School of Natural Resources and the Environment

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## INVESTIGATING THE ROLE OF SOIL MICROBIOME IN ECOLOGICAL RESTORATION

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DATE: Wednesday, October 25th TIME: 3:00-4:00 pm LOCATION: ENR2 S210 & Zoom ABSTRACT:

As ecosystems face ongoing degradation, the imperative for ecological restoration becomes increasingly evident. Soil microorganisms, given their pivotal role in soil functions, offer a promising and innovative approach to restoration. However, the journey to effectively



apply microbial knowledge in restoration is not straightforward. In this presentation, Ben will provide insights into past efforts to integrate soil microorganisms into restoration practices and share findings from his doctoral research, which addresses the challenges of translating theory into practical restoration solutions.

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