

2017 Rangelands Partnership Annual Meeting Agenda May 7-10, 2017



SUNDAY, May 7: Cain House - short walk or drive from University Inn

6:00 pm - **Welcome Reception and Mixer (6:30pm Navajo tacos will be served)**

John Tanaka - Welcome on behalf of WERA

Beth Burritt - Welcome on behalf of Utah State University

MONDAY, May 8: University Inn, Room 507 OR USU Natural Resources Building, Room 217

8:00 am **RP Executive Board Greetings and Overview of Rangelands Partnership 2017 Meeting**
[Nicole Juve, Chair, ND]

8:10 am **Introductions** [Beth Burritt, UT]

- Special Welcomes
- Meeting Logistics
- Attendee "Pair & Share" Introductions (Jeanne Pfander, AZ)

9:00 am **State updates** [Nicole Juve, ND – Facilitator] – Possible topics include: Updates on last year's activities related to rangelands research, teaching, and outreach at your institution; website updates, user statistics and future plans (Zoom link to be provided) (~ ≤ 5 minutes each; continued at 1:15)

- Alaska – written report (Jodee Kuden)
- Arizona – Amber Dalke
- California – Tracy Schohr, Fadzayi Mashiri
- Colorado – Retta Bruegger, Jocelyn Boice (virtual)
- Hawaii – Mark Thorne
- Idaho – Jeremy Kenyon, April Hulet
- Kansas – Livia Olsen
- Montana – in transition
- Nebraska – Dana Boden (virtual)
- Nevada – Amy Shannon

- New Mexico – n/a
- North Dakota – Nicole Juve
- Oklahoma – n/a
- Oregon – Mike Borman
- South Dakota – Pat Johnson, Nancy Marshall (virtual)
- Utah – Beth Burritt and Patsy Palacios
- Washington – Tip Hudson
- Wyoming – David Kruger and David Keto

- 9:30 am **Morning Break**
- 10:00 am **State updates (continued, see above)** - [Nicole Juve, ND]
- 11:00 am **Educational Resources: Update on higher education websites; and an Introduction to Oregon State Natural Resources Online Degree Program** - [Karen Hickman, OK (virtual); Susan Marshall, CA; Yvette Gibson, OR (virtual)]
- 12:00 pm **Lunch** – [Beth Burritt, UT]
- 1:15 pm **Supporting the Partnership through Library Data Services - Panel/Discussion** - [Jeremy Kenyon, ID, Chris Kollen, AZ, and Sara Mannheimer, MT]
- 2:00 pm **“Discovering Our Nation’s Rangelands” Video Training** - [John Tanaka, WY; Lindsay Hadfield, WY; Sarah Noelle, AZ; Rachel Mealor, WY; David Keto, WY & Cody Sheehy, AZ]
- 3:30 pm **Afternoon Break**
- 4:00 pm **Reaching New Audiences Using Collaborative Video Production: an International Year of Rangelands and Pastoralists marketing campaign** - [Cody Sheehy, AZ]
- 4:30 pm **RP Business Meeting** [Jeremy Kenyon, RP Vice Chair - Facilitator]
- Report from the Chair - [Nicole Juve, ND]
 - Administrative Update on WERA - [John, Tanaka, WY]
 - Secretary-Treasurer Report - [Tip Hudson, WA]
 - Election of New Secretary-Treasurer - [Nicole Juve, ND]
 - Transition to 2017/2018 Executive Team - [Nicole Juve, ND]
 - Announcements of locations for 2018 & 2019 meeting - [Nicole Juve, ND]
 - Invitation to join the ILRI Rangelands Initiative and the International Land Coalition (Mark Thorne, HI and Barb Hutchinson, AZ)
 - Membership discussion (states in transition; question about Texas)
 - Other Business

- 5:30 pm **Logistics for evening and next day [Beth Burritt]**
Adjourn for the day
- 6:00 pm **Leave from Hotel for Dinner - transportation provided**
- 6:30–10:00 pm **Dinner at American West Heritage Center Cache Valley** - Wagon ride to see the bison herd. (Included in registration for attendees, \$25 per guest)
Speaker: Darren McAvoy will present on Biochar (see bio below)

TUESDAY, May 9: University Inn, Room 507

- 8:30 am **Welcome Back and Logistics for the Day** [Beth Burritt, UT] *Start times for Tuesday sessions may vary based on amount of discussion needed.*
- 8:40 am **RREA Strategic Plan Project Update and Feedback/Discussion** - [Barb Hutchinson, Amber Dalke, and Sheila Merrigan, AZ]
- 9:00 am **Update on the Sustainable Rangelands Roundtable** – [Kristie Maczko, CO]
- 9:30 am **Action Groups**
- Introduction to 2016 Groups - [Nicole Juve, ND]
 - Marketing and Social Media [Amber Dalke, AZ]
 - Content Development/Collection Management Policy [Nicole Juve, ND]
 - Partnership Sustainability [Barb Hutchinson, AZ]
 - Break into groups to discuss (10 minutes)
 - Are these the Action Groups we need? What else should the Partnership focus on?
 - Add ideas to board/large post-its
 - Review ideas and determine 2017 Action Groups
 - Sign up for a group
- 10:00 am **Morning Break**
- 10:30 am **Action Group Work**
- Marketing and Social Media
 - Collection Management
 - Content Development
 - Partnership Sustainability
 - Others
- 11:15 am **Action Group Lightning Reports: Progress Made and Suggested Next Steps**

- 11:30 am **Workshop - Creating Images and Features for State Websites** [Sheila Merrigan, AZ]
- 12:00 pm **Lunch** – Speaker: Dr. Dave Dahlgren “Sage Grouse on Working Landscapes” (see bio)
- 1:30 pm **Review of Topics Pages – handouts will be provided with a list of topics and subtopics, and an outline for creating topics pages** [AZ Tech Team to facilitate and assist]
- Break into groups by main topic; choose a topic/sub-topic of interest to you (especially one you would be willing to help with during the next year)
 - Log in to Global Rangelands/Rangelands West
 - Go to your selected topic page
 - Check links; identify gaps; check if the page is included in the GR/RW database – make note of issues and content needs in comments box at the bottom of the pages
 - Please sign up for a topic to review/edit/coordinate this coming year
- 2:30 pm **Refresher on Making Fixes to Websites and Adding DLIOs (metadata records) to the Database** [Sheila Merrigan and AZ Tech Team]
- 3:00 pm **Afternoon Break**
- 3:30 pm **Action Plan for 2017/2018** - [Facilitator – Jeremy Kenyon]
- Action Groups
 - Suggestions for Topics Pages and Highlighted Topics
 - Ideas for the good of the Partnership
- 4:30 pm **Closing Session / Wrap-up** [Jeremy Kenyon, 2017/2018 RP Chair]
- 5:00 pm **Adjourn – with special thanks to Beth Burritt for her hard work and hospitality!**

WEDNESDAY, May 10:

On Wednesday, May 10 there will be an optional tour of Park Valley and surrounding area. Learn how ranchers in the area are key to sage-grouse survival, wetlands in the desert and boreal toads, community conservation, and more. The \$40/person fee includes transportation and meals. Tour vans will depart hotel at 7:30am.

Questions? Beth Burritt e-mail: beth.burritt@usu.edu; Phone: (435) 760-2814; (435) 245-4736

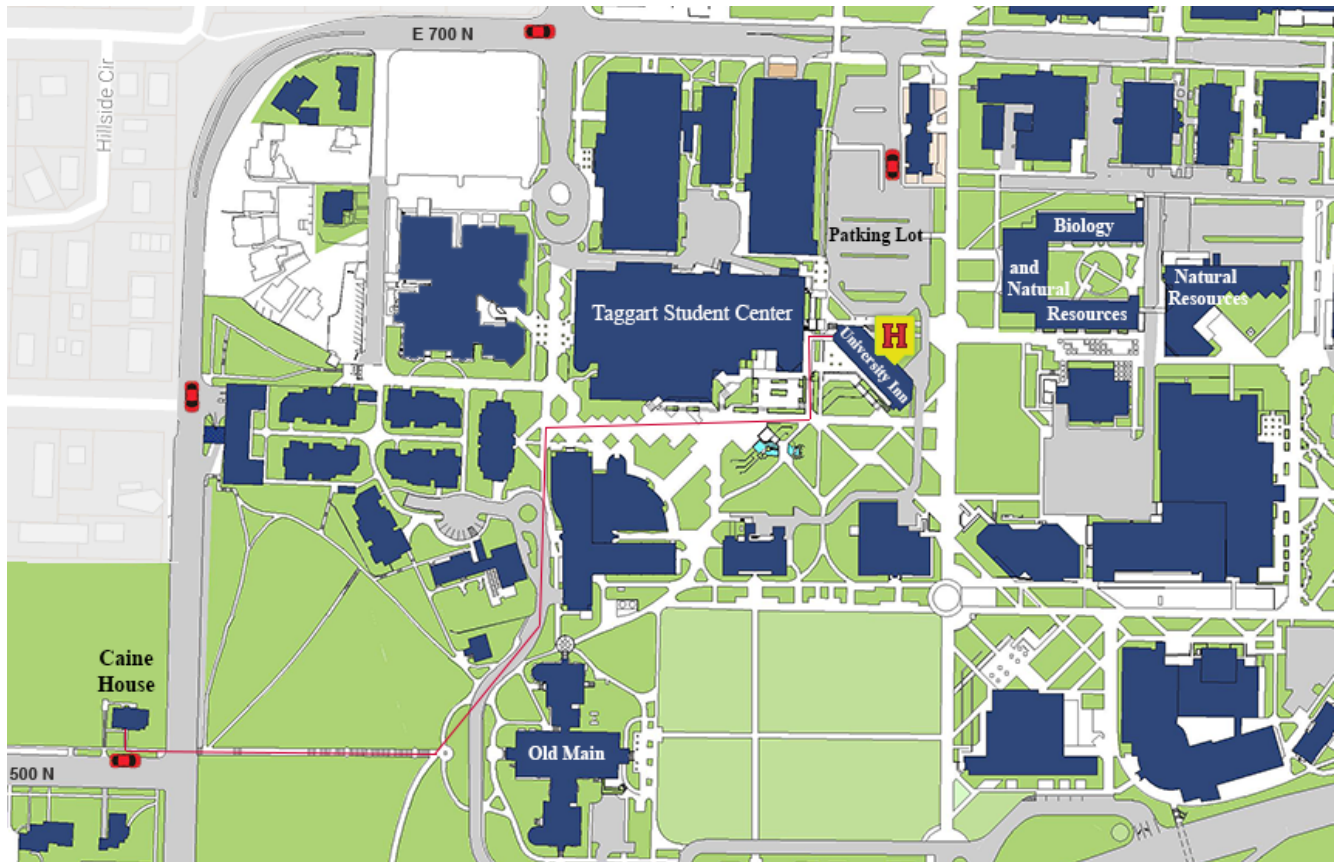
Guest Speaker Bios

Dave Dahlgren, USU Extension

David K. Dahlgren is an Assistant Professor, Wildlife Extension, Wildland Resources Department, Utah State University. He is a dyed in the wool (true blue) Aggie, having received his Bachelors, Masters, Doctorate degrees in Wildlife Biology at USU. Dave was a post-doctoral fellow at USU from 2009-2010. His research and Extension focus at USU has been on sage-grouse ecology and community-based partnerships in Utah and the Intermountain West. From 2010-2013 he served as the Small Game Specialist and a NRCS Area Biologist for the Kansas Department of Wildlife, Parks, and Tourism. His research, management, teaching, and Extension interests include upland game ecology and management, species of conservation concern coordination and management, harvest management, range and wildlife interactions, private and public land partnership, local working group facilitation, database management, and use of dogs in wildlife research and management. Dave is a member of The Wildlife Society and Society for Range Management. He has also been the chair for the Utah Division of Wildlife Upland Game Committee, and vice president of the Utah Chukar and Wildlife Foundation. When not at work, he enjoys time with his wife and three daughters, as well as field time with his German shorthaired pointers or at a stream with a fly rod in hand.

Darren Mc Avoy, USU Extension

Darren McAvoy is an Extension Assistant Professor at Utah State University, he directs the Utah Forest Landowner Education Program chairs the Utah Biomass Resources Group. He was a forestry consulting and wildfire specialist for Inland Forest Management in Sandpoint, Idaho for seven years. Darren was a saw squad leader on the Flathead Hotshot Crew in Columbia Falls, Montana and worked on the Yaak District of the Kootenai National Forest. He produced The Missing Fires video for the National Park Service for his MS degree in Communications from Utah State University and holds a BS in Forestry from Colorado State University.



Location of Sunday Night Social – The Caine House - 691 East 500 North

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