

The 5th National Conference on Grazing Lands

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The Caribe Royale, 8101 World Center Drive, Orlando, Florida 32821



Announcing the Call for Papers



You are invited to be part of the Fifth National Conference on Grazing Lands (5NCGL). The conference is being hosted by the Grazing Lands Conservation Initiative (GLCI) and a number of other sponsoring organizations. The conference objective is “To Heighten Awareness of the Economic and Environmental Benefits of Grazing Lands,” and its theme is “Grazinglands, a Magical Environment,” in keeping with Orlando and the Magic Kingdom. The target audience includes producers, academics, consumers, government agency officials, conservationists, environmentalists, urban based resource interests, grazing land managers, landowners, and others interested in effective natural resources management. Cooperators are expected to come from the public sector (natural resource agencies and entities), and from the private sector (agricultural and natural resource entities, the farming and livestock industry, and environmental conservation organizations).

The conference is designed to provide a forum for discussions and exchange of information, technology transfer, identification of research and program needs, marketing of products, services, and other benefits of grazing. It will generally be organized into four “tracks,” 1) western grazing lands, 2) central grazing lands, 3) eastern grazing lands, and 4) dairy grazing land management. The conference sponsors are accepting abstracts for both oral and poster papers in the following categories within each track:

- Issues concerning the agricultural – urban interface.
- Successful “cutting edge” management technologies for grazing practices.
- Economic/marketing implications of grazing.
- Public Policy implications of grazing.
- The optimizing of grazing land health for environmental and social benefits.

Abstract submissions should indicate both the track and category where the abstract best fits. Farmers and ranchers are particularly encouraged to present. Poster boards will be provided for poster paper presenters. Internet access is NOT available to presenters in session rooms.

All accepted papers and poster abstracts are eligible for publication in the conference proceedings. To submit your abstract, prepare a 400 word, or less, description of your presentation, and indicate oral or poster. Electronic abstract submission will be a on the GLCI website at, <http://www.glci.org/submitform5NCGL.php>

Abstract deadline is May 1st, 2012.

If you have any questions regarding abstracts, please contact John W. Peterson, 5NCGL Conference Manager, or Monti Golla, GLCI Administrator. John’s telephone no. is 703-455-4387, cell. 703-505-1782, fax 703-455-6888, e-mail jwpeterson@cox.net. Monti’s phone is 979-777-9779, email grazinglands@verizon.net.

Notification of accepted abstracts will start in June 2012. If your oral abstract is accepted, your full paper is due September 1, 2012. Maximum length of final manuscripts is 6000 words, about 9 pages. Volunteer presenters are responsible for providing their own conference travel, registration and other expenses.



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