

Rangeland Fall Forum

“Summit to Stream: Managing Rangelands is a Watershed Affair”

Thursday, 20 October 2016

8:00 Registration and Coffee

8:30 Welcome and setting the stage | Lou Lunte

8:45 Keynote addresses - Setting the Stage. Q&A to follow keynotes

- Watersheds: processes on the landscape - **Fred Pierson**
- An “All Lands Approach” to landscape conservation - **Kristin Troy**

10:15 Networking break - Beverages, snacks, and conversation

The following sessions include presentations with moderated discussion

10:45 Session 1: Landscape-scale: “The landscape’s broad vista”

Moderator: Karen Launchbaugh

- Seeing changes across the landscape | **Eva Strand**
- Conservation easements as landscape tools | **Scott Boettger**
- Finding scales that work for resource planning | **Brian Thrift**

12:00 Lunch and ongoing discussions

1:00 Session 2: Stream-scale: “Along the river’s bend”

Moderator: Toni Ruth

- Managing riparian grazing | **Sherm Swanson**
- Invasive woody plant control and riparian restoration | **Curtis Deuser**
- Fish, wildlife, and ranching | **Andrew Shields**

2:15 Networking break - Beverages, snacks, and conversation

2:45 Session 3: Rancher-driven tools for collaboration

Moderator: Neil Rimbey

- Montana’s Ranching for Rivers program | **Dick Iversen**
- Strategies for collaborative rangeland monitoring | **Tyler Hamilton**
- Focusing on the big picture for collaboration | **Merrill Beyeler**

4:00 Closing comments

4:30-7:00 Vandals and friends social gathering

Wrap-up the sessions with conversation and social time. Join the Vandals and our wonderful network of associates for no-host beverages and complimentary appetizers. All are welcome.

- Indian Creek Steakhouse | 711 Main St., Caldwell | Find us downstairs!
- Idaho Section SRM Business meeting at 7:30 p.m.

Fall Forum Field Tour

Reynold Creek Experimental Watershed (RCEW)

USDA Agricultural Research Service (ARS)

Friday, 21 October 2016

Gathering Points

- 8:00 am: Ridley's Grocery near Kuna
- 8:00 am: Owyhee County Extension Office in Marsing
- 8:30 am: Boat landing near Walters Ferry Gas Station on Snake River

Consolidate/reduce number of vehicles then travel to RCEW Quonset location.

Tour

9:30 AM (MT) at ARS Quonset

- Use restrooms, fill water bottles, and receive quick overview of tour agenda

10:10 AM - Stop #1: Tollgate Overlook

- ARS, RCEW, and rangeland watershed research | Fred Pierson (Research Leader, NWRC, ARS)

10:50 AM - Stop #2: Johnston Orchard

- Riparian restoration, etc. | Jerry Hoagland (Rancher, Reynolds Creek)

12:00 PM - Stop #3: Reynolds Mountain

- Lunch (provided)
- Reynold Creek as Research Observatory (RCEW, CZO, LTAR) | Mark Seyfried (Soil Scientist, NWRC, ARS)
- Water supply forecasting under changing climate | Pat Kormos (Research Hydrologist, NWRC, ARS)
- Climate change effects on rangeland hydrology | Pat Kormos (Research Hydrologist, NWRC, ARS)
- Management of aspen in a changing climate | Eva Strand (Assistant Professor, CNR, UI)

2:00 PM - Stop #4: Breaks Fire

- Fire effects on rangeland hydrology | Fred Pierson
- Fire and grazing | Pat Clark (Range Scientist, NWRC, ARS); Eva Strand (Univ. of Idaho)
- Post-fire Rehabilitation/Restoration (Stuart/Alex MS work) | Alex Boehm (Bio Science Technician, NWRC, ARS)

4:00 PM - Return to ARS Quonset
