

“Intermountain West Range Improvement Practices: Lessons Learned”
Nevada Section, Society for Range Management
Eureka, Nevada, July 29-30, 2016

Friday July 29th:

8:00-8:45 Registration

8:45-9:00 Drive to Baumann Ranch

9:00-10:15 – Visit PJ removal, chip and biochar production and bi-products as the representatives of the Nevada Pinyon-Juniper Steering Committee present on accomplishments, challenges and lessons learned in their effort to landscape level restoration, with utilization of the resulting biomass as an additional beneficial outcome.

10:15-10:30 – Drive to Mine

10:30-11:45 Tour the application of Biochar in restoration efforts as mining, conservation District representatives and Agricultural Research Service Soil Scientist present lessons learned on the use, challenges and benefits of biochar in restoration efforts.

11:45 12:00 – Drive to PJ removal site

12:00-1:00 – Lunch

1:00-2:00 – view a PJ removal project as we tour and listen to private land owners, Conservation District and PJ Partnership representatives discuss challenges from finances to logistics to red tape and lessons learned at building bridges to improve and increase efficiency in PJ removal and benefits to wildlife and grazing resources.

2:00-3:15 – Tour the application of the use of a Lawson Aerator to improve wildlife and grazing resources on private land. The Wildfire Conservation Group, Baumann Ranch and the Agricultural Research Service will present on the benefits of this range improvement practice. The Eureka County Conservation District and the Nevada Department of Wildlife will address the need to improve and build bridges for the Nevada Partners in Conservation to implement large scale range improvement practices for Nevada rangelands.

3:15-3:30 – Drive to Fuels Break Area

3:30-4:30 – Tour a BLM Fuels Break Project by mowing big sagebrush as University of Nevada Professor presents on the use of mowing to remove fuels and then learn from private land owners and the Eureka County Conservation District on seeding these fuel breaks to green-strips using fire resistant species.

5:00-6:00 – no-host bar socializing at the Opera House

6:00-9:00 – NV-SRM banquet dinner and Awards Ceremony

Saturday July 30th:

8:00- Business Meeting