

Targeted Grazing Committee Report
2013 Annual meeting
Oklahoma City, OK

Date: February 3, 2013

Committee Name: Targeted Grazing

Committee Chairs: Rachel Frost, Chair; Karen Launchbaugh Chair-elect

Committee Members Present: Rachel Frost, John Walker, Marc Horney, Courtney Newby, Katie Tierney, Jeff Mosley, Bob Bolton, Derek Bailey, Mitch Stephenson, John Hendrickson, Karen Launchbaugh, Beth Burritt.

BOD Representative: Misty Hays

I. Progress Report 2012:

- Issue paper initiated
 - Future edits, plans and responsibilities need to be discussed
- Synthesis paper on Targeted Grazing underway
 - Mark Horney took the lead on this project
- Letter to BOD asking support to challenge the NRCS publication Conservation Benefits of Management Practices.
 - BOD declined to support this effort
- Letter of support for federal funding for targeted grazing research was crafted and sent to the SRM Board of Directors in April, 2012.
- Workshop “How to Employ Targeted Grazing on Public Lands”
 - Well attended, many thanks to speakers and panel participants

II. Planned Activities 2013

- Synthesis Paper Updates – Mark Horney
 - Outline of synthesis paper is under revision. Will try to add a restoration focus and try to publish in Restoration Ecology. The new outline will be sent to Targeted Grazing Committee members.
 - Mark will write a letter to the editor of Restoration Ecology to determine interest for an article on Targeted Grazing.
- Issues Paper Update – John Walker
 - Considers starting with a “Sponsored Issue” of Rangelands on Targeted Grazing.
 - Requires \$12,500 and includes 7 or 8 articles
 - Focus on examples of targeted grazing with background information
 - We could draw the Issues Paper out of the information submitted to Rangelands
 - Then, we could ask the SRM BOD for money to publish an Issues Paper

- John Walker, Derrick Bailey, and Jeff Mosley will take lead to develop an outline of manuscript topics and a funding plan.
- SRM Glossary Revision – Rachel Frost
 - The TG committee is interested in adding specific terms related to targeted grazing to the SRM Glossary.
 - We are concerned that land managers do not understand the distinction between managed grazing, prescribed grazing, conservation grazing, and targeted grazing. As a proactive measure we would like to contribute these terms to the Glossary and review other terms currently in the glossary related to grazing.
 - Misty Hays will take our interest to the BOD and we hope to become part of an effort among all science committees to add relevant terms to the glossary.
 - A definition of Targeted Grazing should also be added to Wikipedia – Karen will work on making this addition to Wikipedia
- How can we facilitate workshops and seminars on targeted grazing? – Karen Launchbaugh
 - A set of PowerPoints were developed from an American Sheep Industry grant. Karen will make these PowerPoint presentations available to the committee for use.
 - Promote presentations on Targeted Grazing in SRM Section Meetings
 - Perhaps we will one day consider a series of free webinars on Targeted Grazing
 - We could also develop paid on-line training to maintain SRM certification
- Should we do a workshop/symposium at the 2014 Annual Meeting? – Rachel Frost
 - We could consider working with the Invasive Species Committee to develop a workshop or symposium.
 - Consider a tour that includes targeted grazing at the 2014 Annual SRM meeting in Florida – John Hendrickson and Rachel Frost will look into this opportunity.
- Could our committee engage in social media to gather input and ideas from people doing contract grazing?
 - For example Pinterest, Facebook, a Blog, or ScoopIt may offer opportunities
 - Mark Horney volunteered to look into social media options with the goal of allowing targeted grazers to exchange information and experiences.

III. Election of Chair Elect:

Karen Launchbaugh nominated John Hendrickson. No other nominations were made and John Hendrickson was elected Chair-Elect unanimously by committee members present.

IV. Actions Items for Board of Directors

- The Targeted Grazing committee would like to make a change to our handbook. For Point 2 of “Membership and Leadership” our handbook currently states “**Leadership is provided by a Chairperson and a Chair-Elect.**” We would like to add the past-chair to this statement to read “**Leadership is provided by a Chairperson, Chair-Elect, and Past-Chair.**” We have unofficially conducted business this way in the past few years and we find it an efficient way to spread the workloads and provide continuity form year to year. The committee voted to approve this change and we seek Board approval.