



Sustainable Rangelands Roundtable

Draft Agenda

*Las Vegas, NV – The Golden Nugget, 129 Fremont Street
Merion and Turnberry Rooms
Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday, November 30 to December 2, 2011*

Objectives:

1. Engage in visioning for the future by reviewing SRR's annual progress and future activities in the context of SRR's strategic plan, current work plans, and funding changes. This includes ongoing SRR projects such as food security, climate change, energy, rangeland ecosystem goods and services and ranch sustainability assessment.
2. Revisit SRR's Monograph and affirm indicator revisions agreed upon at the Austin meeting.
3. Discuss plans to build upon outcomes of the Oregon Multi-Agency Pilot Project (MAPP) and new application of the National Resources Inventory (NRI) to BLM lands for production of a national rangeland sustainability report based incorporating new BLM data and existing NRI, FIA, NASS data.

Tuesday, Nov. 29, 2011

5:30-8:00pm SRR Steering Committee Meeting and Dinner

Wednesday, Nov. 30, 2011

Morning: Steering Committee and Leadership Council with Agency Partners Only – Merion Room

8:00am Steering Committee Meeting continues

10:00am **Break**

10:30am SRR Leadership Council Meeting: Agency Partners and Steering Committee Members

Welcome and self-introductions – *led by John Tanaka, University of Wyoming*

10:45am Project Status and Upcoming Activities

11:15am Whole Group Discussion – Opportunities and Priorities for SRR 2012-2015 – *led by John Tanaka, University of Wyoming*

12:30pm **Lunch** (*on own*)

Wednesday, Nov. 30, 2011

Afternoon: SRR General Sessions – Turnberry Room

- 2:00pm** SRR General Session Welcome and self-introductions – *led by John Tanaka, University of Wyoming*
- 2:15pm** Agenda Overview and expected outcomes – *John Tanaka, University of Wyoming*
- 2:30pm** Brief SRR Overview 2001 to 2011 – *John Tanaka and John Mitchell*
- 2:45pm** **Project Updates**
- SRR Monograph Status & Release – *John Mitchell and John Tanaka*
 - Food Security and Rangeland Ecosystem Services – *John Tanaka and Lori Hiding*
 - Climate Change and Rangeland Ecosystem Services
 - Peer Reviewed Publication – *Dan McCollum*
 - General Interest Publication – *Kristie Maczko and Lori Hiding*
 - Energy and Rangeland Ecosystem Services – *Urs Kreuter and Bill Fox*
 - Rangeland Ecosystem Services Article – *Kristie Maczko and Lori Hiding*
 - Ranch Sustainability Assessment – *Stan Hamilton and Kristie Maczko*
 - Guidebook
 - Workshops
 - Rangelands Article
 - Wyoming Livestock Roundup Article
 - JA Ranch Pilot Project, Texas GLCI, Noble Foundation and Blog
 - Sustainability outreach efforts and partnerships - *Kristie Maczko*
 - Updated Outreach and Projects Sections on SRR Website
 - UW *Reflections* Article
 - Ranch Sustainability Assessment Workshop
 - Rangeland Issues Forum
 - Soil and Water Conservation Society Annual Meeting
 - Ecological Society of America
 - Grazing Lands Conservation Initiative National Steering Committee Meeting
- 3:15pm** **Break**
- 3:45pm** Agency partner updates
 - Forest Service – *Ric Lopez and Ralph Crawford*
 - Natural Resources Conservation Service – *Chuck Stanley and Gene Fults*
 - Bureau of Land Management - *Rob Roudabush*
- 4:15pm** Presentation and discussion W1192 committee and opportunities for SRR – *John Tanaka and JD Wulforst*
- 5:00pm** Adjourn Day 1

Thursday, December 1, 2011

Morning and Afternoon: SRR General Sessions – Turnberry Room

- 8:00am** Review outcomes from Wednesday's discussion and overview Thursday's agenda – *John Tanaka, University of Wyoming*
- 8:15am** Indicator revisions recommended in Austin and discuss format for release – *led by James Bernard and John Tanaka*
- 8:45am** USFS National Vegetation Ecology programs and the “All Lands” approach: Linkages with SRR initiatives, the Global Rangeland Assessment Strategy (GRAS), and the 2012 Rio+20 Earth Summit – *Ric Lopez, USDA Forest Service*
- 9:30am** Conservation Effects Assessment Project and the National Resources Inventory (NRI) – *Ken Spaeth, NRCS*
- 10:00am** **Break**
- 10:30am** Presentation and Discussion: Collection of NRI Data on BLM lands – *Rob Roudabush*
- 11:30am** Discuss plans to build upon outcomes of the Oregon Multi-Agency Pilot Project (MAPP) and new application of the National Resources Inventory (NRI) to BLM lands for production of a national rangeland sustainability report based incorporating new BLM data and existing NRI, FIA, NASS data. Incorporate multiple scale issues (local, regional, national).
- 12:15pm** **Lunch** (*on own*)
- 1:30pm** Vision for SRR's Future [*include current strategic plan overview*] – *John Tanaka, University of Wyoming*
- 2:15pm** Whole group discussion on SRR projects and Opportunities for SRR 2011-2020 – *led by John Tanaka, University of Wyoming*
- 2:45pm** Whole group visioning exercise – *led by John Tanaka, University of Wyoming*
Using 2 post-it notes, write briefly your top 2 priorities for SRR and post them on the wall
- 3:00pm** **Break**
- 3:30pm** Review and discuss outcomes of visioning exercise; highest priority areas identified by the group and resource needs – *led by John Tanaka*
- 4:00pm** Integration of group priorities into strategic plan SRR Strategic Plan. Goal Groups convene to evaluate progress and consider updates:
- Advocacy and Promotion – *led by Stan Hamilton*
 - Rangeland Research – *led by Bill Fox and JD Wulfhorst*
 - Rangeland Assessment – *led by Bob Breckenridge*
 - Coordination and Communication – *led by Lori Hiding and James Bernard*
- 5:00pm** **Adjourn Day 2**

Friday, December 2, 2011

Morning: SRR General Sessions – Turnberry Room

- 8:00am** Review outcomes from Thursday’s discussion and overview Friday’s agenda – *John Tanaka, University of Wyoming*
- 8:15am** Goal Groups Report out and discussion on integration of visioning priorities from Thursday afternoon – *Steering Committee Goal Groups Leaders*
- 8:45am** Impacts of Livestock on US Dryland Productive Capacity: A Forest Service Resource Planning Act Assessment Activity – *Robert Washington-Allen, Matt Reeves, and John Mitchell*
- 9:15am** Overview of project working groups and tasks - *John Tanaka*
- 9:30am** **Break**
- 10:00am** Break into small groups by project areas:
- Ranch sustainability assessment – *led by Stan Hamilton*
 - Ecosystem services and food security (or new project TBD) – *led by John Tanaka*
 - Climate change assessment information (or new project TBD) – *led by Bill Fox and Dan McCollum*
- 11:45am** Whole group reconvenes to report out, identify meeting accomplishments, next steps, and future needs – *led by John Tanaka*
- 12:15pm** Adjourn SRR General Sessions - **Thanks to all for your time and effort.**

Friday, December 2, 2011

Afternoon: W1192 Committee Members Only – Turnberry Room

1:30-5:30pm W1192 Proposal Writing Group

Safe Travels!