



Sustainable Rangelands Roundtable

Draft Agenda

*Las Vegas, NV – The Golden Nugget, 129 Fremont Street
St. Andrews Room*

Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday, November 28 to 30, 2012

Objectives:

1. Review SRR's annual progress and future activities in the context of SRR's strategic plan, current work plans, and funding. This includes ongoing SRR projects such as food security, climate change, energy, rangeland ecosystem goods and services and ranch sustainability assessment with a sage grouse emphasis.
2. Discuss formation of a new Western Education/Extension Research Activity or Development Committee, identify prospective participants and define a project focus.
3. Discuss plans to build upon the Oregon Multi-Agency Pilot Project (MAPP) and 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.

Wednesday, Nov. 28, 2012 - Afternoon: SRR General Sessions

- 2:00pm** SRR General Session Welcome and self-introductions – *led by John Tanaka*
- 2:15pm** Agenda Overview and expected outcomes – *John Tanaka*
- 2:30pm** **Project Updates**
- Food Security and Rangeland Ecosystem Services – *John Tanaka and Lori Hiding*
 - Climate Change and Rangeland Ecosystem Services
 - Peer Reviewed Publication – *Dan McCollum and Bill Fox*
 - General Interest Publication – *Kristie Maczko and Lori Hiding*
 - NCAnet – *Kristie Maczko*
 - Energy and Rangeland Ecosystem Services – *Urs Kreuter and Bill Fox*
 - Ranch Sustainability Assessment – *Kristie Maczko (for Stan Hamilton)*
 - Guidebook
 - Workshop – Feb. 7, 2013, at SRM in Oklahoma City
 - Rangelands Article
 - Texas Pilot Project
 - Outreach efforts and partnerships - *Kristie Maczko*
 - Soil and Water Conservation Society Annual Meeting
 - Ecological Society of America Annual Meeting
 - 5th National Conference on Grazing Lands
 - Society for Range Management Annual Meeting
 - Rangeland Issues Forum
- 3:00pm** **Break**

- 3:30pm** Agency partner updates (15 minutes each)
- Forest Service – *Ric Lopez and Ralph Crawford*
 - Natural Resources Conservation Service – *Dennis Thompson and Gene Fults*
 - Bureau of Land Management - *Bob Bolton*
- 4:15pm** FS Pilot Study Overview: Performance Assessment of New Remote-Sensing Based Models of Shrub Canopy Cover and Bare-Ground – *Ric Lopez, USDA Forest Service*
- 5:00pm** Adjourn Day 1

Thursday, November 29, 2012 - Morning and Afternoon: SRR General Sessions

- 8:30am** Review outcomes from Wednesday's discussion and overview Thursday's agenda – *John Tanaka*
- 8:45am** GLCI 5th National Conference on Grazing Lands – *Bob Drake and Rooter Brite*
- 9:00am** Oregon Multi-Agency Pilot Project Report Summary, Q&A, and Discussion on Next Steps – *Ric Lopez, USDA Forest Service, Bob Bolton, BLM, and Dennis Thompson and Gene Fults, NRCS (with Gregg Riegel, Jim Alegria and Paul Patterson, in person or by phone)*
- 10:00am** **Break**
- 10:30am** Conservation Effects Assessment Project: Plans for the Future - *Dennis Thompson and Gene Fults, NRCS*
- 11:00am** Presentation: SRR Strategic Plan 2013-2017 – *SRR Steering Committee Project Leads*
- 11:30am** Whole group discussion on SRR projects and Opportunities for SRR 2013-2017 – *led by John Tanaka*
- 12:00pm** **Lunch** (*on own*)
- 1:30pm** Session 1: Small group work by project areas
- Ranch sustainability assessment SRM-WSARE workshop preparation – *led by John Mitchell and Gene Fults*
 - Ecosystem services and food security (conference call access for John Ritten and Matt Reeves) – *led by Lori Hiding*
- 3:00pm** **Break**
- 3:30pm** Session 2: Small group work by project areas
- Ranch sustainability assessment for sage grouse management – *led by Doug Powell*
 - AFRI Grant and Climate Change – *led by John Tanaka and Bill Fox*
- 5:00pm** **Adjourn Day 2**

Friday, November 30, 2012 - Morning: SRR General Sessions

- 8:30am** Review outcomes from Thursday's discussion and overview Friday's agenda – *John Tanaka*
- 8:45am** The Federal Geographic Data Committee (FGDC) National Vegetation Classification System and Implications for SRR Vegetation Indicators – *Ralph Crawford, USDA Forest Service and Gene Fults, NRCS*
- 9:15am** Presentation and Discussion Opportunities for creation of a new Western Education/Extension Research Activity or Development Committee focused on integrated rangeland sustainability research, professional needs, or a focus TBD – *led by John Tanaka*
- 10:00am** **Break**
- 10:30am** Continue discussion and identification of material for inclusion in a new WERA or Development Committee - *led by John Tanaka*
- 11:30am** Whole group discussion to identify meeting accomplishments, next steps, and future needs – *led by John Tanaka*
- 12:00pm** Adjourn SRR General Sessions

Thanks to all for your time and effort.

Safe Travels!