

Tools and Management Applications Workshop for Managing Greater Sage-Grouse *presented by the Society for Range Management Nevada Section*

Time: December 11th, 2013

Location: Room 103 Davidson Math and Science Building, University of Nevada Reno

Parking: available in the Brian J. Whalen Parking Complex (*cost included in registration. Enter #1211213 on the keypad*)

- I. 9:00 - Introduction, Summary of Sage-grouse Discussion at Great Basin Consortium Conference, and current state of Sage-grouse with regards to listing and BLM EIS process – *Genie Montblanc, University of Nevada Reno and Steve Abele U.S Fish and Wildlife Service*
- II. 9:30 - Conservation Planning Tool - *Pete Coates. U.S. Geological Survey*
 - a. Pinion Juniper Mapping and Treatment Assessment Tool
- III. 10:45 – 11:00 Break
- IV. 11:15 - Conservation Credit System – *Tim Rubald, Sagebrush Ecosystem Technical Team*
- V. 11:30: – 1:00 Lunch Break (lunch on your own at University or surrounding restaurants such as Little Walldorf's, Archie's, Capriotti's, Jimmy John's, the Blind Onion, Cantina Del Lobo, Overlook)
- VI. 1:00 - Fire and Mowing in the Sagebrush Ecosystem; Lessons Learned from the Synergistic Monitoring Project – *Synergistic Monitoring Team*
 - a. Overview of the Synergistic Monitoring Project and How Mowing Sagebrush may be a Management Tool – *Sherm Swanson, University of Nevada Reno*
 - b. Spatial Diversity: Mowed vs. Unmowed Wyoming Big Sagebrush Sites – *John Swanson, University of Nevada Reno*
 - c. Mowing Response on a Temporal Scale – *Brad Shultz, University of Nevada Reno*
 - d. Preliminary Study Findings: Burned vs. Unburned Wyoming Big Sagebrush Sites – *John Swanson, University of Nevada Reno*
- VII. 2:30 - Tools and Applications in Nevada and Oregon: Sage-grouse Initiative (SGI) Projects
 - a. Saving Sage-Grouse from the Trees: SGI's Strategic Approach to Tackling Conifer Encroachment and Quantifying Outcomes for Sage-Grouse – *Thad Heater, Natural Resource Conservation Service*
 - b. Nevada State Projects Overview - *Thad Heater, Natural Resource Conservation Service*
 - c. Western Nevada Project Highlights - *Jim Gifford, Natural Resource Conservation Service*
 - d. Grazing Plans in the Bi-State Area – *Tracey Jean Wolfe, Natural Resource Conservation Service*
- VIII. 3:30 – 4:00 Panel Discussion with Speakers