



Beef Cattle Pasture Walk: Rotational Grazing to Improve Wildlife Habitat and Reduce Brush and Weeds

Wednesday, August 16th: 6-8pm, McManus Road, Oregon 53575

Free, no registration necessary.

Kevin and Keely Oppermann are co-hosting a pasture walk with DNR wildlife technician Heidi Hayes and biologist Julie Widholm on the use of rotational grazing to improve wildlife habitat at Hook Lake Wildlife Area.

Kevin & Keely operate a cow-calf grass-fed beef operation with Scottish Highland cattle. They have used the Scottish Highlands to clear woody brush species on their farm, and are bringing their expertise to the second year of grazing management at Hook Lake.

Learn about applying grazing to increase plant diversity and benefit grassland bird species, suppress woody shrubs and invasive plants, reduce reliance on costly mechanical- and chemical-management methods, and to foster partnerships with neighbors and the agricultural community.

6-6:30pm: Introduction to grazing at Hook Lake Wildlife Area

- Challenges of brush management and goals for grazing
- Rotational grazing practices at Hook Lake

6:30-7:30: Walking the property, with discussion on...

- Fencing, water, and contracting on public land
- Cattle health and working with Scottish Highlands
- Challenges and lessons-learned in the first two seasons of grazing
- Working with UW-Madison graduate student research
- Upcoming plans for new projects

7:30-8pm: Questions and wrap-up with refreshments

Directions: Take Rutland Dunn Townline Road to McManus Road (Oregon, WI 53575). Look for signs for parking.

Contact UW-Madison student Greta Landis with questions at 207-852-8366.