Grazing Lands – A Winning Hand

The 4NCGL Conference will provide:

- Exchange of technical and management information
- Identification of research needs
- Marketing of products and services
- Benefits of grazing

Come learn how sound, scientific technical assistance can help you improve your management systems and how you can increase public awareness of the economic and environmental benefits of grazing.

Sponsored by the

GRAZING LANDS CONSERVATION INITIATIVE (GLCI)

and the

SOCIETY FOR RANGE MANAGEMENT (SRM)
Sunday, December 13
10:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Registration
Noon to 5:00 p.m. Exhibit/Poster set up
5:30 to 6:30 p.m.
GLCI Exhibitors Reception (cash bar)

Monday, December 14
6:30 to 7:45 a.m.
Complimentary continental breakfast
7:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Registration

8:00 to 9:30 a.m.
OPENING PLENARY SESSION
• Introductory Remarks – National GLCI Chair Bob Drake
• Welcome to Sparks – Mayor of Sparks (invited)
• Welcome to Nevada – The Honorable Dean Heller, U.S. House of Representatives (NV 2nd) (invited)
• ADDRESS – The Honorable James A. Gibbons, Governor (invited)
• KEYNOTE ADDRESS – The Honorable Tom Vilsack, U.S. Secretary of Agriculture (invited)

9:30 to 11:45 a.m.
Refreshment break and Exhibitor time
11:45 a.m. to 1:15 p.m.
CONFERENCE LUNCHEON

1:30 to 3:00 p.m.
CONCURRENT SESSIONS/WORKSHOPS
• Cow Capital at Grazeway Dairy.
• Management changes at the Gund Research Ranch.
• Moving from production to profit in ranching.
• Sustainable Rangelands: Managing and monitoring for economic, ecological, and social benefits.
• Cowboy Logic Stewardship Network: A program for sharing.

Tuesday, December 15
6:30 to 7:45 a.m.
Complimentary continental breakfast

7:30 to 5:00 p.m. - Registration

8:00 to 9:30 a.m.
CONCURRENT SESSIONS/WORKSHOPS
• Herding for improved range management.
• Ranch diversification in the Texas Blackland Prairie.
• Managing for the best of the worst: What do we do with cheatgrass?
• The benefits of holistic high density grazing.
• Silvopasture for small farms: Providing economic and environmental benefits.
• Louisiana coastal rangelands – a winning hand.

Wednesday, December 16
6:30 to 7:45 a.m.
Complimentary continental breakfast

7:30 to 10:00 a.m. Registration

8:00 to 9:30 a.m.
CONCURRENT SESSIONS/WORKSHOPS
• Looking Ahead, Allen Biaggi, Director of the Nevada Department of Natural Resources (invited)
• GLCI Awards

3:45 to 5:15 p.m.
CONCURRENT SESSIONS/WORKSHOPS
• Range Youth Camps: Preparing the next rangeland managers.
• Grazing technologies in remote Alaska.
• Grassland farming in Western Oklahoma.
• Cowboy up with conservation. It can save your grass!

EVENING – Grazing Slots Tourney at The Nugget. Don’t miss this fun evening!

Wednesday, December 16
10:00 to 11:45 a.m.
Conference closing

9:30 to 11:45 a.m.
Refreshment break and Exhibitor time

11:45 a.m. to 1:15 p.m.
CONFERENCE LUNCHEON

4:00 to 6:00 p.m.
End of conference - Dismantle exhibits and posters
What is the GLCI?
The Grazing Lands Conservation Initiative (GLCI) is a nationwide collaborative association of agricultural producers and organizations working together to maintain and improve the management and the health of the nation’s private and public grazing lands. The initiative is driven by the agricultural producer, and organizations specializing in conservation, scientific research, watershed benefits, and erosion control. GLCI activities are facilitated through local, state and national partnerships. GLCI informs the public of the contributions well-managed grazing lands make to the quality of life of every citizen. It is founded on the principles of voluntary action by those who own and manage grazing lands, and respect for private property rights.

The GLCI is led by a dedicated National Steering Committee. The Steering Committee encourages and works to help establish local, state, and regional partnerships to foster grazing lands conservation and stewardship. The Committee is made up of individuals representing the American Farm Bureau Federation (AFBF), American Forage and Grassland Council (AFGC), American Sheep Industry (ASI), the dairy industry, National Association of Conservation Districts (NACD), National Farmers Union (NFU), National Cattlemen’s Beef Association (NCBA), Society for Range Management (SRM), and the Soil and Water Conservation Society (SWCS). In addition, they are supported by the Sustainable Rangelands Roundtable (SRR) and many United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), Department of Interior (DOI), and other federal agencies such as the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), Agricultural Research Service (ARS), the Cooperative State Research, Extension, and Education Service (CSREES), the Bureau of Land Management (BLM), and the Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS).

GLCI was established in Bozeman, Montana in June, 1991. The meeting was called by representatives of state and national agricultural, conservation, wildlife, and scientific organizations. The attendees were concerned about the declining level of technical assistance being provided to owners and managers of non-federal grazing lands. Twenty-two states were represented at the meeting. Six national organizations agreed to sponsor GLCI – AFBF, AFGC, ASI, NACD, NCBA, and SRM. These organizations appoint members to the Steering Committee who are respected leaders, producers and organization representatives, who pay their own expenses.

A primary activity of the National GLCI steering Committee has been to work to have the purpose, activities and funding authorization for GLCI included in the Farm Bills. This legislation assigns primary responsibility for GLCI funds with USDA NRCS. Assistance provided by NRCS is done at the request of private landowners and in partnership with local soil and water conservation districts (SWCD’s) and others. Another objective of GLCI is to expand research and education. Applied, interdisciplinary research is needed to integrate new knowledge into effective management systems. Extension education programs are needed to help landowners gain new knowledge and skills, and prepare those providing the technical assistance with the information needed to provide high quality assistance.

4th National Conference On Grazing Lands

A glance at the preliminary program on Page 2 gives an indication of the broad scope of subjects that will be covered during this two-and-a-half day conference. This conference will heighten public awareness of the economic and environmental aspects of grazing lands and technical assistance will be emphasized. Highlights include presentations on the four major conference tracks, reinforced by real world examples from panels of ranchers and farmers.

There will be ample time to talk with other conference participants, exhibitors, poster presenters, program managers and administrators. Space is available for commercial and other exhibits and for poster displays where producers, land managers, academics and others can talk about their grazing land management planning and implementation strategies and partnerships. See page 6 for more information.
Who Should Attend
Ranchers, farmers, federal, state, local, and tribal land managers and policy makers, consumers, urban interests, seed, animal and other related industry companies, public officials - elected and appointed, members of academia, students, conservationists, and anyone interested in proper grazing land management and its benefits will want to attend. See you in Sparks!

Registration
REGISTER EARLY AND SAVE $55! The conference registration fee is $260 BEFORE October 15, 2009. The registration fee after October 15, 2009 is $315. The registration fee includes admission to all plenary and concurrent sessions, exhibits and poster areas, receptions, Tuesday noon luncheon, two continental breakfasts, morning and afternoon refreshment breaks and conference proceedings. The Monday night banquet is a ticketed event. See the conference registration form.

With the expected attendance, space and facilities could be limited. Get your registration in early, save money and help the conference planners arrange for a successful conference.

Fill out the Conference Registration form on page 6, include your form of payment and return to the Society for Range Management (SRM), at the address indicated on the form by October 15.

Conference registrants will NOT receive a registration confirmation receipt. Your registration packets will be available at the conference registration booth. A final program will be part of the materials provided. Conference registration at The Nugget Casino Resort opens Sunday, December 13, at 10 a.m. The registration tables are also open on Monday, Tuesday and a short time Wednesday for your convenience.

If you register and are unable to attend the conference, you will receive a refund, minus a $25 processing fee, by notifying the SRM office by November 1, 2009. There will be no refunds for cancellations after November 1, 2009.

Proceedings of the Fourth National Conference on Grazing Lands will be published following the conference, and all registrants paying the full registration fee will receive a complimentary copy. Additional copies may be purchased.

Spouses, Guests and Students
Save $10 on special registration for spouses, guests (with a registered attendee) and students (with student identification) by paying $115 before October 15. Spouses, guests and student registration fees after that date and on-site are $125. This fee includes admission to the Sunday exhibitors reception, two continental breakfasts, Tuesday noon luncheon, and attendance at all conference sessions. Conference proceedings are available for purchase with this special registration.

Optional Activities
In addition to The Nugget, with its eight award-winning restaurants, gaming, and shows, there is a lot to see and do in the area around Reno-Sparks. Reno is known as “The Biggest Little City in the World,” the home of Harrah’s Entertainment, and the University of Nevada-Reno. Virginia City, 27 miles away, was the birthplace of Mark Twain, and once the richest place on earth for its gold and silver mines. It is one of the nation’s top 12 distinctive destinations. Carson City, 34 miles away, has been the Nevada capital since the Nevada Territory was established in 1861. Kit Carson and John Fremont rode through this area on their 1840 expedition to map the west. The capitol building and the Nevada State Museum, once the U.S. Mint, are worth seeing. World-famous Lake Tahoe is 39 miles away and a major tourist attraction. Snow, skiing, and casinos spur the Tahoe economy. The famous Donner Pass is 30 mi. west. In 1846, the Donner Party was snowed in, and only 45 of 81 survived.

Hotel Reservations
All conference activities will take place at John Ascuaga’s Nugget Casino Resort in Sparks, Nevada. Special rates for the conference have been provided by the hotel for our conference. All information needed is on the hotel reservation form on page 7. Make your reservation early. Reservations should be made by contacting the hotel directly no later than November 22. After this date, reservations will be subject to availability. To receive the conference rate, please mention Grazing Lands Conference, code GGRAZE when contacting The Nugget. The hotel accepts most major credit cards and personal checks.

Travel Assistance
If you need a travel agency to help with the conference arrangements, please contact Mitzi Halla with United Fairfax Travel/American Express. You can reach her by calling 1-800-477-8785 or
703-281-7379, ask for Mitzi Halla, or by email at mitzihalla@cox.net. Mention GLCI. Mitzi can assist you with air reservations, rental cars, and any other arrangements you may require.

Exhibits & Poster Paper Displays
Space is available for commercial, governmental, and non-commercial exhibits and/or poster displays. If you are interested in exhibiting or presenting a poster paper, please note on the registration form, page 6, or contact someone from the list on the right, for more information. Exhibit space is on a first come, first served basis. Please see the registration form on page 6 for exhibit pricing.

Poster display space is limited. There is no space for video monitors, PowerPoint or slide projectors. Poster displays will be placed on one side of a poster board. Each poster board holds two poster displays.

Exhibit and Poster Paper Viewing Hours
Sunday, December 13 • 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.
GLCI Exhibitors Mixer (cash bar) in exhibit area at the Nugget. (Set up access begins at noon and must be ready by 5 p.m.)

Monday, December 14 • 6:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.
The continental breakfast and coffee breaks will be near the exhibit/poster paper area. Conference attendees are encouraged to spend time visiting the exhibits and posters.

Tuesday, December 15 • 7:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.
The continental breakfast and coffee breaks will be near the exhibit/poster paper area. 9:30 a.m. to noon, is specifically dedicated to visiting exhibitors and poster presenters. (Dismantling and removal begins at 4 p.m. Exhibits must be dismantled no later than 7 p.m.)

Booth Sizes and Furnishings
Each exhibit area accommodates a 10’ x 10’ pipe and drape booth. Upon registering, exhibitors will be mailed a packet providing set up, storage and display details.

Exhibit Areas
Exhibits and poster displays will be located near the conference area. Continental breakfasts, exhibitors’ mixer, and refreshment breaks will also be held in the exhibit and poster area.

Security
Exhibitors are responsible for guarding all valuable equipment, materials, etc. during exhibition hours. If a booth is unattended, please arrange for your own security and insurance if protection is needed. When the exhibit area is closed, a security guard will be on duty.

For More Information, contact:
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Exhibit Location Assignments
Space will be assigned in the order reservations are received and at the sole discretion of conference organizers. Every effort will be made to honor specific location requests. Organizers reserve the right to change location assignments at any time, at their sole discretion, if they deem necessary.

Handling and Storage
Exhibitors may ship display materials directly to Freeman Decorator Services for storage and delivery to the exhibit area. Detailed information is provided in the registration packets. The hotel, not conference organizers, will store or unpack shipments.
4th National Conference
On Grazing Lands

December 13 - 16, 2009 • John Ascuaga’s Nugget Casino Resort • Sparks, Nevada

Name: _____________________________________ Spouse or Guest: ____________

Address: _____________________________________________________________________________________

Phone: _______________ Fax: _______________ Email: _____________________________________________________________________________________

Organization you are representing: ________________________________________________________________

REGISTRATION: (Early Bird Registrations MUST be received with payment BY OCTOBER 15)

REGISTRATION: No. of attendees ________ @ $260 ($315 after October 15) = Total ________
Registration includes admission to all conference sessions, refreshment breaks, reception, two continental breakfasts, one luncheon, and one copy of the conference proceedings. Monday's Nevada Night is a separate ticketed event (see below).

SPOUSE, GUESTS & STUDENTS: No. of attendees ________ @ $115 ($125 after October 15) = Total ________
Registration includes all of the above EXCEPT copy of the conference proceedings.

INDIVIDUAL DAY REGISTRATION: ☐ MONDAY ☐ TUESDAY @ $115/day = Total ________

NEVADA NIGHT, MONDAY NIGHT BANQUET: No. of attendees ________@$35 = Total ________

ADDITIONAL COPIES OF PROCEEDINGS: Number of copies ________ @ $15 = Total ________
(MUST be ordered in advance)

EXHIBITS: (Each paid exhibit INCLUDES one full conference registration)*

COMMERCIAL: No. of Spaces ________@ $620 ($670 after October 15) = Total ________

GOVERNMENT/NON-PROFIT: No. of Spaces ________ @ $410 ($450 after October 15) = Total ________

*Poster Paper presenters must register for the conference. No additional fees are required. If you are interested in presenting a poster paper, please check here: ☐

GRAND TOTAL: ________

Payment: (Please make checks and money orders payable in U.S. dollars to: 4NCGL - SRM, dba GLCI)

CHECK #: __________________________ Name on Check: __________________________

NAME ON CREDIT CARD: __________________________

Credit card type: ☐ Visa ☐ Mastercard ☐ Am Express ☐ Discover

CARD #: __________________________ EXPIRATION DATE: __________________________

SIGNATURE: __________________________

Send paid pre-registrations to:
The Society for Range Management, SRM, 10030 West 27th Avenue, Wheat Ridge, CO 80215-6601
Or, call or fax: Phone: (303) 986-3309; Fax: (303) 986-3892 (Faxes accepted ONLY with credit card payment)
Register online with a credit card at www.glci.org/4NGCLindex.htm.

Cancellation policy: No cancellations or refunds will be given after November 1. All cancellations subject to a $25 processing fee.
To reserve your room(s):
Contact the John Ascuaga’s Nugget Casino Resort,
4NCGL Headquarters Hotel, by
calling (800) 648-1177 or (775) 356-3300
faxing this form to (775)356-3434, or by
logging on to www. janugget.com/jump/1046/
(mention Grazing Lands Conference, group code GGRAZE);

- Single - $96
- Double - $96
- Triple - $106    Quad - $126 (Suites, rack rate are available on request.)

We are pleased that the Nugget Hotel has offered all our attendees this excellent room rate,
which is even lower than the federal per diem rate. All rates do not include tax, currently 13.5%,
or a $5 resort fee per night. Resort fees include complimentary use of the Hotel’s airport shuttle,
self (covered) parking, fitness center and pool.

Special Accommodations: (subject to availability)
- Non-smoking
- Smoking
- Other: __________________________
- Handicapped Accessible

Arrival Date: _______________ Approx. Arrival Time: ___________ Departure Date: _______________
(check-in is 4 p.m.) (check-out is noon)

Please print or type:
Name: ___________________________________________ Phone: ______________
Address: ____________________________________________________________________________________
City: ___________________________ State: ___________________________ Zip: ______________
Sharing Room with: ___________________________________________ No. of Persons: __

Reservations must be received by Sunday, November 22, 2009. One night’s deposit using a credit card or personal check
must accompany this form. All major credit cards are accepted. Do not mail currency. Cancellation policy: For refund of deposit,
you are required to notify the hotel 72 hours in advance of arrival date.

Credit Card Type: ___________________________ Deposit Amount: _____________
Card Number: ___________________________________ Expiration Date: ______________
Signature: ____________________________________________________________________________
The 4th National Conference on Grazing Lands
would not be possible without the following organizations and advisors:

**GLCI STEERING COMMITTEE:**
- American Farm Bureau Federation
- American Forage and Grassland Council
- American Sheep Industry
- Dairy Industry Representatives
- National Association of Conservation Districts
- National Cattlemen's Beef Association
- National Farmers Union
- Society for Range Management
- Soil and Water Conservation Society

**FINANCIAL SUPPORTERS:**
- USDA Agricultural Research Service
- DOI Bureau of Land Management
- USDA Cooperative State Research, Education, and Extension Service
- DOI Fish & Wildlife Service
- USDA Forest Service
- Grazing Lands Conservation Initiative
- USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service
- Plus many individual and corporate sponsors listed in the conference program

**GLCI ADVISORS:**
- Extension Committee on Policy
- Experiment Station Committee on Policy
- NRCS National Technology Support Centers
- American Society of Agronomy
- Sustainable Rangelands Roundtable
- United Farmers, USA

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