

Session V. Grasping Grasslands

Mimm's Ranch, Marfa, TX

Saturday, October 12, 2024; 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

- 8:30 Review of day's activities (Warren Shaul)
- 8:45 Welcome and Mimm's Ranch overview (Philip Boyd, Vice President, Science and Research, Dixon Water Foundation)
- 9:00 Grasslands of the Big Bend (Dr. Silverio Avila, Assistant Professor and Extension Range Specialist, Texas A&M AgriLife Extension - Borderlands Research Institute)
- 9:30 Rainfall simulator (Philip Boyd)
- 9:45 break and drive to overlook
- 10:15 Grazing and management challenges (Casey Wade, President and CEO, Dixon Water Foundation)
- 10:45 Grass and forb identification (Kelsey Wogan)
- 11:30 return to head quarters
- 11:45 lunch
- 12:30 Current research at the Mimms Unit (BRI grad students)
- 1:00 Restoration work throughout this area (Billy Tarrant)
- 1:30 break and drive to restoration site
- 2:00 Restoration project – trincheras
- 4:00 return to headquarters, wrap up

To bring/wear:

- lunch, water, sun protection
- sturdy shoes
- work gloves
- also useful: binoculars

Directions to Mimms Ranch (Dixon Water Foundation): Take the first right on N Austin Street after the stop sign on Highway 90 from Alpine. Drive all the way to the end.

