

Targeted Grazing Committee
Sunday, February 16, 2020
10:00 AM
Chairperson- Claudia Ingham
Chair Elect- Kelly Anderson

Meeting is being broadcast for people to participate remotely. Call-in information was sent via email. Approximately 30 people were present at the meeting along with two people participating remotely.

Around 400 people have subscribed to the Targeted Grazing email list.

John Hendrickson (past chair) gave some history of the Targeted Grazing Committee

Introduction of Synthesis Paper published in Range Ecology and Management in November 2019 (John Walker, John Hendrickson)

- Currently in the top 5 downloads from REM

Discussion of second version of the Targeted Grazing Handbook. (John Walker)

- Prompted by American Sheep Industry
- Would like to include more papers from practitioners or case studies

Target Grazing at SRM 2020 (Claudia Ingham):

- Campfire Conversions: Tuesday 10:00-12:00, 1:30-3:30, Plaza- second floor
- Targeted Grazing for Fine Fuels Reduction in the Great Basin- Wednesday 10:00-12:00

Discussion of certification of Targeted Graziers (Claudia Ingham):

Purpose, Justification and Qualification of Targeted Grazing Certification- Explanations by Claudia Ingham

Question from Dan Nossel regarding the purpose statement limiting targeted grazing to “target invasive or otherwise undesirable plant species or to reduce fire risk.” Could grazing for regenerative or soil health purposes also be targeted grazing? Discussion of potentially expanding the purpose statement followed but noted the differences between targeted grazing and conservation grazing- we will focus the purpose on targeted grazing.

Beth Reynolds of California (participating on phone) gave a description of her business “Goat Girls” as an example of grazing for fire reduction in residential areas.

Question from the audience regarding whether each employee needs to be certified- no, only the business owner(s).

Discussion regarding the exam followed. Claudia Ingham gave some examples of exam questions. Noted that the exam will be to demonstrate practical knowledge.

Stephanie Larson suggested a component for landowner education, John Hendrickson followed up by suggesting that we add landowner education information to the website.

Claudia Ingham described the proposed requirements for photo/video submissions for certification, noted that applicants need to be members of SRM.

Lance Smith, NRCS, MN described requirements for CPRM/CRM through SRM. Discussion followed regarding the differences in Targeted Grazier Certification.

Stephanie Larson brought up a question about where the exam would be offered. Currently this is up for discussion but it will be offered at the annual meeting, possibly at section meetings or proctored at trusted agency location.

Claudia Ingham described the letters of testimony portion of the certification and potential renewal timeline, possibly every 2 years.

Cost of certification is still being discussed. It will likely mirror CPRM/CRMC fees (Jeff Goodwin noted that CRMC certification cost was recently reduced to \$100 for members).

Certified Graziers are to be listed on the SRM TG website unless the grazier declines.

Stephanie Larson brought up the issues SRM had with CRM in California- Lawsuit due to certification requirement. Kelly Anderson clarified that a TG certification is meant to be voluntary, not required.

Kelly Anderson discussed the two separate websites and how to subscribe to emails as well as how to participate in @targetedgrazing Instagram, #targetedgrazing

Participation in Targeted Grazing Committee includes showing up to meetings and receiving emails. Those wishing to be involved at a higher level are always welcome to participate in project planning by contacting chair/chair-elect.

Claudia Introduced Mike Pellant who gave an overview of the TG session on grazing to reduce fine fuels (Wednesday at 10AM)

A member of the audience asked if summaries could be posted on the website- Campfire convo summaries will be in Rangelands, will check on other TG sessions.

Jocelyn Acerig, editor of Rangelands noted that they are open to submissions for publication

Discussion of definition of Targeted Grazing as outlined in the synthesis paper published 11/19. This paper will be posted to the SRM TG Website.

Thank you to Marc Horney of Cal Poly and students for setting up remote call-in equipment

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