

# Rangeland Fall Forum | “Fuel—Fire—Future”

October 22, 2015

Mountain View Barn | 392 East 300 South, Jerome, Idaho

Offered jointly by the UI Rangeland Center and the Idaho Section Society for Range Management

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8:00 Registration and Coffee

8:30 Welcome and Setting the Stage | **Neil Rimbey** U-Idaho Extension Specialist

8:45 Opening Keynotes – *Fire will always be on the range. Don’t give up.*

- Living with rangeland fire: a rancher’s perspective | **Mike Guerry** Rancher Affected by Fire
- Living with rangeland fire: an ecologist’s perspective | **Rick Miller** Rangeland Fire Researcher

9:45 Open Discussion Moderated by Neil Rimbey

10:00 Break – *Coffee, snacks, and conversation*

*The following sessions include presentations with moderated discussion*

10:30 *Before Fire: Managing Fuels*

>> Moderated by Scott Jensen, U-Idaho Rangeland Center

- Getting ahead of the next rangeland fire | **Mike Pellant** Great Basin Restoration Initiative Coordinator
- When can grazing make a difference? | **Karen Launchbaugh** Grazing Ecologist, Director of UI Rangeland Center
- Preparing for the next fire on the ranch | **Charlie Lyons** Mountain Home Rancher Affected by Fire

11:45 Lunch and ongoing discussions

12:30 *Greetings and Updates – Idaho Section Society for Range Management*

12:45 *During Fire: Preparation and Coordination for Fire Suppression*

>> Moderated by Jim Sprinkle, U-Idaho Rangeland Center

- Rangeland Fire Protection Associations: a new tool | **Travis Paveglio** UI Social Science Researcher
- Benefits and challenges of RFPA members on the fireline | **Chris Anthony** BLM Rangeland Fire Specialist
- Pros and cons of RFPAs from a rancher’s perspective | **Darcy Helmick** Simplot Range-Livestock, RFPA Member

2:00 Break – *Soda, snacks, and conversation*

2:30 *After Fire: Restoration and Landscapes to Survive the Next Fire.*

>> Tim Prather, U-Idaho Rangeland Center

- Post-fire effects and restoration opportunities | **April Hulet** UI Restoration Ecologist
- Helping people understand wildfire | **Steve Stuebner** Outdoorsman, Author & Videographer

3:30 Closing Capstone Address – *Lesson from Flames*

- Take home messages | **Jim Caswell** Retired BLM, USFS & Idaho Office of Species Conservation

4:30 Wrap Up – **Neil Rimbey and Lovina Englund** U-Idaho Rangeland Center

5:00 Vandals on the Range – All are welcome to stay for conversation & snacks. No-host bar available.

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The Rangeland Fall Forum features science, experience, and discussion surrounding rangeland management challenges in Idaho. Join the conversation and come away with actionable information to guide future decisions affecting rangelands.  
For more, visit [www.uidaho.edu/range](http://www.uidaho.edu/range).

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## Partners Field Tour, October 23, 2015

Tour departs from the Community Center in Castleford

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This tour provides an opportunity to visit local efforts on the ground, with presenters from local ranches, Idaho Department of Lands (IDL), Idaho State Department of Agriculture (ISDA), Bureau of Land Management (BLM), and University of Idaho (UI). Each presenter will provide a brief overview followed by discussion and information sharing.

- 7:00 am SRM business meeting (812 13<sup>th</sup> Ave N, Buhl) – *anyone is welcome to join; continental breakfast will be served; agenda and details at <http://idaho.rangelands.org>*
- 8:45 am Meet at Castleford Community Center (across from the high school on Main St.) – *enjoy coffee and donuts, provided by the '71 Livestock Association*
- 9:00 am Welcome and overview of the day. Depart for driving tour – *Please carpool!*
- 9:15 am **Stop 1: Guerry Lower Ranch**
- Overview of local fire – *Mike Guerry and Gus Brackett (local ranchers) with Karen Launchbaugh (UI)*
  - Intensive grazing practices – *Mike Guerry*
- 10:00 am **Stop 2: Kinyon Road**
- Fire rehabilitation and protocols for re-entry after fire – *Julie Hilty (BLM)*
- 11:00 am **Stop 3: Coonskin Butte; OR Big Hill in Saylor Creek** (weather will dictate which direction we travel)
- Fire suppression and working with RFPAs – *Chris Anthony (BLM Fire Operations Specialist, Twin Falls District)*
  - Fire equipment and staging areas; Sage-grouse funding available for staging areas and equipment – *Meribeth Lomkin (IDL)*
- 12:00 pm Lunch and conversation (*boxed meals provided*)
- 1:00 pm **Stop 4: Jim Wells' State Land Allotment**
- Targeted grazing and fuels project – *Jim Wells and Mike Guerry (local ranchers)*
  - Allotment monitoring – *Chelsey Sanders (IDL), Brooke Jacobson (ISDA), Amanda Gearhart (UI)*
  - Overview of University of Idaho grazing and fuels study – *Eva Strand and Chris Schachtschneider (UI)*
- 3:00 pm Return to Castleford. Wrap up and say goodbyes.
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