

“Annual Grasslands—Perennial Challenges”

2014 Rangeland Fall Forum

Offered by the University of Idaho Rangeland Center & the USDA-ARS Northwest Watershed Research Center

8:00 Registration & Coffee

8:30 Welcome and Setting the Stage Neil Rimbe, U-Idaho and Fred Pierson, USDA-ARS

8:45 Opening Keynotes

- Living on Changing Landscapes: Is It Time to Change Our Approach to Cheatgrass? | Mark Brunson, Utah State University
- How Did We Get Here? Are We Stuck Here? | Chad Boyd, USDA-ARS Burns, OR

9:50 Open Discussion Moderated by Neil Rimbe

10:20 Break Featuring Partner Showcase in Foyer

The following sessions include presentations with moderated discussion

10:45 Living in a Fire-Prone World

Moderated by Scott Jensen, U-Idaho Rangeland Center

- Annual Grasses, Fuels & Fire | Eva Strand, U-Idaho Rangeland Center
- On the Ground Strategies | Lance Okeson, Idaho BLM
- Ranching Realities and Fire | Jeff Lord, Rancher near Mayfield, ID

12:00 Lunch and Partner Showcase in Foyer

12:45 Using Livestock to Manage Exotic Annual Grasses for Maximum Benefit

Moderated by Karen Launchbaugh, U-Idaho Rangeland Center

- Annual Grasses as Forage | Glenn Shewmaker, U-Idaho Rangeland Center
- Opportunities for Spring Grazing by Cattle | Kate Mink, Rancher near Mountain Home, ID
- Targeted Grazing to Manage Wildland Fuels | Tim & Lynda Linquist, Contract Grazier, Wilder, ID

2:00 Break Featuring Partner Showcase in Foyer

2:30 Finding Roads to Recovery

Moderated by Amanda Gearhart, U-Idaho Rangeland Center

- Beyond Cheatgrass: Ventenata and Medusahead | Tim Prather, U-Idaho Rangeland Center
- If Not Cheatgrass, Then What? | Dan Ogle, Retired NRCS Plant Materials Center
- How Changing Climate Will Affect Restoration | Stuart Hardegree, USDA-ARS

3:45 Closing Keynote

Ranching in a New Climate | Tony Svejcar, USDA-ARS Burns, OR

4:30 Wrap Up Karen Launchbaugh and Fred Pierson

Owyhee Research and Restoration Roundup Agenda – October 23, 2014

The purpose of this field tour is to share information about wildfire flows and fuel breaks, cheatgrass management solutions in sagebrush steppe habitat, rapid response to wildfires, and juniper control efforts on both private and public rangelands. We will demonstrate active management of rangeland resources that benefit people, sage-grouse and many other wildlife species.

When: Thursday, October 23, 2014. Departs at 8:30 from the BLM Boise District office parking lot.

Where: Boise BLM District office (3948 Development Ave., Boise) to Grandview to Poison Creek Recreation Site to Anne Basin on the Mud Flat Road. *Note: You can join us at the BLM district office in Boise at 8:30 or join the tour in Grandview Fire station at about 9:55 am.*

Tour Organizers and Supporters:

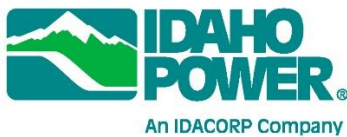
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- 9:15 **Site 1—Fuel breaks along the Simco Road in route to Grandview**
- Fuel breaks in a cheatgrass dominated landscape and how do they tie into saving sage-grouse habitat—Lance Okeson, BLM
 - Fire risk management for people and wildlife
- 9:55 **Join others at Grandview at the Fire Station to car/truck pool**
- Welcome by Donna Bennett, Chair of the Sage Grouse Local Working Group
 - Art Talsma (tour moderator), Director of Restoration, TNC
- 10:30 **Site 2—2014 Wildfire: rapid response to wildfires in cheatgrass to sagebrush transition zones**
- Keeping summer wildfires small, solutions and cost benefit to wildlife, BLM budgets and the ranching community—Carl Rudeen, USAF
 - BLM staff will give us a brief overview of the rapid response to summer wildfires in sage grouse country
- 11:00 **Site 3—2013 Wildfire: the Changing Role of Fire in the Owyhees**
- Rapid response to wildfires on BLM and private lands with help from Rural Fire Protection Associations—Eric Morrison
 - Fire flow models and where can we best invest in fire management to benefit wildlife, livestock and people-Bob Unnasch, TNC
- 12:00 **Lunch** (water provided) at the Poison Creek Recreation Site. Outdoor rest-room available. Open discussion with our sponsors and friends. 25 minutes from Poison Creek Rec Site to site #4.
Over lunch we will have dialog about the Tri-state project which is looking to strategically place fuel breaks across the Owyhee and Bruneau field offices to help minimize large fires in the future. We will also discuss the Juniper Mountain wildfire strategy which is using wildfire in juniper dominated sites to restore natural landscapes.
- 1:25 **Site 4—Juniper Station Road: Current and future juniper management in good sage-grouse county**
- Lessons learned regarding BLM Juniper management along Antelope Ridge
 - Looking at past and present juniper treatments and a fresh cutting site
 - Ben Sitz and BLM staff will talk about the BOSH project
- 2:30 **Site 5—Anne Basin and Bull Basin juniper mastication and lop-and-lay project to benefit sage-grouse on state and private rangelands**
- Sage-grouse restoration on IDL in collaboration with ranchers—Art Talsma

Thank you for coming and depart to return to Grandview, Murphy, Nampa, Jordan Valley, and Boise by approximately 4:30pm.