**28th Idaho Rare Plant Conference**

**February 27 – March 1, 2018**

**Washington Group Plaza**

**720 Park Boulevard, Boise, Idaho\***

**Presented by the Idaho Native Plant Society (INPS)**

**Tuesday – 2/27**

12:00 - 1:00 – *Registration, set-up and lunch social opportunity (on your own, on-site cafeteria)*

1:00 - 1:10 – INPS president **Stephen Love** – Conference outline, vision, speakers and logistics

1:10 - 1:30 – Ray J. Davis Herbarium Collections Manager **Janet Bala** – Meet our new Idaho endemic Penstemon, Salmon Mountains Penstemon (*Penstemon salmonensis*). Thank you to Noel and Pat Holmgren, artist Bobbi Angel, The New York Botanical Garden Press, and *Brittonia.*

1:30 - 1:50 – Precious Lands Project Leader, Nez Perce Tribe **Angela C. Sondenaa** – Keynote for Rare Plant Conservation: The Conservation of Rare Plants and Palouse Prairie Remnants on Nez Perce Tribal Lands

***Agency Updates***

1:50 - 2:10 – US Fish and Wildlife Service Botanist **Karen Colson** – Managing Species under the Endangered Species Act in Idaho: A Status Update

2:10 - 2:30 – US Forest Service Geneticist **Matt Horning** – MacFarlane’s four-o’clock (*Mirabilis macfarlanei*): Conservation and Recovery Efforts

2:30 - 2:50 – Idaho Dept. of Fish & Game Lead Botanist **Lynn Kinter** – Rare Plant Research by the Idaho

Natural Heritage Program

2:50 - 3:10 – *Break – Coffee, hot tea and snack provided*

3:10 - 3:30 – Bureau of Land Management Botanist **Anne Halford** – BLM Idaho Rare Plant Updates: Policy and Conservation Efforts

3:30 - 3:50 – US Forest Service, Boise NF Ecologist/Botanist **Jennifer Brickey** – Forest Service Intermountain Region Botany Program Overview

3:50 - 4:10 – Chicago Botanic Garden, Conservation and Land Management Intern with Caribou-Targhee NF **Brittni Brown** – Plant Species of Conservation Concern on the Salmon-Challis NF

4:10 - 4:30 – Idaho Dept. of Fish & Game Lead Botanist **Lynn Kinter** – Milkweeds of Idaho: An Investigation of Two Potentially Rare Species

4:30 - 5:00 – Announcements and logistics for evening

5:30 - 8:15 – Casual Social at The Reef (6th and Main, downtown Boise), in the Hemingway Room.

 No-host appetizers and dinners.

**Wednesday – 2/28**

8:00 - 8:30 – *Registration and morning social – Coffee, hot tea and continental breakfast provided*

8:30 - 8:40 – Opening remarks, 2018 Rare Plant Conference Planning Chair **Rose Lehman**

8:40 - 9:00 – Announcements of Interests, Open to Conference Participants

* BLM Botanist **Holly Hovis** – Idaho Native Plant Garden Guide
* 2018 INPS Statewide Annual Meeting: Coeur d’Alene, ID, July 2, 2018
* 2018 Idaho Botanical Foray, Sawtooth National Forest, May 31 thru June 4th

***Plant and Plant Community Conservation***

9:00 - 9:20 – Mancuso Botanical Services **Michael Mancuso** – GLORIA in Idaho: Introduction to Global Observation Research Initiative in Alpine Environments

9:20 - 9:40 – Idaho botanist **Barbara Ertter** – Alpine *Potentilla* in Idaho

9:40 - 10:00 – Nature’s Capital **Steven Rust** – Natural Vegetation of Idaho: Using the United States National Vegetation Classification to Conserve Plant Diversity

10:00 - 10:20 – *Break – Coffee, hot tea and snack provided*

***Rare Plant Ranking***

10:20 - 10:40 – Idaho Botanist **Beth Corbin** – Overview of Rare Plant Ranking in Idaho

10:40 - 12:00 – Northern Idaho Rare Plant Working Group (NIRPWG) Rare Plant Ranks – **Derek Antonelli** facilitated

12:00 - 1:00 – *Lunch – on your own, on-site cafeteria recommended*

1:00 - 3:00 – NIRPWG Rare Plant Ranks

3:00 - 3:20 – *Break – Coffee, hot tea and snack provided*

3:20 - 4:45 – Southern Idaho Rare Plant Working Group (SIRPWG) Rare Plant Ranks – **Beth Corbin** facilitated

4:45 - 5:00 –Logistics for evening

5:30 - 6:30 – Social at IDFG’s MK Nature Center (600 S Walnut)

6:30 - 7:30 – Dinner catered by Kibrom's Ethiopian & Eritrean Cuisine

7:30 – Presentation by College of Idaho Emeritus Professor of Biology **Eric Yensen** –

 Demise of the Sagebrush-Steppe Ecosystem

**Thursday – 3/1**

8:00 - 8:30 – *Registration and morning social – Coffee, hot tea and continental breakfast provided*

8:30 - 10:00 – SIRPWG Rare Plant Ranks

10:00 -10:20 – *Break – Coffee, hot tea and snack provided*

10:20 - 11:00 – SIRPWG Rare Plant Ranks

11:00 - 11:40 – Open Discussion: Critique, next steps, recommendations to agencies and others

11:40 - 12:00 – Summary and acknowledgements – **Stephen Love**

12:00 - 1:15 – *Lunch on your own, and travel to field trip meeting place*

1:15 – College of Idaho Biology Professor **Don Mansfield** – Field trip to Primrose Hill

Meet at the Lulu's Pizza complex parking lot (2594 N. Bogus Basin Road) no later than 1:15. Don will lead us to Primrose Hill. Don’s presentation will end by 3:00, but participants can linger and hike longer, as desired.

\* Washington Group Plaza is on the north side of Park Boulevard, about 100 yards east of Broadway. Parking for our conference is on the south side of Park Boulevard (on the right as you’re coming down this one-way street), at the east end of the parking lot for the Ram. A lighted crosswalk leads to the north side of Park Boulevard, and the main entrance is at the top of the stairs behind the fountain.

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