

International Sage-Grouse Forum - FREE recorded proceedings available on-line

The International sage-grouse forum brought together policy makers, managers, scientists, landowners and industry leaders to summarize contemporary knowledge regarding sage-grouse conservation.

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Workshops (Each workshop was ~2 hrs with various presenters and then a Q & A panel discussion)

- Basic Sage-grouse Biology and Management
- Sagebrush and Sage-grouse Landscape Management - Minimums and Maximums
- Approaches to Mitigation
- Predation and Hunting: Lightning Rods and Silver Bullets
- Sage-grouse Conservation Through Sustainable Ranching - SGI Science to Solutions
- Strategic Conservation Planning for Private Lands
- New Breakthroughs in Fire and Invasive Weed Management
- Defining Development, Disturbance, Fragmentation, and Habitat Loss: Understanding and Mitigating the Effects of the Anthropogenic Activities on Sage-grouse
- State and Province Plans Digested: In-depth Discussion (NV, UT, ID, CA, WA, OR)
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Symposium Speakers

- Forum Purpose " Defining Your Place in the Conservation of Sage-grouse and the History and Evolution of Sagebrush Landscape and Sage-grouse Conservation (USU - Terry Messmer)
- Seeking Collective Solutions: Empowering States through the Conservation Objectives Team (COT) Report, (USFWS - Noreen Walsh)
- The Role and Status of BLM and USFS Plan Revisions in Sagebrush Country, BLM/USFS (Asst Dir. BLM - Edwin Roberson)
- The Sage Grouse Initiative: Partnerships in Action (Chief of the Natural Resources Conservation Service [NRCS] -Jason Weller)
- Success in the Bi-State - Combining Biology, Policy and Win-win Solutions to Proactively Conserve the Bi-State Population
- A Public Rancher's Perspective: My View from the Saddle
- Keynote Speaker: The Honorable Gary R. Herbert, Governor, State of Utah
- State of the States and Provinces: Sage-grouse Population and Conservation Effort Status