

2 Leading World Specialists in 1 place

SEPTEMBER 2-3, 2022

"Connecting the Dots"

with

ALEJANDRO CARRILLO

Grazing & Animal Nutrition Specialist

NICOLE MASTERS

Ecosystem Function & Soil Coach



Are you interested in...

deepening your practical understanding of how to assess and build healthier soil ecosystems?



Do you want to...

improve the quality and quantity of your forage source?



How do we...

build resilience and profitability by grazing better and generating more income from our land?

Plus!

Learn how to make money by selling carbon credits!

Join us for 2 days of Inspiration & Action

SEPT 2nd
12-5 PM

Stick around for burgers, beverages, & great conversation!

SEPT 3rd
8 AM - 1 PM

LOCATION:

1801 Fly Creek Road
Pompey's Pillar

30 miles east of Billings

\$199
per person

For 10 Hours of Knowledge!



Connecting the Dots

TOPICS OF DISCUSSION

- Reading landscapes
- Restoring water cycles
- Naturally preventing the encroachment of woody plants
- Developing genetics that work for you
- Developing water and electric fencing
- Promoting grass diversity and extending the green season
- Building resilience against pests without the use of chemicals
- Prioritizing your investments
- Building resiliency in your operation
- Pinpointing where you are at in your regenerative journey
- Avoiding regenerative principle pitfalls and common mistakes
- Learning the importance of plant communities, biology, and resilience
- Visually conducting soil assessments
- Learning how you can benefit monetarily from carbon sequestration



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2 Days of Inspiration & Action

ALEJANDRO GARRILLO

After a successful career as an IT consultant in the US and other countries in the Americas and Europe, Alejandro joined his family ranch back in 2004. Tired of the constant drought and suffering that comes with traditional ranching in the Chihuahuan desert, he searched for better ways to do things.

Since 2006, he adapted the principles of Holistic Planned Grazing Management to his ranch. The change from continuous grazing to planned grazing brought many challenges as well as positive results, such as being able to increase his carrying capacity 3 times while lowering his inputs. The first thing for Alejandro was to educate himself on holistic, regenerative, and profitable ways of ranching in sync with Nature. He and his colleagues traveled to Argentina, Africa, Australia and the US to learn from successful ranchers. Alejandro is also the president of Pasticultores del Desierto, a non-profit organization which goal is to provide on-going education for cattle ranchers as well as promote Holistic Planned Grazing across the world's deserts.

Pasticultores del Desierto means the culture of desert grasslands. Alejandro's credo is to mimic and respect Nature to stay and thrive in the cattle business. Alejandro holds a BS in Computer Science from the Monterrey Tech, and MS in Technical Management from the Johns Hopkins University.

NICOLE MASTERS

Nicole Masters is an independent agroecologist, pattern thinker, author, and educator. For over 2 decades, Nicole has been recognized as a knowledgeable and dynamic speaker on the topic of soil health. Her experience has spanned diverse sectors from community gardens and horticulture to vermiculture, compost tea production, and diverse multi-species systems. Her company, Integrity Soils, delivers coaching and educational programs to producers and organizations spanning over 24 million acres. In 2021 Integrity Soils shifted away from in-person consultancy to focus on training the next generation of coaches.

Her book titled "For the Love of Soil; Strategies to Regenerate our Food Production Systems" showcases examples of the tools and principles producers are using to regenerate their soils.

When the roads are good, you'll find her traveling in her Ford 350, horse trailer in tow, working alongside producers to build soil and sink her carbon emissions.

NORTHERN GREAT PLAINS IMPROVED GRAZING CARBON PROGRAM

The largest validated grassland carbon project in the United States

The Northern Great Plains Improved Grazing Carbon Program (IGCP) pays land managers to implement practices that increase the potential for the soil to sequester additional soil organic carbon. The project assumes infrastructure is needed to meet the improved grazing goals and, if necessary, can bring upfront capital to help cover those costs before carbon sequestration can be measured, bridging a key gap in the development of a carbon project.

Native takes the risk on the carbon sequestration so that the operation can count on this up-front financial assistance to make changes on the ranch. Once the ranch is able to manage their land above the 'baseline' practices (usually after about 3-5 years), they then can receive year-to-year payments for their improved management practices based on how much carbon is sequestered in a given year.

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