



# 2018 Great Plains Forestry Gathering

Hays, Kansas



## **Tuesday, October 9, 2018**

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Convene at the Western Kansas Agricultural Research Center (WKARC): **1332 240<sup>th</sup> Ave, Hays, KS**

- 1:00 – 5:00     **Great Plains Society of American Foresters Meeting & Bur Oak Tree Planting**  
*Agenda TBA*
- 5:30 – 6:30     **Welcome to Hays! – Social Hour & GPSAF Silent Auction (optional)**  
*Thirsty's: 2704 Vine St, Hays, KS*
- 6:30             **Dinner (optional) at Thirsty's: 2704 Vine St, Hays, KS**

## **Wednesday, October 10, 2018**

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Convene at the Western Kansas Agricultural Research Center (WKARC): **1332 240<sup>th</sup> Ave, Hays, KS**

- 8:00 – 8:15     **Welcome: Coffee & Donuts – Kansas Forest Service**
- 8:15 – 8:45     **Invasive Interactions – EAB, Bush Honeysuckle, and Multiflora Rose**  
Ryan Rastok, Kansas Forest Service
- 8:45 – 9:15     **Discussion: Invasive Bush Honeysuckle Control and Realities on the Ground**  
John Barbur, Fort Riley
- 9:15 – 9:45     **Break**  
*Refreshments provided by Hays Beautification Committee*
- 9:45 – 11:15    **Discussion: Remote Sensing in Great Plains Forestry (LIDAR, sUAS, ForWarn, NDVI, and more!)**  
Fort Hays State: Jami Seirer & students  
KFS: Ryan Armbrust, Ryan Rastok, Andy Klein, Bob Atchison  
Kansas State Polytechnic: Trevor Witt
- 11:15 – 12:30   **Lunch on your own (Many options downtown, 1 mile away)**
- 12:30 – 1:00    **sUAS demonstrations**  
Jay Overmiller, Smith County producer  
Apis Remote Sensing Systems / AgEagle
- 1:00 – 4:30     **Field tours**  
Tree Trials at the WKARC – Ryan Armbrust, KFS  
Effluent Irrigation at Hays Golf Course – Jeff Boyle, Hays Parks Director  
Frontier Park – Jim Strine, KFS Forester Emeritus  
Hays Planing Mill – Dustin Braun
- 4:30 – 5:00     **Return to WKARC**
- 5:30 – 6:30     **Social Hour (optional) at Lb Brewing: 117 E. 11th St.**
- 6:30             **Dinner (optional) at Gella's Diner: 117 E. 11th St.**

## Thursday, October 11, 2018

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- 8:00 – 8:15     **Welcome: Coffee & Donuts** – *Kansas Forest Service*
- 8:15 – 9:15     **Discussion: EAB on the Great Plains – Detection, Treatment, Removal, Replanting**  
Ryan Armbrust, Kansas Forest Service
- 9:15 – 10:15   **Discussion: Herbicide Injury on Trees in the Great Plains**  
John Ball, South Dakota State University
- 10:15 – 10:30   **Break & Browse: Tree Problems, Mysteries, and Curiosities**  
*Bring samples and/or photos to share with the group*
- 10:30 – 11:00   **Update on White Pine Blister Rust in the Great Plains**  
Jim Blodgett, USDA Forest Service Rocky Mountain Region
- 11:00 – 11:30   **Open 30-minute presentation slot**  
Presenter TBA
- 11:30 – 1:00     **Lunch on your own** (*Many options downtown, 1 mile away*)
- 1:00 – 1:45     **GPTPC: Update on “Pests of Trees in the Great Plains” publication**
- 1:45 – 3:00     **GPTPC: State & Agency Reports**  
MT, ND, SD, and USFS Region 1
- 3:00 – 3:15     **Break & Browse: Tree Problems, Mysteries, and Curiosities**  
*Bring samples and/or photos to share with the group*
- 3:15 – 4:30     **GPTPC: State & Agency Reports**  
WY, CO, NE, KS, and USFS Region 2
- 4:30 – 5:00     **GPTPC: Business Meeting**
- 5:00             **Wrap-up / Adjourn**

### Lodging

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There are many hotel options at the I-70 interchange offering government rates. For others, a block of 10 rooms has been reserved at the Hampton Inn, at a rate of \$94 per night. Mention “Forest Service meeting” for rate.

### Transportation

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A shuttle bus will be available to transport folks from hotels to meeting site. It will also be used for field tours, to minimize the number of private vehicles in the caravan. Carpooling is recommended!

### Hays Airport

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United flies between Denver and Hays. Arrivals daily at 5:23 & 10:03 pm, departures 6:49 am & 5:55 pm. Please contact Ryan Armbrust to arrange airport pickup, if needed.

### Registration

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There is no registration fee for this gathering. However, **please RSVP** to [rarmbrust@ksu.edu](mailto:rarmbrust@ksu.edu) if you can attend. Voluntary donations to offset cost of refreshments will be accepted, but are not required.