

REGISTRATION INFORMATION

LOST RIVERS GRAZING ACADEMY

September 9 - 12, 2025

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Registration and Deposit
due by September 1, 2025.

Teaching Staff:

The Lost Rivers Grazing Academy was developed by faculty of UI Extension, several of whom will serve as your instructors. They include Extension educators Scott Jensen, Joseph Sagers, Justin Hatch, and Jessica Windh, as well as retired agent Chad Cheyney of Butte County.

A featured speaker is grazing lands consultant Jim Gerrish of American Grazing Lands Services LLC of Patterson, Idaho. Gerrish consults world-wide on grazing management and has written grazing columns for *Stockman Grass Farmer*. He has authored the books **Management-Intensive Grazing** and **Kick the Hay Habit**. You won't find anyone with more practical experience in forage management and livestock grazing than Jim.

Participation Costs:

Full-time (includes continental breakfasts, lunches, suppers, breaks, one set of materials per ranch or farm, plus evening presentations):

- Per person: \$850
- Per ranch/farm team: \$850 for first team member and \$725 for each additional member (1 set of materials)

Alumni: \$725 (does not include materials)

Additional materials: \$150 per set

University of Idaho continuing education credit available for an additional fee. Please check in advance with Scott.

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LOST RIVERS GRAZING ACADEMY Regenerative Management of Irrigated Pastures

September 9 - 12, 2025

Marsing/Homedale, Idaho



You will not be disappointed in this boots-on-the-ground workshop for livestock operators who want to increase their forage production, stocking rates, animal performance, and net income.

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Who Should Attend:

- Producers of beef and dairy cattle, sheep, horses, and other livestock species
- Professionals working in livestock-related industries

How You Can Benefit:

- Enhance your grazing-management skills and improve your forage and livestock production
- Reduce the dollars and hours you spend fertilizing, harvesting, and feeding hay
- Increase your animal units and net income
- Improve deteriorated pastures and soil health
- Gain a foundation of knowledge from which to launch a new livestock operation
- Learn sustainable practices that will maintain and improve the productivity of your ranch

Learn How to:

- Design grazing cells and determine appropriate stocking rates and stock densities
- Design water systems
- Design and build permanent and portable electric fences for use in different irrigation systems
- Stockpile standing forage and draw on animals' "fat banks" to reduce winter feed costs
- Learn to estimate and allocate forage
- Learn how to evaluate and improve the profitability of your ranch.
- Minimize animal stress during handling



Location/Travel:

The LRGA classroom activities will be held at the Owyhee County Community Building in Homedale (432 W. Nevada Ave). Field exercises will be held at McIntyre Farms, just across the Snake River from Marsing. McIntyre Farms is a diversified crop and livestock operation where they raise grass-finished beef, pastured pigs, pastured poultry for both egg and meat production, a variety of crops, and have an on farm retail store.

Homedale is located about 35 miles west of Boise. There are several vacation rentals (Airbnb or VRBO) as well as a couple of RV campgrounds in the area. Hotels are available in Caldwell or Nampa.

All days begin at 8:00 a.m. with continental breakfast, and the noon meal may be a working lunch.

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What Our Graduates Say:

"I have doubled the carrying capacity of my pastures in four years. Almost like getting a second ranch for free.." **Wayne Hungate, Caldwell, Idaho**

"It was as good of a school as I've been to. You can take what you've learned back to your own place. It makes a big difference. We're probably feeding a third to a half more cows under our pivot and it's brought in at least a fourth more income." **VerNon Roche, Mackay, Idaho**

"LRGA has greatly impacted our grazing operation. We are very thankful that we took the time to attend. We have put to use the principles taught at LRGA to increase productivity across the ranch. If you are a manager of grassland, do not miss the opportunity to attend." **Robert Piquet, Teton, Idaho**

"This program changed our life. We used to spend summer nights baling hay and worrying about every passing storm. Now we sleep at night and are thankful for every bit of moisture that falls." **Producer, La Sal, Utah**

Additional Comments. . .

- This class was hands on and very discovery based. I am used to attending audio/blah blah classes. The LRGA format was awesome!
- It was an unbelievable amount of excellent and useful information packed into 4 days of fun! It exceeded my expectations.
- This program is great. It should be mandatory for every person that has livestock that graze.
- The program went beyond my expectations. The material was very high-quality. The reference materials provided were unexpected. Time was balanced well between field and class. I had fun, and the food was great! Very organized, polished, highly valuable class.