

COLLABORATIVE RESTORATION WORKSHOP:
Working toward resilient landscapes and communities



Thursday Session:
Sage-Grouse Module Outline

Meeting Details

Location: History Colorado

Room: TBD

Time: 8:00-5:00

Cost: Free



Restoration of Sage-Grouse Habitat
Concurrent with Land Management Activities

Session Description

Degradation of sagebrush-steppe ecosystems across the West has been a main contributor to habitat loss for the Greater Sage-grouse and other sagebrush obligate species. Restoration of sagebrush-steppe ecosystems is faced with a wide variety of challenges, not the least of which includes the dominance and spread of invasive annual grasses and perennial forbs, and limited or expensive native plant restoration options available to managers to meet the habitat needs of the Greater Sage-grouse. During this session we will explore opportunities to improve land management activities using collaboration to help protect and restore sagebrush-steppe ecosystems, and build resilience against the threats to these native plant communities. Presentations will examine the impacts of improper grazing, agricultural conversion, invasive plants, and other stressors on sagebrush-steppe ecosystems, and opportunities for land managers to build innovative collaborative solutions at multiple scales to address these threats and restore Greater Sage-grouse habitats at a landscape scale.

Objectives

1. Provide overview of the cultural setting the grazing management and sage grouse habitat management occurs in.
2. Provide high level information about , sage grouse and sage brush steppe biology and ecology
3. Provide high level information about invasive species impacts to sage-grouse ecosystem and the steps we are taking to control invasive annual grasses
4. Provide a forum to explore models to build collaboratives that may be specific to sage grouse management and grazing management.

Outcomes

- Participants build a network of peers
- Participants have a potential checklist of terms/conditions/actions necessary to build a collaborative

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Topic	Comments objectives	Format
Opening remarks from session moderator/facilitator		5 minutes
Understanding the history of grazing in the west	Provide background information to understand the communities and customs	Matthew Pearce
Sage grouse and sage brush steppe biology and ecology	provide an overview so we understand what the systems look like (variability), what the bird needs, what the threats to the system are, and what management may be able to influence	David Dahlgren - Parker Mountain sage grouse working group
Threats to Sage-grouse and sage brush steppe	provide an overview so we understand what the systems look like (variability), what the bird needs, what the threats to the system are, and what management may be able to influence	Deborah Finch Program Manager Rocky Mountain Research Station Grasslands Shrublands and Desert Ecosystems
Group discussion		30 minutes
Break		15 minutes
After break session		This session will consist of four panelists. Each panelist will have 10 minutes to talk to the audience. After the presentations the group will engage in open discussion on building collaboratives.
Examples of current successful collaborative groups	Objective is to learn from examples different individual or community lead collaborative/group. Each presenter will have 10 minutes to talk about: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What worked or did not work? • Why did it worked or did it not work? 	Panel discussions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Robin Boies (not confirmed) • Mary O'Brien • Local Producer • David Dahlgren - Parker Mountain sage grouse working group - run by the State of Utah in south central Utah. NE Nevada - need to find the contact. There is a specific permittee on the H-T NF that started his own. Monroe Mountain grazing system Fishlake NF.
Session Closing Remarks		