From: Peter Groffman

**Subject:** Seeking participants for a workshop

We are seeking participants, especially early career scientists, for a workshop to explore synergies between the National Ecological Observatory Network (NEON) and the Long Term Ecological Research (LTER) Network. The workshop will take place at the National Center for Ecological Analysis and Synthesis/LTER National Communications Office located in Santa Barbara, CA from March 28 - 31, 2017. The meeting will begin in the morning on March 29 and end at noon on March 31. All your travel expenses would be covered.

The workshop is funded by a grant from the National Science Foundation and will address four topics; 1) using LTER data and insights to provide landscape and regional scale ecological context for NEON sites, 2) using NEON data to inform the five core areas of LTER research, 3) use LTER experience and insight to develop long-term conceptual models for NEON sites and 4) combine data and models from LTER and NEON sites to improve predictions of future ecological trajectories at regional to continental scales. The workshop is led by Peter Groffman, current chair of the LTER Science Council along with co-Chair Julia Jones from the Andrews LTER site and will include representatives from LTER, NEON, and the Critical Zone Observatory network. We encourage applications for individuals, especially early career scientists, interested in long term and continental scale science.

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