

Targeted Grazing Committee Report  
2012 Annual Meeting  
Spokane, WA

Date – Sunday, January 29<sup>th</sup> 2012

Committee Name – Targeted Grazing Committee

Committee Chairs – Rachel Frost, Chair    Karen Launchbaugh, Chair-elect

BOD Representative – Misty Hays

Progress Report – 2011

- An Issue Paper, which has already received approval from the SRM Board of Directors, was drafted in 2011 and revisions are currently being compiled.
- In addition, a synthesis paper outline was developed to fully document the scope of scientific literature related to targeted grazing to be published in a journal other than Rangeland Ecology and Management.
- The committee developed a workshop for the 2012 meeting in Spokane. This workshop is geared toward agency personnel and will provide resources on how to implement and fund targeted grazing projects on public lands.
- Karen Launchbaugh was elected the new chair-elect and Rachel Frost stepped into the 2-year chair position.
- The committee was a table sponsor for the Taste of the Northwest at the Spokane 2012 meeting.

Planned Activities for 2012

- The issue paper will be completed and taken through publication.
- A managing editor was assigned to organize the synthesis paper and direct it through completion.
- The committee will participate in the planning of a session “New Developments in Targeted Grazing” for the 2013 meeting.
- Karen Launchbaugh will draft a memorandum of understanding between the SRM Targeted Grazing committee and the ASI Targeted Grazing committee to reduce duplication of effort and define each committees area of focus.

- It was brought to the committee's attention that the new publication "Conservation Benefits of Rangeland Practices" defines *prescribed grazing standards*, *prescription grazing* and *targeted grazing* identically within the Prescribed Grazing Section. The committee feels strongly that SRM should respond with a letter to the NRCS insisting distinction of these terms because of the differences in application and management associated with these terms.

#### Action Items for BOD

- I. The Committee requests that the board provide the necessary funds for the publication of the issue paper in 2012. This issue paper has already been approved and the funds previously set aside. We ask that these funds be re-allocated in the 2012-2013 budget.
- II. The committee requests that the President of the Society send a letter to the NRCS addressing the unification of the terms *prescribed grazing standards*, *prescription grazing* and *targeted grazing* in the newly released publication "Conservation Benefits of Rangeland Practices". The committee feels strongly that these terms need to be distinctly defined because of the differences in application and management associated with these terms. The Committee offers to draft such a letter and to provide the President and the BOD with any documentation supporting this position.