

Society for Range Management – International Mountain Section

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Fall Meeting & Workshop – November 6, 2026

Lakeland College, Alumni Hall Theatre – Vermilion, AB

**Rangeland Management in the Alberta Prairie Parkland:
Tree and Brush Management**



Agenda

Time Target	Speakers	Topic
8:00 – 10:00 am		SRM IMS fall business meeting – all are welcome!
10:00 am		Coffee and Registration
10:30 am	Meeting organizers	Workshop: Welcome & IYRP
11:00 am	Dr. Tanner Broadbent, Gov't of AB	History of the Alberta Prairie Parkland region
11:30 am	Mike Alexander, Gov't of AB	Burning and grazing decadent and healthy aspen forest in Prairie Parkland
12:00 pm		Lunch
1:00 pm	Darin Sherritt, Tannas Conservation Services	The Canadian Prairie Prescribed Fire Exchange: Using prescribed burning for grassland management
1:30 pm	Dr. Edward Bork, University of Alberta	Cattle grazing behaviour on aspen parkland, heat stress avoidance, and grazing use on complex Parkland vegetation and topography
2:00 pm	Dr. Vicki Maloney, ENVU™	Managing brush and tree encroachment using herbicides on Parkland grasslands
2:30 pm	Dr. Barry Irving, University of Alberta emeritus & Pasture Pipeline	Avoiding pitfalls: The challenges of managing parkland vegetation
3:00 pm	Producer panel - TBD	Discussion of challenges and successes conserving rangelands in Prairie Parkland
4:00 pm	Meeting organizers	Wrap up
4:15 pm		Depart for home