

Targeted Grazing Handbook

“Do not go where the path may lead; go instead where there is no path and leave a trail”
Ralph Waldo Emerson

Introduction

The Targeted Grazing Committee (TGC) is a self formed committee of practitioners, land managers, research and extension personnel that formed in 2009. The TGC will contribute to the SRM mission which is: *to promote the professional development and continuing education of members and the public and the stewardship of rangeland resources.*

Purpose

The purpose of the TGC is to serve SRM by focusing attention, sharing knowledge, and communicating information that will promote the use of targeted livestock grazing and advance the knowledge and skills required to help practitioners and land managers to better employ this technology to restore degraded rangelands, improve wildlife habitat and enhance ecosystems. The committee will meet once a year at the annual SRM meeting to:

- Share ideas, information, and knowledge
- Review and provide comments on resolutions
- Serve as a forum to discuss current issues
- Provide recommendations to the Board of Directors concerning SRM policy and position statements
- Plan and develop Targeted Grazing Symposia and Workshops for annual SRM meetings
- Coordinate with other SRM committees on issues of mutual concern

Membership and Leadership Structure

1. Membership - Membership of the TGC is open to anyone interested, there are no term limitations and those in attendance can vote. At times the committee may choose to proactively recruit members depending on need.

2. Chair and Chair-Elect - Leadership is provided by a Chairperson and a Chair-Elect, both selected by the TGC membership for a two-year term. These positions are usually filled by individuals volunteering to serve. If no one steps forward, the Second Vice President will appoint a Chair-Elect one-year prior to the beginning of their one year term.

3. Subcommittees - Committee tasks and activities are regularly accomplished by subcommittees due to time constraints and for efficiency. Subcommittee members will be volunteers or Chair appointees, whichever comes first, and one of them will serve as Chair. The subcommittee chair will report to the committee chair who will keep the main committee apprised.

Membership and Leadership Duties

1. Committee Chair - The Chair arranges and leads the annual committee meeting. They are responsible for updating and maintaining the membership list and website and for communication within the committee and to the Board. The Chair also appoints

subcommittees and creates the committee plan of work based on member input. Duties may be delegated.

2. *Chair-Elect* - The Chair-Elect serves in a Co-Chair capacity for their one-year term. The Chair-Elect is responsible for the meeting notes and assisting the Chair with any other committee activities. The Chair-Elect shall serve as Chair in the event of the Chair's absence or shall become the Chair if, for any reason, the Chair is unable to serve.

3. *Members* - Members are encouraged to attend the annual meeting and to volunteer for committee activities. All members are asked to help foster interest in the committee and invite others to participate.

Meetings and Communication

The TGC usually meets for one-half day at the annual meeting. This is basically the only time members are all together for face to face communication. Throughout the year, most communication takes place via the committee e-mail list or occasionally by phone, fax or hard copy mail.

1. *Committee Member List* - The committee member list will be updated annually and a copy provided to the Board Representative. Each year, the committee is required to submit the names and contact information of the new Chair and Chair-Elect, to the SRM Headquarters Office to be included in the Mini-Directory posted on the SRM website. Providing this information is the responsibility of the committee Chair unless otherwise delegated.

2. *Committee Meeting Notes* - These are to be sent to the entire committee and Board Representative within a month of the annual meeting and should include any agreed upon actions, assignments and timelines.

3. *Committee Updates* - At a minimum, quarterly updates should be sent to the entire committee, Board Representative and other committee Chairs within the Science and Ecology Division.

4. *Committee Webpage* - The TGC supports the creation and maintenance of a committee webpage. This task is handled through a subcommittee with input from the main committee.

5. *Committee Handbook* - The committee handbook is intended to contribute to the effective involvement of each member and provide for continuity of effort within the committee. Each committee member will receive a copy of the handbook either via e-mail or hard copy mail. It is also posted on the committee webpage. The handbook will be periodically reviewed and revised as needed.