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Prairie Conservation and Endangered Species Conference

*"Prairie Collaboration, Connection and Conservation (PC3)"*

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Prairie Conservation and Endangered Species Conference (PCESC) to be held on February 21<sup>st</sup>-23<sup>rd</sup> at the Wilder Institute/Calgary Zoo

**Calgary, Alberta, February 21<sup>st</sup>**- The 13<sup>th</sup> Prairie Conservation and Endangered Species Conference is being held from February 21<sup>st</sup>-23<sup>rd</sup> at the Wilder Institute/Calgary Zoo. This Conference is held every three years and is rotated between the three Prairie Provinces: Alberta, Saskatchewan, and Manitoba.

The purpose of the conference is to highlight the prairie ecosystem and celebrate the land, the species, and the people that depend on and live within it. Prairie ecosystems are one of the most endangered ecosystems on the planet. They provide important ecosystem services such as soil and water conservation and habitat for many threatened species. The conference brings together diverse groups and individuals (conservationists, First Nations and indigenous groups, industry, ranchers, government, and post-secondary institutions) to share knowledge, ideas, and information on the conservation and management of North American Grasslands and the species that depend upon them.

The Conference will take place on the 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup>, with a pre-conference event on the eve of the 21<sup>st</sup>. The theme of the conference is *Prairie Collaboration, Connection, and Conservation (PC3)*, and discusses ways that we, as residents and managers of the Canadian prairies, can come together and solve complex problems associated with conserving these very important ecosystems. Over 50 presenters will be sharing their research and projects. Poster presentations and a tradeshow will be on display over the entire conference. A mix and mingle/art show will take place on the evening of February 21<sup>st</sup> and a banquet and awards ceremony will be held the evening of the 22<sup>nd</sup>.

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