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National Native Seed Conference to be Held in Washington D.C. Next Week

Research, Industry, Land Management and Restoration Practitioners gather at 2023 National Native Seed Conference (NNSC) to share scientific research and restoration best practices, connect regional seed partnerships, and advocate a national policy to address the shortage of native seed for restoration and reforestation efforts across the United States

WASHINGTON, D.C.—As communities across the U.S. grapple with the severe and often lasting impacts of extreme weather events made more frequent by climate change, hundreds of conservation and restoration professionals, land managers, and seed growers will gather in Washington D.C. on March 27 through March 30 to share best practices in restoration. The National Native Seed Conference is an annual conference coordinated by the Institute for Applied Ecology (IAE).

What: National annual gathering of research, industry, land management and restoration practitioners

Who: Speakers will include:

- ❖ **Dr. Tom Kaye**, Executive Director of the Institute for Applied Ecology
- ❖ **Dr. Tracy Stone-Manning**, Director of the Bureau of Land Management
- ❖ **Dr. Robert Bonnie**, Under Secretary for Farm Production and Conservation at USDA
- ❖ **Dr. Deborah Rocque**, Assistant Director for Science Applications, U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service
- ❖ **Dr. Elizabeth Leger**, Foundation Professor, Director of the Museum of Natural History
- ❖ **Dr. Kayri Havens**, Medard and Elizabeth Welch Director of Plant Science and Conservation at the Chicago Botanic Garden
- ❖ **Dr. Cristina Eisenberg**, Associate Dean for Inclusive Excellence, Maybelle Clark Macdonald Director of Tribal Initiatives in Natural Resources at Oregon State University

When: March 27, 2023 through March 30, 2023

Where: Westin Alexandria Old Town Hotel, Alexandria, Virginia

Visit www.appliedeco.org/native-seed-conference/press-kit/ to learn more about the conference.

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About the 2023 National Native Seed Conference

The [National Native Seed Conference](#) is an annual event sponsored by the Institute for Applied Ecology which connects Research, Industry, Land Management, and Restoration professionals, providing the premier opportunity to develop relationships and share information about the collection, research and development, production, and use of native plant materials. The 2023 National Native Seed Conference is dedicated to the science, practice, and policy of producing and effectively using native seed. The conference supports the America the Beautiful Executive Order, National Seed Strategy for Rehabilitation and Restoration, and the UN Decade on Ecosystem Restoration. Sponsors of the 2023 Conference include the Bureau of Land Management (BLM), the Natural Areas Association, Hedgerow Farms, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS), the National Wildlife Federation, and the U.S. Forest Service.

About the Institute for Applied Ecology

The [Institute for Applied Ecology](#) (IAE) is a 501(c)(3) organization located in Corvallis, Oregon and Santa Fe, New Mexico which is committed to the conservation of native species and habitats. The mission of the Institute for Applied Ecology is to conserve native species and habitats through restoration, research and education. Our vision is a world where all people and wildlands are healthy and interact positively, biological diversity flourishes, and environmental challenges are met with a social commitment to solving problems with scientific principles. We provide a service to public and private agencies and individuals by developing and communicating information on ecosystems, species, and effective management strategies. Restoration of habitats is a primary focus, and we conduct this work through partnerships with a diverse group of agencies, organizations and the private sector. We link our community with habitats through education and outreach.