

AGENDA ~ RAM COMMITTEE MEETING (Rangeland Assessment and Monitoring)
64th Annual Meeting, Billings, MT. ~ February 6, 2011 at 8:00am
Chair, Terry Booth: Co-chair, Quinton Barr: Vice-Chair, Scott Lusk

Location: Billings Hotel and Convention Center, "Ranch" Room

8:00 Sign-in / Welcome and Introductions

8:10 SRM Board of Directors Representative Richard Orr, Misty Hays

8:45 Review and Approve 2010 meeting minutes (preliminary draft attached for review)

9:00 Break

9:15 Updates from Organizational Members / Representatives

- 1) Sustainable Rangelands Roundtable
- 2) Multi-Agency Oregon Pilot Project (NRI & FIA)
- 3) NRCS Rangeland CEAP Project
- 4) ARS monitoring research (remote sensing)
- 5) Multi-Agency Ecological Site Classification
- 6) Invasive Species Symposium
- 7) Desert Fire Invasives workshop
- 8) TNC monitoring website
- 9) 2010 RPA Assessment

10:00 Break

10:15 Old Business

- 10) Remote Sensing, a 2011 Symposium?
- 11) 2012 Symposium, Invasive Plant Response - jointly sponsored with RISC

10:30 New Business

- 11) Update RAM Committee Handbook Quinton Barr
(February 2000 Handbook and draft February 2011 Handbook update attached)
- 12) Redefine an Animal-Unit (AU)? No, use an AU-Equivalent! Lamar Smith
- 13) Similarity Index, False Perceptions of Precision? Lamar Smith
Is it better to use absolute weights or percentages as the basis for species composition?

11:00 Break

11:15 Election of RAM Chair-Elect (2012 Vice-Chair and 2013 Chair)

11:30 Adjourn

(11:30 – 12:30 reserved to work on any action items the Committee decides to pursue)