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First Kansas Natural Resources Conference Scheduled for February

Wichita, Kansas--Where do trees belong in Kansas? The Role of Trees in Kansas is the theme of the first Kansas Natural Resources Conference (KNRC) to be held at the Airport Hilton, Wichita, Kansas, February 21-23, 2008.

"The KNRC is being organized and sponsored by the Kansas chapters of six professional natural resource societies," said Dan Meyerhoff, steering committee chairperson.

"The sponsors represent a unique blend of disciplines promoting the wise use and management of Kansas's natural resources. The conference sponsors invite anyone interested in the conference content to join them," said Meyerhoff.

The sponsors are the Kansas Chapter of the American Fisheries Society, Kansas Alliance for Wetlands and Streams, the Great Plains Society of American Foresters, Kansas Chapter of the Wildlife Society, the Kansas Section of the Society of Range Management, and Kansas Chapter Soil and Water Conservation Society.

"The conference is designed to appeal to a broad spectrum of people interested in environmental and natural resources topics," said Meyerhoff.

Plenary session speakers are Dr. Elliot West, distinguished Professor of History at the University of Arkansas; Dr. Jim Sherow, Professor of Environmental History at Kansas State University; and Larry Rutter, retired from the Kansas State Historical Society. Speaker biographies are on the Web site.

A Call for Papers has been issued and abstracts are due December 7, 2007. Professionals and students are invited to present oral and poster presentations on the theme: We especially encourage presentations related to one of the five topics below:

- Brush and woody debris-management, alternatives, costs, and benefits
- Design and benefits of streambank and riparian corridor renovation and stabilization
- Invasive species management-effects and control
- Conservation planning-managing areas for multiple benefits
- Positive and negative effects of trees on wildlife

Other topics that would be of interest to conference attendees would be considered according to Craig Paukert, Kansas Cooperative Fish and Wildlife Research Unit at K-State University, who is handling the Call for Papers,

Conference brochure, call for papers, registration form, concurrent session topics, committee chairs, and hotel information is available on the Web site at www.k-state.edu/fisheries/KNRC. Or, contact Dan Meyerhoff, at 785-625-2588 or email at dan.meyerhoff@ks.usda.gov.

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