessions marked with an asterisk (*) are by invitation only or require a ticket/registration. Sessions marked with two asterisks (**) require a name badge to gain entry.

REGISTRATION HOURS:

Saturday	12:00 PM – 6:00 PM
Sunday	7:00 AM – 6:00 PM
Monday	7:00 AM – 7:00 PM
Tuesday	7:00 AM – 6:30 PM
Wednesday	8:00 AM – 12:00 PM

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SERVICES AVAILABLE AT REGISTRATION:

- Event Ticket Sales
- General Information
- Materials and Handout Table
- Tour Information Table

HOTEL INFORMATION AND KEY LOCATIONS:

Grand Sierra Resort and Casino
2500 E 2nd St
Reno, NV 89595
775-789-2000

CONSERVATION EXPO

Grand Salon and Carson 1-4, Casino Level

SPONSORED BY: *U.S. Forest Service*

EXPO HOURS:

Sunday	12:00 PM – 6:00 PM
Monday	7:30 AM – 12:00 PM
	2:00 PM – 5:00 PM
Tuesday	7:30 AM – 9:00 AM

SERVICES AND EVENTS AVAILABLE AT CONSERVATION EXPO:

- Opening Reception
- Conservation Expo Booths
- Speaker Booth
- Morning Networking Sessions/Coffee Breaks
- NACD Marketplace
- NACD Live Auction Display
- Auxiliary Country Store and Quilt Raffle
- Presidents Association and National Conservation Foundation Silent Auction
- Poster and Photo Contest National Winners
- PACK A BOOK Drop-off (NACD Education Section)

NOTE: Live Auction items will be accepted until noon on Monday.

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GENERAL INFORMATION (continued)

ACRONYM GUIDE:

BLM:	U.S. Bureau of Land Management
CTIC:	Conservation Technology Information Center
EPA:	Environmental Protection Agency
NACD:	National Association of Conservation Districts
NASCA:	National Association of State Conservation Agencies
NARC&DC:	National Association of Resource Conservation & Development Councils
NCDEA:	National Conservation District Employees Association
NCF:	National Conservation Foundation
NRCS:	Natural Resources Conservation Service
PLC:	Principal Legislative Contact
NCPP:	National Conservation Planning Partnership
RPG:	Resource Policy Group
SWCD:	Soil & Water Conservation District
USDA:	U.S. Department of Agriculture

PRESENTATIONS:

Selected presentations from the 2016 NACD Annual Meeting will be available on the NACD website (www.nacdnet.org/events/annualmeeting) several weeks after the event.

PLEASE NOTE: Meeting times and locations are subject to change. Updates to the program will be available at Registration.

ENJOY THE MEETING!

NACD WOULD LIKE TO RECOGNIZE ITS FRIENDS OF NACD LIFETIME MEMBERS:

Guillermo Benavides	Ernest Girouard	Tim Palmer	Jerry Snodgrass
Ralph Brokaw	Joseph Glassmeyer	Kenneth Pederson	Jon Starns
Alan Brown	Jeff Harris	Barbara	Kent Stuckey
Mike Brown	Charles Holmes	Perlman-Whyman	Steve Sunderland
Linda Brownson	Rick Jeans	John Peterson	Donavon Taves
Larry Cochran	R.D. "Sonny" Jones	John Redding	Brent Van Dyke
William Cowell	Barry Lake	John Regula	Andrew Wargo
Ian Cunningham	Joseph Lomax	Steve Robinson	Robert Warner
Terry Davis	Doug Loudenslager	Kevin Roehrich	Richard Went
John Finch	Jack Majeres	Brad Ross	Franklin Williams
Arthur Ganta	John McDonald	Denise Savageau	Bill Wilson
Earl Garber	Steve Miller	Charlie Schafer	Lonnie Wilson
Kirk Garber	Kenneth Norton	Gene Schmidt	Patricia Bunner
		Russell Setti	

MEMBERSHIP RECOGNITION

NACD WOULD LIKE TO RECOGNIZE ITS PAST PRESIDENTS:

E.C. McArthur, Gaffney, SC	1946-1947
Kent Leavitt, Millbrook, NY	1948-1949
Walter S. Davis, Jr., Galveston, TX	1950-1954
Nolen J. Fuqua, Jr., Duncan, OK	1955-1958
William E. Richards, Kearney, NE	1959-1961
Marion S. Monk, Jr., Batchelor, LA	1962-1965
Sam Studebaker, Troy City, OH	1966-1969
John S. Wilder, Somerville, TN	1970-1973
George R. Bagley, St. Joseph, LA	1974-1977
Lyle Bauer, Harper, KS	1978-1981
Milton E. "Bud" Mekelburg, Yuma, CO	1982-1984
Clarence Durban, Plain City, OH	1985-1988
Robert "Bob" Wetherbee, Fairmount, ND	1989-1991
Gerald B. Digeress, Sumas, WA	1992-1994
Gerald L. Vap, McCook, NE	1995-1997
Rudy K. Rice, Du Quoin, IL	1998-2000
Read Smith, St. John, WA	2001-2003
Gary Mast, Millersburg, OH	2004-2005
Bill Wilson, Kinta, OK	2006-2007
Olin Sims, McFadden, WY	2007-2008
John Redding, Monroe, GA	2008-2009
Steve Robinson, Marysville, OH	2009-2011
Gene Schmidt, Hanna, IN	2011-2013
Earl Garber, Basile, LA	2013-2015

NACD also expresses appreciation for the support of past donors' contributions including: the original NACD Building Fund and 509 Capitol Court campaign; the Endowment Fund Century Club; Presidents Club; and Life Membership contributors.

Additionally, NACD thanks its districts and state associations that have supported the association through dues. We are proud to be your national representative and we appreciate your continued support! This fiscal year, NACD also had substantial support from a number of federal and private grantors. Thanks to our FY15 partners: USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service; U.S. Forest Service; U.S. Bureau of Land Management; USDA National Institute for Food and Agriculture; U.S. Environmental Protection Agency; and the Walton Family Foundation.

NACD also thanks its conservation delivery system partners: NASCA, NRCS, NCDEA, and NARC&DCs.



PROGRAM

Friday, January 29

1:00 PM - 5:00 PM

NACD Executive Board Meeting *McKinley Room, Mezzanine Level*

Saturday, January 30

8:00 AM - 12:30 PM

NACD Executive Board Meeting . . *McKinley Room, Mezzanine Level*

8:30 AM - 5:00 PM

National Conservation Foundation—Envirothon

Operating Committee Meeting *Silver State 2, Spa Level*

9:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Urban and Community RPG Meeting. . . *Nevada 2, Spa Level*

9:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Forestry RPG Meeting. *Nevada 1, Spa Level*

10:00 AM - 12:00 PM

NACD New Board Member Orientation. *Nevada 6/7, Spa Level*

10:00 AM - 12:00 PM

NCDEA Executive Committee Meeting

. *Nevada 3/4, Spa Level*

12:00 PM - 6:15 PM

Registration Open. *Grand Salon, Casino Level*

12:00 PM - 6:00 PM

NCDEA Board Meeting *Nevada 3/4, Spa Level*

1:00 PM - 4:30 PM

NACD Board of Directors Meeting. . . *Crystal Ballroom, Casino Level*

4:30 PM - 6:00 PM

NACD Resolutions Committee Meeting. *Nevada 6/7, Spa Level*

6:00 PM - 9:00 PM

(Buses load just north of the Hotel's Front Entrance - along the sidewalk 5:30-5:45 PM)

NACD Kickoff Event *Hosted by the NACD Auxiliary**

. *National Automobile Museum*

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Sunday, January 31

7:00 AM - 6:00 PM

Registration Open. *Grand Salon, Casino Level*

8:00 AM - 8:30 AM

Inspirational Coffee Break. *Crystal Ballroom 1-4, Casino Level*

SPONSORED BY: Bob Warner, Brighton, CO

8:00 AM - 12:00 PM

National Conservation Foundation-Envirothon

Operating Committee Meeting *Silver State 2, Spa Level*

8:30 AM - 9:15 AM

Inspirational Program. *Crystal Ballroom 1-4, Casino Level*

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Welcome: Ron Brown, NACD Executive Board, Fort Scott, KS

Reflection on Stewardship:

Gene Schmidt, Past President, NACD, Hannah, IN

Music: Ian Cunningham, President, Minnesota Association of
Soil and Water Conservation Districts, Pipestone, MN

Poster Contest Winners:

Karen Smart, President, NACD Auxiliary,
Pleasant Grove, UT

In Memoriam:

Kenny Lovelace, Stewardship &
Education Committee Member, Palmyra, MO

Closing: Wade Troutman, NACD Executive Board
Member, Bridgeport, WA

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9:30 AM - 10:30 AM

NACD Soil Health Champions Meeting* *(by invitation only)*
. *Silver State 3, Spa Level*

9:30 AM - 11:30 AM

Legislative Committee Meeting. *Nevada 1/2, Spa Level*

9:30 AM - 11:45 AM

Natural Resources Policy Committee Meeting
. *Nevada 3/4, Spa Level*

9:30 AM - 11:30 AM

District Operations/Member Services Committee Meeting
. *Nevada 9/10, Spa Level*

9:45 AM - 11:30 AM

Stewardship and Education Committee Meeting
. *Nevada 6/7, Spa Level*

9:45 AM - 11:30 AM

Communications Committee Meeting. *Nevada 5, Spa Level*

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11:00 AM - 4:00 PM

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Lake Tahoe Tour* *offsite*

12:00 AM - 4:00 PM

(Buses load just north of the Hotel's Front Entrance - along the sidewalk 11:45-12:00)

Virginia City Tour* *offsite*

12:00 PM - 6:00 PM

Conservation Expo** *Grand Salon and Carson 1-4, Casino Level*

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1:00 PM - 3:00 PM

North Central Region Meeting *Nevada 5, Spa Level*

Northeast Region Meeting *Silver State 2, Spa Level*

Northern Plains Region Meeting *Nevada 1-2, Spa Level*

Pacific Region Meeting *Nevada 6/7, Spa Level*

South Central Region Meeting *Nevada 3/4, Spa Level*

Southeast Region Meeting *Nevada 11, Spa Level*

Southwest Region Meeting *Nevada 9/10, Spa Level*

1:30 PM - 5:00 PM

NASCA Business Meeting *Silver State 3, Spa Level*

3:30 PM- 5:00 PM

NACD Board of Directors Meeting
. *Crystal Ballroom 1-4, Casino Level*

3:30 PM - 5:00 PM

First Timers Session* *Teton, Mezzanine Level*

If this is your first time attending the NACD Annual Meeting, please join us for this orientation session especially designed for you! Meet NACD officers and staff and get your questions answered. This session will describe the meetings, sessions, hearings and workshops that you can and should attend, helping you to have a great experience while attending the 2016 NACD Annual Meeting.

5:00 PM - 6:00 PM

Opening Reception *Grand Salon and Carson 1-4, Casino Level*

6:00 PM - 7:30 PM

Nevada Welcome Event* *Crystal Ballroom 1-4, Casino Level*

Cowboy Poet Doris Daley's "Poems from a Million Stars Resort"

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Monday, February 1

7:00 AM - 7:00 PM

Registration *Grand Salon, Casino Level*

7:30 AM - 12:00 PM

Conservation Expo** *Grand Salon and Carson 1-4, Casino Level*

SPONSORED BY: *U.S. Forest Service*

7:30 AM - 8:15 AM

Coffee Break *Grand Salon and Carson 1-4, Casino Level*

SPONSORED BY: *Verdesian*

8:15 AM - 10:30 AM

Opening General Session *Reno/Tahoe, Casino Level*

Presiding: Earl Garber, Past President, NACD, Basile, LA

Invocation: Washoe Tribal Elder, Washoe Tribe of Nevada and California

Presentation of Colors:

Naval Air Station Fallon, Fallon, NV

National Anthem:

Noah Foist, Fernly, NV

Pledge of Allegiance:

Jake Tibbitts, President, Nevada Association of Conservation Districts, Eureka, NV

Nevada Welcome:

Congressman Mark Amodei, U.S. Representative for Nevada (2nd District), Carson City, NV

Assembly of State Associations and Territories:

Kevin Roukey, Commissioner, Nevada State Conservation Commission, Sparks, NV

President's Address:

Lee McDaniel, President, NACD, Darlington, MD

CEO Report:

Jeremy Peters, CEO, NACD, Washington, DC

Keynote Speakers:

Michael Tchong, Change Management Consultant and Motivational Speaker, Oranjestad, Aruba

10:30 AM - 3:30 PM

Joint Forestry Team Meeting *McKinley Room, Mezzanine Level*

10:45 AM - 11:45 AM

NACD Auxiliary Business Meeting *Nevada 5, Spa Level*

10:45 AM - 11:45 AM

Share Fair *Crystal Ballroom 1-2, Casino Level*

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1. Soil Health Cover Crop Field Days

SPONSORED BY: *Dewey County Conservation District, OK*

PRESENTERS: Coleta Bratten, District Manager,
Dewey County Conservation District, OK

Jimmy Emmon, Board Member/Producer
Dewey County Conservation District, OK

Our cover crop project is in its third year and will be showcased along with many other outreach events and project. Areas covered will be our field days, board members assisting farmers and ranchers, on the farm demonstration, partners, and our Soil Health Champion, Jimmy Emmon's journeys presenting about soil health.

2. Partnerships Making a Difference with Landowners

SPONSORED BY: *Tierra y Montes Soil and Water Conservation District, NM*

PRESENTERS: Steve Reichart, Project Manager,
Tierra y Montes SWCD, NM

Frances Martinez, Project Manager, *Tierra y Montes SWCD, NM*

Tierra y Montes SWCD has been working with the USFWS Partners for Fish and Wildlife Program and the State Forestry for several years on a variety of projects. This presentation will highlight this process and the work involved in completing these projects. The work has been focused on soil and water conservation, enhancement of wildlife habitat, improved forage production and diversity along with a healthier forest. Much of a project's success is having landowner involvement along with the support of these agencies and our SWCD working together to get the work done. The presentation will show from start to finish a project's initiation and completion and the steps involved in the process.

3. Evolution of the Illinois Urban Manual: Green Infrastructure

SPONSORED BY: *Association of Illinois SWCDs, IL*

PRESENTER: Matthew Hanauer, Water Quality Coordinator, *Association of Illinois SWCDs, IL*

The Illinois Urban Manual (IUM) is a list of conservation practices to be implemented on construction sites to prevent the contamination of surrounding areas. The IUM is continually updated to reflect new technology as it is introduced to the industry. Recently, the IUM has begun adopting more standards for green infrastructure practices including rain gardens and detention basins. This change is

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an indicator of a shift to more permanent structures for the purpose of water quality as Illinois begins its Nutrient Loss Reduction Strategy.

4. **Successful of the Dry Litter System in American Samoa**

SPONSORED BY: American Samoa SWCD, AS

PRESENTERS: Danielle Meleah, Chairwoman, American Samoa SWCD, AS

Joe Uigalelei, District Manager, American Samoa SWCD, AS
Robinson Multalo, District Technician, American Samoa SWCD, AS

Learn about the success of the Pacific Districts the success of the Dry Litter System in American Samoa. The Dry litter Technology focuses on beneficial uses of nutrient resources through natural composting processes. The AS-SWCD and NRCS have converted 130 wash-down to Dry Litter Systems and have helped reduce pollutants from streams and aquifers. Waste materials are all composted in the facility creating rich, organic soil amendment for crop production. Go through the pros and cons of system and how collaborative efforts amongst agencies has helped improve some of the issues.

5. **Water Quality Certification Expands to Farms Across Minnesota**

SPONSORED BY: Martin SWCD, MN

PRESENTERS: Darwin (and Sandy) Roberts, NACD Soil Health Champion and Supervisor, Martin SWCD, MN

Discover benefits an agriculture producer can expect through the Minnesota Agriculture Water Quality Certification Program (MAWQCP). Find out how various State and Federal agencies were able to assist with installing several bioreactors, farmland drainage using Agri-Drain control structures, wetland water storage, and nutrient removal, various stream buffers with vertical side inlets, cover crops to improve soil health plus and other BMP's to enhance crop production. This project was completed with the assistance of USDA and legislation enacted with pilot project and its transition to a statewide program. View our photos of development and design along with what technical and research services were provided.

6. **NCF Envirothon**

SPONSORED BY: NCF Envirothon

PRESENTERS: NCF Envirothon members

Stop by and visit with us to learn about Envirothon. Gather information on the July 2016 competition

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in Ontario, Canada. If your state is not a current participant, discover how you can join this North American program/competition on soil/landuse, aquatics ecology, forestry, wildlife and yearly current topics.

7. **Catching the Crowd's Attention at Outreach Events**

SPONSORED BY: *Delaware SWCD, OH*

PRESENTER: Dona Rhea, Conservation Educator, *Delaware SWCD, OH*

Experience the underground – the world beneath your feet. Funded by grants, this \$15,000, 13' tall inflatable soil tunnel draws crowds of people at community festivals and fairs. By stimulating public curiosity, taxpayers are drawn to our booth with the soil tunnel, and conservation conversations are started. This display made literature dissemination change in exponential factors. The once hard-to-reach crowd, now comes to us. Pictures and dimensions of the soil tunnel, conservation topics covered on the soil tunnel, and equipment budget to get one manufactured will be presented.

12:00 PM - 2:15 PM

Leadership Luncheon. *Reno/Tahoe, Casino Level*

SPONSORED BY: *The Soil Health Institute*

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Presiding: **Brent Van Dyke, First Vice President,**
NACD, Hobbs, NM

Keynote Speaker: **Jim Richardson, Photographer,**
National Geographic, Lindsborg, KS

Membership Recognition:
John McDonald, Secretary/Treasurer,
NACD, Hillsboro, OR

District Official Training Program Recognition:
Wade Troutman, NACD Executive Board Member,
Bridgeport, WA

National Conservation Foundation/Envirothon update:
Steve Robinson, Chair, NCF, Marysville,
OH

Lorelle Steach, 2015 Chair, NCF
Envirothon Operating Committee, Bedford,
PA

2:15 PM - 5:00 PM

Conservation Expo Reopens**
. *Grand Salon and Carson 1-4, Casino Level*

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2:15 PM - 5:00 PM

NCF Board meeting *Teton 1, Mezzanine Level*

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2:30 PM – 6:00 PM

NRCS National Leadership Team Meeting. . . *Nevada Foyer, Spa Level*

2:30 PM - 3:30 PM

State Association Executive Directors Meeting*
. *Cascade 1, Mezzanine Level*

This session is for Executive Directors only and discussion will include topics such as funding, district official training, marketing strategies, successful programs and projects, and more. This session offers Executive Directors the opportunity to network and learn from each other in order to strengthen their state associations.

2:30 PM - 3:30 PM

BREAKOUT SESSIONS

INDIAN CREEK WATERSHED UNITES DIVERSE PARTNERS TO PROTECT DRINKING WATER. . . *Crystal 1/2, Casino Level*

This presentation will address a diverse partnership of public and private entities who partnered with the Livingston County SWCD in Illinois to address water quality concerns in a watershed that supplies drinking water to local municipalities.

Moderator: Tim Riley, President, NCDEA, Dover, DE

Presenters: Chad Watts, Project Director, CTIC,
West Lafayette, IN

Karen Scanlon, Executive Director, CTIC,
West Lafayette, IN

Lara Moody, Senior Director of
Stewardship and Sustainability, The Fertilizer
Institute, Washington, DC

Mark White, Regulatory Stewardship Manager,
Syngenta, Macon, MO

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TRIBAL TREATY RIGHTS AND CONSERVATION DISTRICT TRIBAL OUTREACH AND PARTNERSHIP BUILDING . . *Crystal 3/4, Casino Level*

The Washington Association of Conservation Districts Tribal Outreach Task Force engages partners and works with staff to deliver training about tribal outreach and partnership-building. The session will include presentations by tribal representatives about conservation issues from a tribal perspective and discussion on treaties and federal government trust responsibilities.

Moderator: Tanna Egdahl, Chair, Washington Association of Conservation Districts Tribal Outreach Task Force, WA

Presenters: Phil Harju, Tribal General Council Vice-Chair,
Tribal Attorney, Cowlitz Tribe

Kurt Grinnell, Tribal Council Member, Jamestown
S'Kallam Tribe

Daryl Williams, Tribal Council Member, Tulalip Tribe

Roylene Rides at the Door, Washington State
Conservationist, NRCS, Spokane, WA

ADVANCED WATER QUALITY PLANNING . . . *Silver State 2, Spa Level*

This presentation focuses on efforts by the Wyoming Association of Conservation Districts to ensure Wyoming's waters were correctly classified by the Wyoming Department of Environmental Quality. Also, learn about protecting water quality through advanced livestock nutrient management planning

Moderator: Jeanette Kennedy Hale, Vice President, NCDEA, Russellville, AR

Presenters: Bobbie Frank, Executive Director, Wyoming Association of Conservation Districts, Cheyenne, WY

Cathy Rosenthal, Watershed Coordinator,
Wyoming Association of Conservation Districts,
Buffalo, WY

Nichole Embertson, Science and Planning
Coordinator, Whatcom Conservation District, Lynden, WA

USING TECHNOLOGY AND MEMORABLE MESSAGES TO EDUCATE TO THE PUBLIC *Silver State 3, Spa Level*

Learn about cutting-edge ways to educate the public about conservation districts. Use memorable campaigns and unconventional methods of education and reinforcement to engage constituents of all ages and a mobile exhibit that utilizes relevant technology.

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Moderator: Melissa Higbee, NCDEA, North Central Region Board Member, Owosso, MI

Presenters: Lynn Pilewski, Education Program Coordinator, Greenville County Soil and Water Conservation District, Greenville, SC

Maddi Phillips, Community Relations Coordinator,
Greenville County Soil and Water Conservation District,
Greenville, SC

Jeff Thomas, Director, Warren County Soil and
Water Conservation District, Lebanon, OH

2:45 PM - 5:30 PM

Resolution Hearings

Communications Committee. *Nevada, 1/2, Spa Level*

District Operations/Member Services Committee
. *Nevada, 3/4, Spa Level*

Natural Resources Policy Committee . . . *Nevada 6/7, Spa Level*

Stewardship and Education Committee . . . *Nevada 5, Spa Level*

Legislative Committee *Nevada 9/10, Spa Level*

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4:00 PM - 5:00 PM BREAKOUT SESSIONS

REACHING UNDERSERVED CUSTOMERS: VETERANS AND WOMEN LANDOWNERS *Crystal 1/2, Casino Level*

Nearly forty percent of US agricultural land was rented in 2014, and much of that land is owned by women. Communicating the benefits of conservation to these landowners represents an enormous conservation opportunity. Post 9/11 Veterans are ready for a new mission and a way to transition back into civilian life and careers. Vets on the Farm helps them with opportunities for education, partnership, and employment in conservation and agricultural industries.

Moderator: Rhonda Kelsch, Secretary, NCDEA, Linton, ND

Presenters: Laura Cromwell, Public Affairs Officer, NRCS, Des Moines, IA

Ron Nichols, Public Affairs Officer, NRCS, Greensboro, NC

Vicki Carter, Director, Spokane Conservation District, Spokane, WA

COOPERATIVE MANAGEMENT OF FERAL SPECIES

. *Crystal 3/4, Casino Level*

The wild horses and burros are facing a crisis. Excess horses are significantly degrading the rangelands upon which the horses, wildlife, livestock, and Americans depend, and the horses are suffering. Nevada is home to over 30,000 horses and burros on public lands. In other parts of the country, including Louisiana, feral hogs cause damage to agricultural land. Learn more about efforts by districts to help better manage these species.

Moderator: Jeff Parker, NCDEA, Northeast Region Board Member, NY

Presenters: Jake Tibbits, President, Nevada Association of Conservation Districts, Eureka, NV

Keith Norris, Chairman, National Horse and Burro Rangeland Management Coalition, Bethesda, MD

Sidney Evans III, Chairman, Natchitoches Soil and Water Conservation District, Natchitoches, LA

INNOVATIONS IN CONSERVATION *Silver State 2, Spa Level*

This session will feature a brief overview of when new life sciences of tomorrow benefit today's agriculture. This will present results of life sciences in soil health, seed treatment research, all working toward more sound conservation efforts.

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Also, discuss the use of polyacrylamide to address resource concerns in all forms of irrigation practices, as well as in dry-land cropping systems.

Moderator: Rhonda Bryars, NCDEA, Southeast Region Board Member, AL

Presenters: Larry Shivers, Special Projects Manager
Government Affairs, Verdian Life Sciences, Wakefield, KS

Will Griffin, Agriculture Manager, SNF Inc, Riceboro, GA

CONSERVATION DISTRICTS: A STRONG FORESTRY PARTNER Silver State 3, Spa Level

America's forests are under attack from wildfire, disease, and a host of other threats. Conservation districts have proven a great ally in helping state agencies protect the resource. This session will highlight some of those success stories with perspective from a variety of state-level partners.

Moderator: Coleta Bratten, NCDEA, South Central Region Board Member, Taloga, OK

Presenters: Ron Alvarado, Oregon State Conservationist, NRCS, OR

Mike Lester, State Forester, Colorado State Forest Service, CO

Susan Stein, Director, National Agroforestry Center, Washington, DC

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4:00 PM- 6:00 PM

CTIC Board Meeting. Nevada 11, Spa Level

6:00 PM - 7:00 PM

NACD Auction Reception* Reno/Tahoe, Casino Level

7:00 PM - 9:00 PM

Live Auction Event Reno/Tahoe, Casino Level

SPONSORED BY: John Deere

Auctioneer: Johnny Regula, Ostrander, OH

Announcer: Lane Nordlund, Associate Ag Director, Northern Ag Network, Huntley, MT

Drawings: Annual Meeting First-Timer and Conservation Expo Bingo

Tuesday, February 2

7:00 AM - 6:30 PM

Registration Open Grand Salon, Casino Level

7:00 AM - 9:00 AM

Presidents Association Breakfast* Nevada 1/2, Spa Level

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7:30 AM - 9:00 AM

NACD Auxiliary Recognition Breakfast* *Nevada 3/4, Spa Level*

7:00 AM - 8:30 AM

NCDEA Board Meeting *Teton, Mezzanine Level*

7:30 AM - 9:00 AM

Coffee Break. *Grand Salon and Carson 1-4, Casino Level*

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7:30 AM - 9:00 AM

Conservation Expo** *Grand Salon and Carson 1-4, Casino Level*

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8:00 AM Start

CTIC Board Meeting. *Nevada 11, Spa Level*

9:00 AM - 11:30 AM

General Session *Reno/Tahoe, Casino Level*

Presiding: Dick Went, Second Vice President, NACD,
Foster, RI

Opening: Thomas Tidwell, Chief, US Forest Service,
Washington, DC

Panel Discussion:

National Conservation Planning Partnership

Moderators: Astor Boozer, Regional Conservationist,
NRCS, Washington, D.C.

**Mike Brown, Executive Director, NASCA, Hartly,
DE, Co-Chairs of the NCPP Leadership Team**

Panelist #1 Irene Moore, NCPP Leadership Team,
NCDEA

Panelist #2 Steve Shine, NCPP Leadership Team, *NASCA*

Panelist #3 William Hodge, NCPP Leadership Team,
NARC&DC, Uniontown, AL

Panelist #4 Leonard Jordan, NCPP Leadership Team and
Associate Chief, *NRCS*

Panelist #5 Kim LaFluer, NCPP Leadership Team, *NACD*

Closing: Jason Weller, Chief, *USDA-NRCS, Washington, DC*

Presentation of Earth Team Award:

Jason Weller, Chief, USDA-NRCS, Washington, DC

11:30 AM - 5:00 PM

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11:30AM - Depart at 11:45)

Historic Journey to Carson City* - *hosted by the NACD Auxiliary . . .*
. *offsite*

11:30 AM - 5:00 PM

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11:30AM – Depart at 11:45)

Sleigh Ride and Area Conservation Speakers Tour* - *hosted by the NACD Auxiliary offsite*

11:45 AM - 1:15 PM

NCDEA Partnership Lunch (*Hosted by NCDEA, open to all, must purchase ticket*)* *Nevada 1/2, Spa Level*

Presiding: Tim Riley, President, NCDEA, Dover, DE

Keynote Speakers:

National Conservation Partnership Leaders

Membership and Awards Recognition:

Jeanette Hale, Vice President, NCDEA, Russelville, AR

1:30 PM – 5:00 PM

NRCS Leadership Meeting *Nevada Foyer, Spa Level*

1:30 PM -5:30 PM

NACD Board of Directors Meeting*
. *Crystal Ballroom 1-4, Casino Level*

1:30 PM – 5:00 PM

State Association Executive Directors Round Table Discussion,
. *Cascade 1, Mezzanine Level*

This session is for Executive Directors only and discussion will include topics such as funding, district official training, marketing strategies, successful programs and projects, and more. This session offers Executive Directors the opportunity to network and learn from each other in order to strengthen their state associations.

1:30 PM - 3:00 PM

BREAKOUT SESSIONS

PROTECTING POLLINATORS THROUGH PARTNERSHIPS
. *Nevada 6/7, Spa Level*

The Resource Conservation of Greater San Diego County is working with partners in San Diego County to create a habitat for Monarchs and other pollinators and is working on a joint project to identify suppliers of regionally appropriate butterfly host plants and seed sources. The Cape Atlantic Conservation in New Jersey's Vegetated Compost Filter Sock project explores the potential, and determines the effectiveness of establishing pollinator habitat in various agricultural settings using an innovative approach.

Moderator: Irene Moore, Past President, NCDEA, Wintersville, OH

Presenters: Sheryl Landrum, District Manager, Resource Conservation District of Greater San Diego County, Lakeside, CA

Ann Baldridge, Education Coordinator, Resource Conservation District of Greater San Diego County, Lakeside, CA

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Dave Reilly, District Manager, Cape Atlantic Conservation District, Mays Landing, NJ

Joe Lomax, District Supervisor, Cape Atlantic Conservation District, May Court House, NJ

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PROMOTING URBAN CONSERVATION . . . Nevada 9/10, Spa Level

Moderator: **Stu Trefry, NASCA Representative, NACD Urban and Community RPG, WA**

Presenters: **Michele Wigern, Nonpoint Pollution Specialist, Faribault County Soil and Water Conservation District, Blue Earth, MN**

Wayne Petersen, Urban Conservation Program Coordinator, Iowa Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship: Division of Soil Conservation and Water Quality, Des Moines, IA

Joe E. Holtrop, Executive Director, Clallam Conservation District, Port Angeles, WA

NACD EDUCATIONAL MATERIALS: EXPERIENCE THE OUTREACH OPPORTUNITIES OF WE ALL NEED TREES

..... *Silver State 2, Spa Level*

This is a showcase of the new NACD education materials: We All Need Trees. The session will review the new materials, activities, resources for your community. Stewardship Week ideas will be shared. Enjoy activities that you can use engage students and adults.

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Moderator: **Cal Steuart, Stewardship & Education Committee Chair, Upper Marlboro, MD**

Presenters: **Kathy McGlaufflin, Senior Vice President, Project Learning Tree, Washington, DC**

Sue Cummings, Education Program Specialist, US Forest Service, Washington, DC

Susan Henning, District Manager, Kay County Conservation District, Newkirk, OK

NACD DISTRICT OUTLOOK TASK FORCE UPDATE

..... *Silver State 3, Spa Level*

An NACD District Outlook Task Force was created in 2015 to conduct an analysis of the changing environment for districts and locally led conservation. To date, the task force has worked on the key elements of successful districts such as business plan, communications plan, training, funding, and structure. They are now seeking input from member districts, partners, and others about what they see as emerging issues and opportunities for locally led conservation. This session will provide background on the initiative, presentations from two districts, and an audience Q&A.

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Moderator: Jack Majeres, Chairman, *NACD District Outlook Task Force, Dell Rapids, SD*

Presenters: Vicki Carter, Director, *Spokane Conservation District, Spokane, WA*

Ron Rohall, Chairman, *Westmoreland Conservation District, Greensburg, PA*

Mike Brown, Executive Director, *NASCA, Hartley, DE*

2:00 PM – 4:00 PM

NCF Development Meeting *Teton, Mezzanine Level*

3:30 PM - 4:30 PM

BREAKOUT SESSIONS RESUME

CONSERVATION DISTRICT FORESTRY 101
..... *Nevada 6/7, Spa Level*

Interested in ideas on how to build or strengthen your forestry programs? This session will be hosted by four conservation district forestry professionals possessing a wealth of experience. Learn how to educate the community about forest resource needs, engage partners, locate funding opportunities, and make a difference in the woods surrounding your district.

Moderator: Carolyn Kelly, NCDEA, Pacific Region and at Large Board Member, *NCDEA*

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Presenters: Tom Crowe, North Central Region Representative, *NACD Forestry RPG, IN*

Doug Rushton, *NACD Forestry RPG, WA*

John McAlpine, South Central Representative, *NACD Forestry RPG, MA*

Joe Smith, Northeast Representative, *NACD Forestry RPG, MA*

OUTREACH AND EXTENDING PARTNERSHIPS
..... *Nevada 9/10, Spa Level*

Districts can work with non-traditional partners to both improve water quality and foster community involvement in conservation projects. Districts in Ohio and Arkansas will talk about their efforts in this area. In Arkansas, partners are using the Discovery Farm Program to help solve problems in monitoring voluntary conservation.

Moderator: Melissa Higbee, North Central Region Board Member, *NCDEA*

Presenters: Lynn Pilewski, Education Program Coordinator, *Greenville County Soil and Water Conservation District, Greenville, SC*

Maddi Phillips, Community Relations Coordinator, *Greenville County Soil and Water Conservation District, Greenville, SC*

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Andrew Sharpley, Professor, University of Arkansas Division of Agriculture, Fayetteville, AR
Mike Daniels, Professor, University of Arkansas Division of Agriculture Cooperative Extension, Little Rock, AR

USING RESOURCES TO BETTER DISTRICTS AND THEIR STAFF *Silver State 2, Spa Level*

Districts need to use all available resources in order to best deliver on the ground conservation. Learn about the Technical and Professional Development Workgroup in Washington's goals of making sure district employees have proper tools and New Mexico's use of retired federal employees to work on projects and programs across the state.

Moderator: Jeff Parker, Northeast Region Board Member, NCDEA, NY

Presenters: Nichole Embertson, Science and Planning Coordinator, Whatcom Conservation District, Lynden, WA

Debbie Hughes, Executive Director, New Mexico Association of Conservation Districts, Carlsbad, NM

FARM BILL 101: QUICK AND EASY GUIDE TO UNDERSTANDING THE FARM BILL, LESSONS FROM THE 2014 FARM BILL AND LOOKING AHEAD TO 2018

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..... *Silver State 3, Spa Level*

9b Group and the NACD Farm Bill Task Force Steering Committee are looking for your input on what should be in the 2018 Farm Bill. This will help NACD draft Farm Bill priorities. Also, hear about the history of the legislation and what the Congressional timeline should be for developing the next Farm Bill, which could start as early as this year.

Moderator: Brent Van Dyke, First Vice President and Farm Bill Task Force Steering Committee Chair, NACD, Hobbs, NM

Presenters: Pelham Straughn, Co-Founder and Partner, 9b Group, Washington, DC

6:00-7:00 PM

Banquet Happy Hour* *Grand Salon, Casino Level*

7:00 PM - 9:00 PM

Appreciation Banquet* *Reno/Tahoe, Casino Level*

Presiding: Lee McDaniel, President, NACD, Darlington, MD

Master of Ceremonies:

Lane Nordlund, Associate Ag Director, Northern Ag Network, Huntley, MT

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Invocation: Wendell Stembridge, Southwest Region Chair,
NACD, Peoa, UT

**NACD AUXILIARY QUILT DRAWING
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LEADERSHIP AWARD**

Presenter: Jason Weller, Chief, *USDA-NRCS, Washington, DC*

NACD AWARDS

Friend of Conservation Award:

Scotts Miracle-Gro, Marysville, OH

Distinguished Service Award:

*Debbie Moreland, Executive Director, Arkansas
Association of Conservation Districts, Little Rock, AR*

President's Award: *Announced Live
Recognition of Retiring NACD Executive Board Members
and Officers* *Shaun Sims, Southwest Region*

**INSTALLATION OF NACD OFFICERS AND EXECUTIVE BOARD
MEMBERS (INCLUDES REGION CHAIR RECOGNITION)**

Presiding: Lee McDaniel, President, *NACD, Darlington, MD*

Wednesday, February 3

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7:00 AM - 9:00 AM

PLC Breakfast* *Nevada 1/2, Spa Level*

8:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Registration Open. *Grand Salon, Casino Level*

8:30 AM - 11:30 AM

Board of Directors Meeting *Crystal 1-4, Casino Level*

9:00 AM - 12:00 PM

SYMPOSIA

SOIL HEALTH SYMPOSIUM. *Silver State 2, Spa Level*

This symposium will put the focus on NACD's Soil Health Champions Network and other soil health activities. A panel of soil health voices, including conservation district leaders, will share their soil health experiences from around the country. The panel and audience will then engage in an effort to look to the future. They will address questions like: Where does the soil health movement need to be five years from now? How do we get there?

Moderator: Beth Mason, North Central Region
Representative, *NACD, Indianapolis, IN*

Presenters: Tony DiLodovico, Vice Chair, *Ocean County
Conservation District, Forked River, NJ*

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Ray McCormick, Board Member, NACD, Vincennes, IN
Ron Nichols, Public Affairs Officer, NRCS,
Greensboro, NC

Bill Buckner, President and CEO, The Samuel
Roberts Noble Foundation, Ardmore, OK

NACD Soil Health Champions and Soil Health Leaders

PATHWAY TO WATER QUALITY SYMPOSIUM..... *..... Silver State 3, Spa Level*

The Indiana Pathway to Water Quality teaches the public how land use and individual actions affect water quality. The Wyoming Pathway to Water Quality implements innovative practices to protect water quality, reduce erosion, enhance a wetland, and establish native grasses and tree species. Both programs can be found each year at the Indiana and Wyoming state fairs.

Moderator: Irene Moore, Past President, NCDEA, Wintersville, OH

Presenters: Jane Hardisty, Indiana State Conservationist,
NRCS, Indianapolis, IN

Bobbie Frank, Executive Director, Wyoming
Association of Conservation Districts, Cheyenne, WY

Cathy Rosenthal, Watershed Coordinator,
Wyoming Association of Conservation Districts,
Buffalo, WY

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WILDFIRE MANAGEMENT SYMPOSIUM

HOSTED BY: NCDEA *Nevada 6/7*

This session will provide input from several states on how they are managing forestlands and related lands to address the current wildfire issues. First hand experiences by districts will be featured along with a summary of findings from the Pacific and Southwest Regions.

Moderator: Carolyn Kelly, Pacific and At-Large Board Member,
National Conservation District Employees Association

Presenters: Craig Nelson, District Manager, Okanogan
Conservation District, Okanogan, WA

Lorah Super, Supervisor, Okanogan Conservation
District, Okanogan, WA

Glenn Franklin, President, California Association of
Resource Conservation Districts, Mariposa, CA

12:00 PM – 4:00 PM

NACD Executive Board Meeting *Teton, Mezzanine Level*

12:15 PM – 5:30 PM

(buses load from NOON-12:15 just north of the Hotel's Front Entrance)

Nevada Rangeland Tour* *offsite*

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1:00 PM – 5:00 PM

NCPP Meeting *McKinley, Mezzanine Level*

Thursday, February 4

1:00 PM – 5:00PM

NCPP Meeting *McKinley, Mezzanine Level*

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Marcus Maier	Robert E Coker, Jr.	Christopher Bassett	Josef Bragger
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Gordon and Jeff Smiley	Emile Guedon	David Brandt	Burlin Findley
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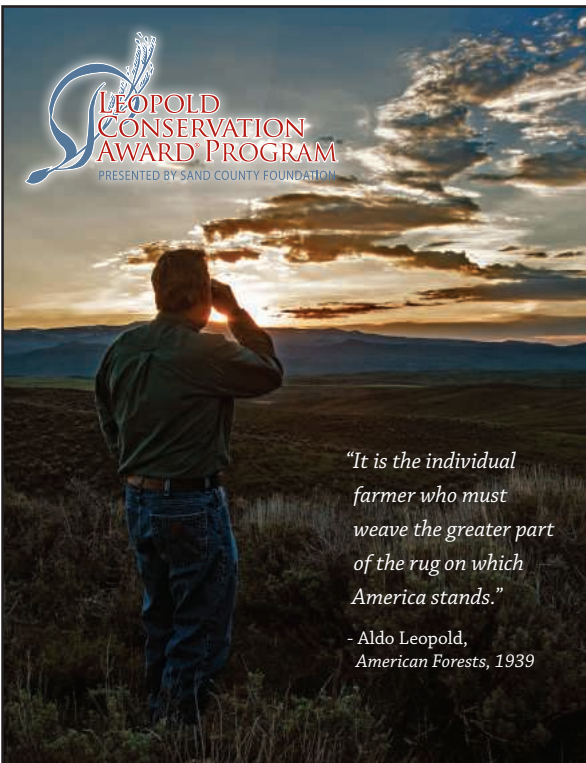
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