

Post Field Tour Workshop

June 16, 9 am - 12 pm

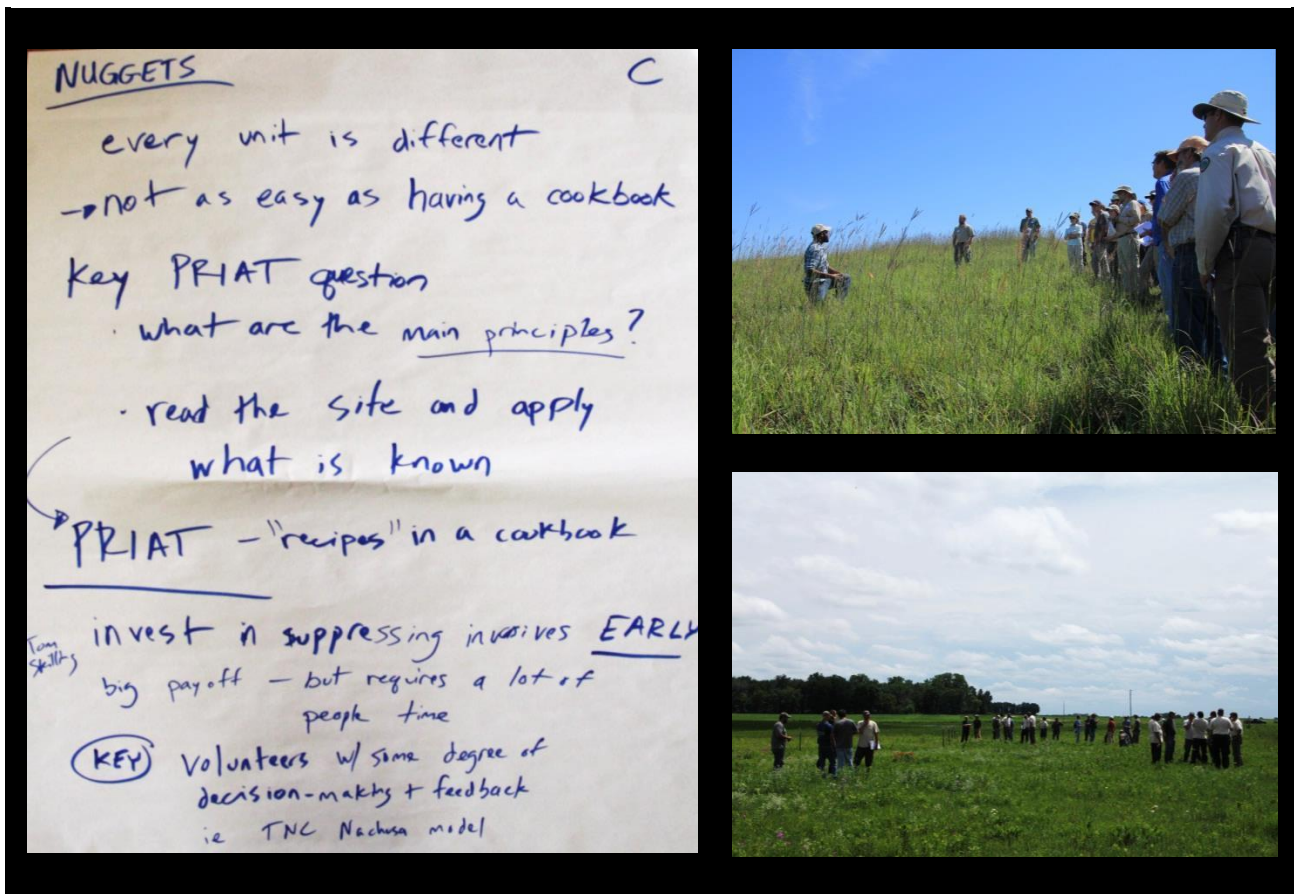
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Goal: Broader dissemination and adoption (or adaptation) of the information and concepts covered in the field tours. Audience includes those making decisions about how to manage oak-dominated sites as well as agency leadership.

Workshop objectives:

1. Provide all participants the opportunity to share and review key takeaways from the field tours (contribute to distilling main points that need to be shared)
2. Provide all participants an opportunity for an informal peer-review: to share their level of confidence in the information provided on the field tours, based on experience with their own sites.

Takeaways: The post-field tour review of key information and concepts is essential for robust reporting of the event. After action reviews have been valuable for identifying which “nuggets” of information were most interesting to participants (see image below, left), including information presented by researchers (image below, upper right) as well as ideas discussed during side conversations (lower right).



Notes taken during field tours can provide useful prompts for memory, but often notes are incomplete and lack context to provide a concise and coherent summary for those who did not visit the sites. The information we review and collect during part of the workshop can be utilized in tools such as a short synopsis of the field tour, [newsletter articles for TPOS](#) and partners, [virtual field tours](#), [webinars](#), invasive species [case studies](#), and other products.

Informal peer-review: How do you know if the information in an article or case study is trustworthy or applicable to your site? Surveys and conversations suggest that most land managers prefer to reach out to trusted peers for information and in depth discussion. Our informal peer review will aim to capture more of the give-and-take from an informal conversation than might otherwise be found in a widely-disseminated product like a newsletter article, case study, or virtual tour. By investing some time in documenting how we considered the strength and applicability of the information, we can provide important details about context and contingency—and help land managers determine if the knowledge shared is appropriate to include when weighing their land management decisions.

Agenda

9-9:30: Introductions – Who is at the table?

9:30-10:15: Capturing key takeaways

Depending on the number of participants, we may break into two or more small groups.

10:15-10:30: Break

10:30-11:45: Informal peer review – confidence in the examples and research shared

Baseline conditions – we saw a few unmanaged areas. How different are initial conditions at sites you work with?

Outcomes – we saw a variety of treatments and short- to intermediate-term outcomes. Have you worked on sites where similar treatments were applied and the outcomes were different? Have you applied different treatments and achieved similar outcomes?

What factors do you think are most important in determining whether a particular treatment or set of integrated treatments will meet your management objectives?

11:45-Noon: Next steps

Are there future activities that can build off of this field tour and workshop?

