

# CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

◆ Oral presentations ◆ Posters ◆ Ignite Talks

2016 Annual Meeting of the Central Mountains and Plains Section of  
The Wildlife Society



**Abstract Submission Deadline (NEW!): July 6<sup>th</sup>, 2016**

Authors will be notified the status of their submission via email by **July 15, 2016**

This is the first call for oral, poster, and ignite presentations for the 2016 Annual Meeting of the Central Mountains and Plains Section of The Wildlife Society being held **August 8-11<sup>th</sup>** at the Sheraton Hotel in Steamboat Springs, Colorado.

**We are accepting abstracts for oral and poster presentations by professionals and students on wildlife-related topics. Presentations pertaining to forest ecosystems and wildlife are encouraged.**

Abstracts must be submitted electronically by e-mailing [Mindy.Rice@state.co.us](mailto:Mindy.Rice@state.co.us) following the **Abstract Example** at the end of this document.

Direct questions regarding this call for papers to Mindy Rice:

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## **ORAL PRESENTATIONS:**

20 minutes are allotted for each presentation; 15-minute presentation followed by 5 minutes for questions and answers. Oral presentations are limited to Microsoft PowerPoint; no other formats will be accepted. Talks will occur on Tues Aug. 9<sup>th</sup>, and Wednesday Aug. 10<sup>th</sup>.

### **Abstract text cannot exceed 250 words**

Provide all required information in one Word document

Provide the presentation title, author(s) name, authors' affiliations, and contact author's postal and email addresses

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## **POSTER PRESENTATIONS:**

Maximum dimensions are 4 feet by 4 feet in size. **They will be displayed at the Tuesday night social at the Steamboat Library.**

### **Abstract text cannot exceed 250 words**

Provide all required information in one Word document

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## **IGNITE TALKS:**

Ignite at the 2016 CMPS Meeting! “To The Point” sessions have been a staple at many meetings for several years now and provide a great platform for people to quickly share project updates, notes from the field, or other important topics that don’t require a full 20-minute presentation. Ignite talks take this idea one step further by automating slide progression and condensing the talk to 5 minutes! Topics can be inspirational, funny, or informative but all should strive to be engaging and entertaining. Maybe you want to update the membership on the good work of a specific group in the State or maybe you have figured out a better mouse trap, the possibilities are endless.

To be considered for an Ignite talk slot, please submit your name, talk title, and a **2-3 sentence explanation** of your talk to [Mindy.Rice@state.co.us](mailto:Mindy.Rice@state.co.us) by **June 30th**. A simple email with the requested information is fine, no form to fill out. If your Ignite talk is selected for presentation, we will send you the powerpoint template to build your talk with. This template has the automatic progression and timer built in.

### **Ignite Rules**

20 Slides – no more, no less

5 Minutes – each slide displays for 15 sec. and 15 sec. x 20 slides =

No Animation

Please note: If you are unable to follow these rules or have a special request, contact us so we can figure out how to best accommodate your particular needs.

### **For Additional information about Ignite Talks:**

- <http://www.slideshare.net/ignitePhoenix/ignite-presentation-tips-1524584> Why give an Ignite talk?
- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yGENcSkRGRk#t=88> Want to see some example Ignite presentations? Go here: <http://igniteshow.com/>

### **Ignite Slideshow Tips**

- A slideshow is a tool that helps enhance your presentation. Here are a few tips to make your slideshow great!
- Keep It Simple. Use relevant images/photos and a few key words to capture the idea you’re trying to convey.
- Bullets and Text. Avoid using lots of text. If necessary, use brief 1-3 word statements.
- Timing. Slides advance every 15 seconds, so avoid cramming too many topics or ideas into one slide. Instead, give yourself breathing room by spacing ideas and topics across multiple slides. You have 20 slides, so don’t be afraid to use them.
- Final Suggestion Slide. We highly recommend that your last slide be a “Next Steps” or Call to Action slide.



## Abstract Example

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EFFECTS OF PRESCRIBED BURNING ON GRASSLAND NESTING BIRDS ON CONSERVATION RESERVE PROGRAM AREAS IN GOVE COUNTY, KANSAS

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The effects of prescribed burning on grassland nesting birds in the tallgrass prairie are well documented. Research shows some species to be more abundant in areas that have been burned recently, while others are more abundant in less disturbed grasslands. However, limited research has been conducted on the effects of prescribed burning on grassland nesting birds in the mixed grass prairie. The objectives of our research were to assess the effects of prescribed burning on vegetation and on nest site selection and nest success. In 2008, we monitored 80 nests from 9 avian species in burned and unburned areas of CRP. In 2009, we monitored 109 nests from 7 avian species on burned, unburned, and one-year post-burned areas of CRP. Our results showed no significant difference in nest density and daily survival probability of grassland nesting birds on burned and unburned areas in 2008 and burned, unburned, and one-year post-burned areas in 2009. Significant differences in vegetation characteristics occurred between burned and unburned areas in 2008, and among burned, unburned, and one year post burned areas in 2009. A significant difference in vegetation characteristics between nest sites and random points was also observed in 2008 with percentages of forbs being greater on random sites. Our results indicated prescribed burning had no effect on nest density or daily survival probability of grassland nesting birds. However, burning did have a significant difference on vegetation characteristics, which might have contributed to differences in insect biomass.

