



Sustainable Rangelands Roundtable

Draft Agenda

*Las Vegas, NV – Doubletree by Hilton Tropicana – Ashton I
Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday, December 4-6, 2013*

Objectives:

1. Review process, products, and outcomes of the WSARE-funded ranch sustainability assessment workshops and guidebook, as a required reporting element of the WSARE grant.
2. Discuss plans for a social and economic survey of public lands ranchers.
3. Develop plans to integrate socio-economic information and build upon the Oregon Multi-Agency Pilot Project (MAPP), FS all-conditions inventory, and NRI.
4. Develop plans for a useable science for rangeland sustainability workshop partnering with the Grazing Lands Conservation Initiative, NCBA and the Noble Foundation.

Wednesday, Dec. 4, 2013 – Morning: SRR Steering Committee & Leadership Council

- 9:00am** SRR Steering Committee (closed meeting)
- 10:45am** Break
- 11:00am** SRR Leadership Council (Agency Partners and Steering Committee only)

Wednesday, Dec. 4, 2013 - Afternoon: SRR General Sessions

- 2:00pm** SRR General Session Welcome and self-introductions – *led by John Tanaka*
- 2:10pm** Agenda Overview and expected outcomes – *Cliff Duke, Ecological Society of America (ESA)*
- 2:20pm** **Project Updates**
- Food Security and Rangeland Ecosystem Services – *John Tanaka and Lori Hiding*
 - Climate Change and Rangeland Ecosystem Services
 - Peer Reviewed Publication – *Bill Fox*
 - General Interest Publication – *Kristie Maczko and Lori Hiding*
 - National Climate Assessment – *John Tanaka*
 - NCAnet – *Kristie Maczko*
 - A Social and Economic Survey of Public Lands Ranchers – *Brianne Lind*
 - Outreach efforts and partnerships - *Kristie Maczko*
 - Society for Range Management Annual Meeting
 - National Cattlemen’s Beef Association Annual Meeting
 - Soil and Water Conservation Society Annual Meeting
 - Ecological Society of America Annual Meeting
 - Public Lands Council Annual Meeting

- National Grazing Lands Coalition Autumn Steering Committee Meeting
- Extension Sustainability Summit

3:00pm **Break**

3:20pm Agency partner updates (~18 minutes each)

- Forest Service – *Charlie Richmond*
- Natural Resources Conservation Service – *Gene Fults and Chuck Stanley*
- Bureau of Land Management - *Bob Bolton*

4:15pm World Wildlife Fund’s Grassland Conservation Work with the Ranching Community – *Nancy Labbe, Senior Program Officer, Ranching & Conservation, World Wildlife Fund*

5:00pm Adjourn Day 1

Thursday, December 5, 2013 - Morning and Afternoon: SRR General Sessions

Morning moderated by Lori Hiding, Consortium for Science, Policy, & Outcomes, ASU

8:30am Coffee

9:00am Review outcomes from Wednesday and overview Thursday’s agenda – *Cliff Duke, ESA*

9:10am Sustainable Ranch Assessment Project Review – *John Tanaka and Kristie Maczko*

- Origins and Process
- Guidebook
- Workshops and Participant Surveys – 2011 and 2013

9:30am JA Ranch Pilot Project - *J.K. “Rooter” Brite, Jr. and Chuck Stanley, NRCS*

10:00am **Break**

10:20am Discussion on Sustainable Ranch Management Assessment Next Steps – *led by John Tanaka and Kristie Maczko*

11:00am Communicating Sustainable Rangeland Management *Out on the Land: Conservation Education and Entertainment with RFD-TV* – *Dr. Larry Butler, Executive Producer and Host, Out on the Land*

12:00pm **Lunch** (*on own*)

Afternoon moderated by Cliff Duke, Ecological Society of America

1:30pm Oregon Multi-Agency Pilot Project Report Release, Progress on the FS All-Conditions Inventory, NRI Collection on BLM Lands and Discussion of Potential Next Steps – *Paul Patterson and Jim Alegria USDA Forest Service (via Microsoft Lync), Bob Bolton, BLM, and Gene Fults, NRCS*

- 1:50pm** Discussion: Feasibility for socio-economic data collection and analysis methods in the Oregon Pilot Project study area, with additional details on the potential for transferability of socio-economic methods to other geographies, and possible integration with ecological data – *led by Urs Kreuter, John Tanaka and J.D. Wulforth (via Microsoft Lync)*
- 2:30pm** Presentation and Discussion: Social and economic survey of public lands ranchers – *led by Brianne Lind, John Tanaka and J.D. Wulforth (via Microsoft Lync)*
- 3:10pm** **Break**
- 3:30pm** Presentation and Discussion: Potential for a Sustainability Triangle – *led by John Tanaka*
- 4:00pm** Presentation and Discussion: Economic Assessment of the Effects of Sage Grouse Management – *Billy Gascoigne, US Geological Survey**
- 4:30pm** Preliminary Analysis and Results: Rangelands’ Contributions to Food Security – *John Tanaka and Lori Hiding*
- 5:00pm** **Adjourn Day 2**
**pending travel approval, otherwise via Microsoft Lync*

Friday, December 6, 2013 - Morning: SRR General Sessions

Moderated by John Tanaka, University of Wyoming

- 8:30am** Coffee
- 8:50am** Review outcomes from Thursday’s discussion and overview Friday’s agenda – *Cliff Duke*
- 9:00am** Noble Foundation Rangeland Management and Research Projects – *Chad Ellis, Noble Foundation*
- 9:45am** Noble Foundation Land Stewardship Center – *Dr. Evan Whitley, Noble Foundation*
- 10:15am** **Break**
- 10:35am** Planning Discussion: Rangeland Research Workshop - *led by John Tanaka, Chad Ellis, and Kristie Maczko*
- 11:30am** Whole group discussion to identify meeting accomplishments, next steps, and future needs – *led by Lori Hiding, Consortium for Science, Policy, & Outcomes, ASU*
- 12:00pm** Adjourn SRR General Sessions

*Thanks to all for your time and effort.
Safe Travels!*