

## About the Society for Ecological Restoration



SER is an international nonprofit organization dedicated to *promoting ecological restoration as a means of sustaining the diversity of life on Earth and re-establishing an ecologically healthy relationship between nature and culture*. SER believes that active, science-based restoration of damaged and degraded ecosystems, in combination with conservation and effective management of key natural areas, is vital to maintaining biological diversity and ecosystem goods and services. Since its founding in 1988, SER has strived to advance the science and practice of restoration by supporting the work of researchers and practitioners around the world; disseminating technical guidance and information on best practices; increasing awareness of, and public support for, restoration; and contributing to policy discussions at the national and international level.

SER has over 2,500 members in more than 70 countries. The Society also has 14 Regional Chapters serving members across Australasia, Asia, North America, and Europe; nine Student Associations serving the United States and Canada; and one Thematic Section serving members interested in large-scale ecosystem restoration. SER's diverse membership includes scientists and practitioners from indigenous groups, the corporate sector, public agencies, conservation groups, university research departments, and environmental consulting firms. SER members are natural and social scientists, policy makers, program managers, environmental engineers, urban and regional planners, landscape architects, educators, and community advocates.

Visit us at the SER/LERS table in the Poster Hall  
to learn more about the Society.

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## Join Your Local SER Chapter

The Society works to support restoration at regional and local levels through its 14 regional chapters in Australasia, Asia, North America, and Europe. To learn more about a chapter in your region or to become a member of your local chapter, visit: [www.ser.org/membership/chapters](http://www.ser.org/membership/chapters).



### **SER Australasia**

Serving members in throughout Australasia

### **SER Europe**

Serving members in Europe and the British Isles

### **SER Central Rockies**

Serving members in Colorado and Wyoming

### **SER Great Basin**

Serving members in Utah, Nevada, southern Idaho, southeastern Oregon and eastern California

### **SER Mid-Atlantic**

Serving members in Maryland, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, Delaware, Virginia, West Virginia and the District of Columbia

### **SER Midwest-Great Lakes**

Serving members in Indiana, Illinois, Ohio, Michigan, Minnesota and Wisconsin

### **SER New England**

Serving members in Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, Massachusetts, Rhode Island and Connecticut

### **SER Northwest**

Serving members in the Cascadia Bioregion, including Alaska, Idaho, Northern California, Montana, Oregon and Washington

### **SER Southeast**

Serving members in Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina and Tennessee

### **SER Southwest**

Serving members in Arizona, New Mexico, Utah, southern Nevada and southern California

### **SER Texas**

Serving members in Texas

### **SER Ontario**

Serving members in Ontario, Canada

### **SER Western Canada**

Serving members in British Columbia, Alberta, Saskatchewan, Manitoba and the Yukon and Northwest Territories

### **SER Nepal**

Serving members in Nepal



## **SER Large-scale Ecosystem Restoration Section (LERS)**

Beginning in 2004, a group of large-scale ecosystem restoration practitioners from across the United States began holding the biennial National Conference on Ecosystem Restoration (NCER) under the leadership of the University of Florida, US Geological Survey, the Natural Resources Conservation Service and US Army Corps of Engineers. NCER arose out of the need to share state-of-the-art science, best management practices, policy perspective, and innovative ideas related specifically to large-scale, federally funded ecosystem restoration projects. In October 2013, the NCER community of practice formally organized as the Large-scale Ecosystem Restoration Section (LERS) within the Society for Ecological Restoration. SER's first Thematic Section, LERS has over a decade of experience uniting and amplifying the many voices of the large-scale restoration community in order to more effectively influence policy, minimize duplication of efforts, and maximize financial resources for large-scale efforts. NCER will continue as a biennial conference of LERS.

LERS addresses ecosystem restoration themes ranging from defining and measuring success, adaptive management, adaptive governance, and linking science with management decision-making. Current issues include novel ecosystems, ecosystem goods and services, urban ecosystem restoration, and climate change and ecosystem resilience. The mission of the LERS community of practice is to:

- *Advance public education and enlightenment concerning large-scale ecosystem resources;*
- *Provide a forum for an interchange of ideas, approaches, lessons learned, and data developed relevant to planning, policy, science, and engineering of large-scale ecosystem restoration;*
- *Develop and encourage large-scale ecosystem restoration as a discipline by supporting student education, curriculum development, and research; and*
- *Encourage and evaluate the educational, scientific, engineering, and technological development and advancement of all branches of large-scale ecosystem restoration and practice.*

**ANNOUNCING: Meeting of LERS – THE LARGE-SCALE ECOSYSTEM RESTORATION SECTION OF SER  
Wednesday, April 20th | 5:15 - 6:00 PM | Grand Cypress/Royal Poinciana Ballroom**

Please join us for a brief meeting of LERS where  
you'll have a chance to learn more about us and meet the leadership.

SER members can join LERS for just \$10 per year. Learn more & affiliate:

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