

COMMITTEE REPORT 2016 Annual Meeting

Corpus Christi Texas

Date: **January 31, 2016**

Committee Name: **Targeted Grazing**

Committee Chairs: **John Hendrickson** (Chair); **Beth Reynolds** (Chair Elect)

Committee members in Attendance: **David Toledo, Keith Harmony, Jeff Mosley, Jeff Printz, Pat Wharten, Mitch Stephenson, Tim Steffens, Eric Thacker, David Pyke, Andris Ciblis, Karen Lauchbaugh, John Walker.**

BOD Representative: **Joe Hicks**

I. Progress Report – 2016- Narrative/Bullet items

- The Committee held a successful field tour at the 2015 meetings. The tour included current targeted grazing projects and discussions with targeted grazers.
- The committee held a series of webinars. The spring webinar series revisited the ‘Principles of Targeted Grazing’ with a series of 5 webinars. In addition, participants could, if they chose, receive a certificate of completion by listening to the webinars and answering questions developed by the presenter to help them develop a targeted grazing plan. This program is in its final stages.
- The on-going series of webinars started in the Fall of 2015 and have a more applied focus. Webinar titles include:
 - i. Grazing for specific objectives
 - ii. Targeted grazing for endangered species
 - iii. Targeted grazing to develop wildlife habitat
 - iv. Multi-species grazing
 - v. Communicating with administrators and clients about targeted grazing
- Each targeted grazing webinar included CEU credits.
- The targeted grazing synthesis paper was again brought up. The outline has been developed and REM will be approached as a possible outlet. Ecological Restoration was also mentioned as a potential outlet for this paper.
- An Instagram account was developed for targeted grazer to use as a method of sharing photos.

II. Planned activities in 2016—Narrative/Bullet items

- A webinar series was again suggested as an outreach tool. This webinar series would be linked into more specific weeds and a targeted grazing prescription for their control. The webinars would also provide information about the potential for targeted grazing to be used as a replacement for herbicides in some situations. Mitch Sherman, Keith Harmony, and Jeff Mosley were planning on developing this seminar series and also checking into the potential for Pesticide Training CEUs to be offered in conjunction with the webinars.
- The committee plans on developing a database of grazing impact photos. Photos would be submitted to the targeted grazing email at targetedgrazing@gmail.com. Specific information would be included on each photo including time of year, critical differences in management, who took the photo. However, specific site locations would be stripped to protect privacy. Individuals who submitted photos

would have a chance to review them to ensure accuracy of data. Karen Launchbaugh, David Toledo and Beth Reynolds would monitor the email account and upload the photos to the targeted grazing website.

- The committee will develop a contact list of targeted grazers to be posted on the targeted grazing website. This is not intended to be an endorsement of specific grazers but rather a communications tool. Beth Reynolds will develop a form to collect the grazer information.
- The committee was asked about certifying targeted grazers. A conference call will be held around the first of March to evaluate this issue further. On the call will be John Hendrickson, John Walker, Karen Launchbaugh, Beth Reynolds, Ray Holes, Craig Madsen, Dan Macon and Lonnie.
- It was reported that Amazon has a rent a goat service. Beth Reynolds will look into this and provide the committee with more information.
- Currently, the email site targetedgrazing@gmail.com is only being monitored by Karen Launchbaugh. She will be assisted by John Walker, John Hendrickson and Beth Reynolds but they will be asking other committee members to begin monitoring in their stead.
- Joe Hicks suggested the SRM science committees meet for 1 hour together before moving into their individual meetings. The joint meeting would be a chance for individual committee engage with each other and potentially coordinate joint projects or activities. This will be initiated at the 2017 meetings.