



Sustainable Rangelands Roundtable

Draft Agenda – General Sessions

Hilton Garden Inn Austin Downtown

Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday, June 15, 16 and 17, 2010

Objectives:

1. Overview SRR leadership's vision for SRR's next 10 years in the context of SRR's strategic plan and current work plans. This includes ongoing SRR projects such as climate change, energy (wind, biofuels, oil & gas), rangeland ecosystem goods and services and ranch sustainability assessment with an adapted set of SRR indicators.
2. Revisit SRR's indicator revision process to review outcomes and recommendations, and agree on revised set of SRR indicators. This includes linkages to FIA, NRI and NASS data sets.
3. Explore indicator selection modules, models, and mechanisms to identify a selection process to assist end-users applying SRR's indicators for rangeland monitoring to address specific issues and/or research questions.
4. Discuss plans to build upon outcomes of the Oregon Multi-Agency Pilot Project (MAPP) for production of a national rangeland sustainability report based incorporating existing NRI, FIA and NASS data to illustrate use of indicators to address current issues and identify information gaps.

Tuesday, June 15, 2010

- 8:00am** Welcome and self-introductions – *led by John Tanaka*
- 8:10am** Vision & Opportunities for SRR 2010-2020 – *John Tanaka, University of Wyoming*
- 8:40am** **Project & Partner Updates**
- SRR Monograph Status & Release Date – *John Mitchell*
 - Update on W1192 committee and opportunities for SRR – *John Tanaka*
 - Outreach efforts (4NCGL, SRM, MAL II, Agroforestry Roundtable, SWCS, ESA, NASCA, GLCI, PLC, ACES) – *Kristie Maczko*
 - Partner Resource Roundtables (RN & SWRR & RSF) – *James Bernard & Kristie Maczko*
- 9:20am** Rangeland Sustainability Assessment at the Ranch Level: Premise, Indicators, Guidebook & Upcoming Workshops (*followed by discussion*) – *Stan Hamilton, Kristie Maczko, & John Mitchell*
- 9:40am** Rangeland Ecosystem Goods & Services (Climate Change) Peer-Reviewed Article, Poster, and General Publication – *Lori Hidinger, Dan McCollum & Kristie Maczko*
- 10:00am** Update on Oregon Multi-Agency Pilot Project: Future plans, including MAPP report and plans for release/publication – *Janette Kaiser (FS), Rob Roudabush and Doug Powell (BLM), Chuck Stanley, NRCS*

- 10:20am** *Break*
- 10:40am** Review of Rangeland Data Collected as part of NASS surveys in the context of a crosswalk to SRR socio-economic indicators – *Kevin Barnes, NASS*
- 11:10am** Review of Rangeland Data Collected as part of FIA (Forest Inventory and Analysis) in the context of a crosswalk to SRR ecological indicators – *Paul Patterson and Ken Brewer, Forest Service FIA*
- 11:40am** Review of Rangeland Data Collected as part of NRI (National Resource Inventory) in the context of a crosswalk to SRR ecological indicators – *Ken Spaeth and Chuck Stanley, NRCS NRI*
- 12:10pm** **Lunch**
- 1:30pm** Whole group discussion on NASS/NRI/FIA indicator crosswalks in context of data useable for a national rangelands sustainability report (see issue-based outline) - *led by John Tanaka with Kevin Barnes, Paul Patterson, Ken Brewer, Ken Spaeth & Chuck Stanley*
- 2:15pm** An overview of indicator selection processes, models, and mathematical mechanisms, with examples of methods successfully used by other indicator groups in actual case studies. – *James Bernard*
- 2:35pm** Indicator selection methods identified in literature review for climate change paper – *Cliff Duke and Bill Fox*
- 2:55pm** **Break**
- 3:15pm** Small groups evaluate presented indicator selection methods and make recommendations about what seems to work best, in terms of application and communication value, and why.
- 4:30pm** Whole group reconvenes to report out and review recommended indicator selection methods identified by small groups. Discuss alternatives in the context of scale, complexity, time constraints, etc., to identify the one process (or amalgamation of several processes) that SRR will adopt and recommend for indicator application projects and reports – *led by John Tanaka, James Bernard and Cliff Duke*
- 5:30pm** Adjourn Day 1

Wednesday, June 16, 2010

- 8:00am** Overview of Day 1 progress and plans for Day 2 – *John Tanaka and James Bernard*
- 8:15am** Outcomes of the Ecological Society of America's Biofuels Conference – *Cliff Duke, ESA*
- 8:45am** An issue-based application - SRR indicators, biofuels, energy and rangeland ecosystem services: an assessment framework – *Urs Kreuter, Texas A&M University*
- 9:15am** Whole group discussion about SRR's approach to biofuels and energy considerations for

rangeland monitoring and assessment – *led by John Tanaka*

- 10:00am** *Break*
- 10:20am** Overview of USDI climate change strategy and implications of standardized monitoring recently advocated by CEQ for compliance with periodic reporting required by the US Global Change Research Act of 1990 – *Rob Roudabush, BLM*
- 10:50am** SRR Indicator Review Process: Overview, rationale and status to set the stage for afternoon’s activity delving into indicator reviews by criterion group – *James Bernard and John Tanaka*
- 11:20am** Whole group discussion on Indicator Review Process to develop framework for proposed criterion group activities to finalize indicator revision – *led by John Tanaka and James Bernard*
- 12:00pm** **Lunch**
- 1:15pm** Criterion groups break out to evaluate recommended indicator revisions to finalize modifications (*main meeting room and 10th floor seating area; includes afternoon break*)
- 4:45pm** Whole group reconvenes to report out, evaluate progress and discuss outcomes of indicator revision process and identification of any next steps to ensure progress toward a national rangeland sustainability report – *led by John Tanaka and James Bernard*
- 5:30pm** Adjourn Day 2

Thursday, June 17, 2010

- 8:00am** Overview of Day 1 progress and plans for Day 3 – *John Tanaka*
- 8:15am** Using indicator method(s) identified on Tuesday afternoon, small groups (break out by issues rather than criteria) evaluate which indicators would be selected for incorporation into an issue-based national rangelands sustainability report. Consider selection/discussion of different indicators required for evaluation of different issues. Are indicators missing? (*main meeting room and 10th floor seating area; includes morning break*).
- 11:30am** Whole group reconvenes to report out and discuss potential for production of an issue-based national rangeland sustainability report (timeline, task allocations, potential contributions from RCA/RPA materials, budgets, etc.) - *led by John Tanaka and Ted Heintz*
- 12:30pm** Meeting accomplishments, next steps, and future needs – *led by John Tanaka*
- 1:00pm** Adjourn SRR General Sessions - **Thanks to all for your time and effort.**
Safe Travels!