

AGENDA

Nevada Section, Society for Range Management Summer Tour

July 13, 2018

Ely, Nevada

Outcome-based Grazing – Balancing Rangeland Management in Theory & Practice

7:30 - 8:00 - Registration. Meet at Ely District BLM Office (702 North Industrial Way, on Hwy 93)

8:15 – 10:30 - Butte Valley, Hunter’s Point Overlook

Discussion Topics:

1. Review of John Uhalde & Sons sheep and cattle ranching operations
2. BLM’s Outcome-based Grazing Program
3. Uhalde involvement in Outcome-based Grazing Demonstration Project
4. Use of State & Transition Models and Disturbance Response Groups in setting management objectives
5. Issues associated with range & ranch management in light of new science, theory and management practices

10:30 – 11:30 - Butte Valley

Discussion Topics:

1. Winterfat community function, objectives & management (Silty 8-10” P.Z. R028BY012NV)
2. Greater Sage-grouse habitats
3. Wild horse populations & impacts

11:45 – 2:00 – Butte Valley, Red Pepper Butte

Discussion Topics:

1. Greater Sage-grouse habitats & objectives
 - a. Sagebrush shrublands (not sagebrush steppe) (Shallow Calcareous Loam 8-10” P.Z. R028BY011)
 - b. Crested wheatgrass seedings
2. Lunch!

2:30 – 3:30 - Egan Range, Combs Creek Shrublands & Gleason Creek Restoration Projects

Discussion Topics:

1. Tree removal to meet BLM management objectives
2. Tree removal methods
3. Gleason Creek grazing regime

4:45 - Return to BLM office

6:30 - Dinner