The Voice of the Nevada Livestock Industry

Nevada Cattlemen’s Association Annual 2016 Convention

By: Kaley Sproul, NCA Executive Director

We are approaching the 81st Annual Nevada Cattlemen’s Association Joint Convention and Trade Show held December 1-3, 2016 at the Nugget Hotel and Casino in Sparks, Nevada. This year, our Annual Convention and Trade Show will be held in conjunction with California Cattlemen’s Association. The Convention brings together not only Nevada Cattlemen’s (NCA) and Land Action Associations (NLAA), but Nevada CattleWomen, Nevada Woolgrowers, Nevada Rangeland Resources Commission and the Central Grazing Committee.

The Annual Convention is an important event allowing cattlemen and women to gather information, attend educational events, and form policies that guide the association into the future. Policy committee meetings will be focused on reviewing and adopting new NCA policies. This will ensure attendees are able to make the most of their convention experience and get up-to-date information on the issues that could have the greatest impact on their operation. As always, top government and industry officials will be on hand to participate in the discussions.

To encourage new membership NCA is offering a special to Young Cattlemen 35 years of age or younger for a $50 registration fee. This registration includes the Trade Show NFR Party, all three Cattlemen’s College sessions, meetings, the tradeshow breakfast, lunch, and Wine & Cheese Reception, and the NCA’s Annual Awards Banquet.

During the NCA Awards Banquet the recipients are announced for the 2016 Cattleman of the Year Award, Allied Industry Award, President’s Award and recognition for the 100,000 Mile Award. At the discretion of the organization’s president, these awards are given annually to individuals in recognition of significant contributions to the NCA, their community, the land and the beef industry. There will be music and dancing to follow after the banquet.

Please see our webpage, www.nevadacattlemen.org for more information on prices and how to register. Be sure to register for the meeting by November 21st because pre-registration is discounted. However, on-site registration is available at the Nugget beginning December 1st.

There will be an abundant line-up of speakers and much fun to be had. The Nevada Cattlemen’s Association looks forward to seeing you at this year’s convention!

See more about the Convention on pages 2-6

From the Desk of your NCA President:

DAVID STIX JR.

To all my livestock friends we at the Nevada Cattlemen’s Association were saddened to hear of the passing of Tom Marvel. He was a true icon and pillar to our way of life. It is at these times that I always like to remind us that we should not be sad of Tom’s death, but we should be happy that he lived and we in some small way were a part of that life. Our future NCA President, close friend and grandson Tom Barnes summed it up, “Grandpa Tom did it his way”.

Most of all, we here at NCA and the industry are grateful for what Tom left us. Tom left us with beautiful hard working friends and loved ones we have come to adore and respect. So to all of the Marvel family, thank you for sharing Tom with us and god bless all.

Sincerely and with great admiration,

Davy

51st Annual Fallon All Breeds Bull Sale

It is that time of year again for our Fallon All Breeds Bull Sale. This year we are celebrating our 51st year of gathering in Fallon, Nevada for this traditional sale! Our sale will be held February 18, 2017 at the Fallon Livestock Exchange at 11:00 a.m. All bull entries are subjected to be sifted and graded Friday, February 17, 2017 at 7:30 a.m. Please contact the office if you have questions regarding the health requirements for the sale.

The FBS Committee is also inviting all who would like to become more involved in this sale to come participate as a committee member. The first meeting to be held this year will be on November 30th at 5:30 p.m. at Stockman’s Insurance, 1664 U S S Hwy 395, Suite 107, Minden, NV. This meeting is where decisions are made for the upcoming bull sale. Please contact the sale secretary for a copy of the meeting agenda.

For the past 51 years, producers from Nevada and the surrounding
DECEMBER 1-3, 2016
California & Nevada Cattlemen and CattleWomen Annual Convention
Nugget Casino Resort, Sparks, NV
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FEBRUARY 1-3, 2017
Cattle Industry Convention & NCBA Trade Show
Nashville, TN.
For more information visit http://convention.beefusa.org/registration-hotels

FEBRUARY 18, 2017
Fallon Bull Sale
Fallon Livestock Exchange, Fallon, NV
For more information, contact NCA office, 775-738-9214, or nca@nevadabeef.org

MEMBERSHIP UPDATE
We would like to thank the following people for joining or renewing their membership with Nevada Cattlemen’s Association between September 22 and October 21, 2016. (New members are in bold.)

- Harry L. Brown Family Trust, Shorty Brown
- Venturacci Schuler Partners
- White Sage Grazing Association, LLC., Jerome Masterpool

QUICKBOOKS SESSION
Thursday from 1 – 4 p.m.

QuickBooks is offering a free presentation by Cassi Johnson of Pacific Intermountain Mortgage. Along with being raised on a ranch and currently ranching on their family operation, Cassi worked at Guyer & Associates CPAs for 5 years as an accountant before expanding out and doing other bookkeeping, financial, and QuickBooks consulting work. She has attained over 10 years of financial experience before coming to work for PIMC in 2015. Join her QuickBooks session in covering:
- Basics of Maneuvering through QuickBooks
- Payables – methods for paying bills
- Receivables – creating invoices, making deposits
- Reconciling Accounts
- Chart of Accounts – suggest accounts to use and setting up your Profit and Loss & Balance Sheet
- Payroll
- Q&A Session about your specific questions

She asks that you bring your own laptop to the session. For more information about the class contact Cassi Johnson at cassi@pacificim.net or (541) 815-9054.

ALLIED INDUSTRY COUNCIL TRADE SHOW

Don’t miss your opportunity to get into the trade show and find out about up and coming products and services from Allied Industries. The booths are filled with great businesses and agencies that support and enhance our industry. The trade show will be open Thursday 5 – 9 p.m. and Friday from 7 a.m. – 6 p.m.

CATTLEFAX BREAKFAST:
Duane Lenz, Manager of Operations and Analyst Services, Meat Market Specialist

Duane has been a Market Analyst at CattleFax since 1989 and works primarily with Texas, California and Arizona feedlots. Prior to working with CattleFax, Duane spent 9 years as a lamb buyer for Farmstead Foods Corporation (formerly Wilson Foods Corp.). Duane is a graduate of Colorado State University and was raised 30 miles south of Denver on a diversified livestock operation.

GENERAL SESSIONS
Session 1: Brett Stuart, Global Agritrends
U.S. Beef & Global Beef Market Update
Friday 9 – 10 a.m.

Brett Stuart is a founding partner of Global AgriTrends. The firm was founded in 2006 and provides global agricultural analysis and forecasting to a variety of clients around the world. He was formerly employed by the U.S. Meat Export Federation as their lead economist.

Stuart also worked for CattleFax providing international analysis for clients in the cattle and beef sectors. Brett was raised on a cattle ranch operating in Utah and Wyoming and also worked as an auditor, accountant and controller in the agriculture industry.

Session 2: Brian Bledsoe, Chief Meteorologist/ Climatologist for KKTV 11 News in Colorado Springs
Friday 1:30 – 2:30 p.m.

Bledsoe is president and founder of BrianBledsoeWx, LLC, which is his private weather consulting business. Bledsoe’s goal is to help ag producers make their businesses more successful, by using accurate weather forecasts, both short-term and long-term. His strong background in agriculture is important, as he recognizes the need for good common sense weather forecasting that can readily be used by farmers and ranchers. Brian has several private clients scattered throughout the United States. He also works for Silveus Insurance, AgriPros, and frequently speaks all across the region about weather and the importance of drought planning. He writes for the Colorado Association of Wheat Growers, The Southern Livestock Standard out of San Antonio, TX, and his work has been featured in several media outlets around the United States.

CONVENTION HIGHLIGHTS

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Nevada Cattlemen’s Association

November 2016 SAGE SIGNALS
CONVENTION HIGHLIGHTS

ZOETIS CATTLEMEN’S COLLEGE

Session 1: K. Darrh Bullock, Extension Professor, University of Kentucky
USING THE TOOLS OF THE TRADE IN MATING SYSTEMS TO MAXIMIZE PROFIT

Dr. Darrh Bullock was raised on a cow/calf and watermelon family farm in Florida. He earned a BS and MS from Auburn University and a PhD in Beef Cattle Breeding and Genetics from the University of Georgia. Dr. Bullock was appointed Assistant Professor at the University of Kentucky in 1992 and currently holds the position of Extension Professor.

Dr. Bullock was a founding member of the University of Kentucky’s Integrated Resource Management Committee and recently lead the development of a Cattle Handling and Care Verification program. This program includes an extensive video, written materials, a chute-side aid and an assessment exam.

Sessions 2 and 3: Che Trejo, Beef Technical Service Veterinarian, Zoetis
1: LONG TERM IMPACT OF HEIFER DEVELOPMENT
2: WHAT AM I MISSING BY NOT TAKING ADVANTAGE OF TECHNOLOGIES IN THE BEEF BUSINESS

Dr. Che Trejo joined the Zoetis Beef Technical Services Team in March of 2016. He graduated from the University of Florida with a degree in animal science in 1997 and the Mississippi State University College of Veterinary Medicine in 2002. Dr. Trejo entered private practice following graduation, first in Florida and then in Mississippi. He went on to become a partner, manager and staff veterinarian at Prairie Livestock, LLC in west Point, MS directing a group of professionals focused on procurement, marketing and management of high risk cattle through the Prairie Livestock order buying facility and backgrounding facilities for aligned large feeding entities. He joins Zoetis coming from private practice at Ellis County Animal Hospital in Shattuck, OK, with his practice focused on beef cattle production medicine and management.

MEDIA WORKSHOP

Thursday from 1 – 2:30 p.m.

For more than twenty-five years, Daren Williams has helped tell the story of American agriculture. As senior executive director of communications at the National Cattlemen’s Beef Association, he helps develop and deliver the story of modern beef production to media, influencers and consumers. He also serves as the “Dean of Students” for the Masters of Beef Advocacy (MBA) program, a nationwide grassroots advocacy network.

Before joining NCBA in 2006, Daren was a senior vice president at Fleishman-Hillard International Communications in Kansas City, where he handled communications challenges for major food and agribusiness clients. He also spent ten years in Washington, D.C., representing food and agribusiness clients on Capitol Hill and in the halls of USDA, FDA and EPA.

A native Kansan, Daren began his career on the staff of Bob Dole’s 1988 presidential campaign. He holds a degree in English from Ottawa University (Kan.).

ACCOMMODATIONS
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Friday, December 2

*Newmont Inspirational Breakfast (Sponsored)
NV WoolGrowers Breakfast
NV CattleWomen’s Breakfast
*Cattlemen’s College Session 1
*NCA Annual Awards Banquet

Saturday, December 3

*CCA CattleFax Breakfast
*Cattlemen’s College Session 2
*Cattlemen’s College Session 3
*NCA / CCA Beef Promotion Lunch

TOTAL $45

ON-SITE REGISTRATION COSTS WILL INCREASE.

Name(s) attending: ____________________________
Local Affiliation: ____________________________

Payment Method:  □ CHECK  □ MC  □ VIS  □ AMEX

Please make checks to Nevada Cattlemen’s Association

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Please submit completed registration forms by any of the following ways:
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Phone: 775-738-9214
Mail: Nevada Cattlemen’s Association
PO Box 310, Elko, NV 89803

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 1

8 – 11 a.m.  Drought & Disaster Assistance Forum
7 a.m. – 5 p.m.  Registration Open
7 a.m. – 3 p.m.  Exhibitor Move-In
10 – 11:00 a.m.  Rangeland Resources Commission
11:00 a.m. – 2 p.m.  Central Grazing Committee Meeting w/lunch
1 – 4 p.m.  QuickBooks by Pacific Intermountain Mortgage
1 – 2 p.m.  Nevada Land Action Association
1 – 4 p.m.  CCA / NCA Media Training
2:15 – 3:15 p.m.  Nevada Land Action Association
3:30 – 5 p.m.  Animal Health & Livestock Issues Committee Meeting
4 – 4:30 p.m.  NV CattleWomen’s Executive Committee Meeting
4 – 5 p.m.  YCC Networking in Tradeshow
5 – 9 p.m.  Tradeshow Opening Reception & NFR Party

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 2

6:30 – 7:30 a.m.  Prayer Gathering
7 a.m. – 5 p.m.  Registration Open
7 a.m. – 1 p.m.  Allied Industry Council Trade Show
7 – 8:15 a.m.  Newmont Inspirational Breakfast
7 – 11 a.m.  NV WoolGrowers Breakfast
7 – 11 a.m.  NV CattleWomen’s Breakfast & General Membership Meeting
8:30 – 9 a.m.  Legislative Affairs Committee Meeting
9:15 – 10 a.m.  General Session 1
10 – 10:30 a.m.  NCA / CCA Federal Lands Committee Meeting
10:30 – 11:45 a.m.  NCA Federal Lands Committee Meeting
12 – 1 p.m.  Lunch in the Tradeshow
1 – 3 p.m.  NV CattleWomen’s Board of Directors Meeting
1:30 – 2:30 p.m.  General Session 2
2:45 – 5 p.m.  Water Law Session
 Immediately Following is Private Lands, Wildlife & Environmental Management Committee Meeting
4 – 5 p.m.  Private Lands, Wildlife & Environmental Management
4 – 5 p.m.  Cattlemen’s Poster Session
4 – 5 p.m.  Cattlemen’s College Session 1
5 – 6 p.m.  Allied Industry Wine & Cheese Reception
5 – 6 p.m.  YCC Meeting
6 – 7 p.m.  NCA President’s Reception / Cocktail Hour
7 – 11 p.m.  NCA Banquet

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 3

7 – 11 a.m.  Registration Open
7 – 9 a.m.  CattleFax Breakfast
9:15 – 10:15 a.m.  Research & Education Committee Meeting
10:30 – 11:45 a.m.  General NCA Membership Meeting
9:15 – 10:15 a.m.  Cattlemen’s College Session 2
10:30 – 11:30 a.m.  Cattlemen’s College Session 3
12 – 1 p.m.  NCA / CCA Beef Promotion Lunch
1 – 4 p.m.  NCA Board Meeting
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WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 30
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Pre-Convention Committee Meetings

Pre-convention committee meetings took place on October 25 and 26. We had a successful turn out at the Private Lands, Public Lands, Animal Issues and Legislative Affairs Committee meetings.

The purpose of these pre-convention meetings is to review expiring resolutions and draft any new resolutions prior to convention. This is done in an effort to expedite the process at convention where full membership approval is sought. Active NCA members are welcome to participate in these pre-convention meetings.

There was one new resolution brought to the floor, this resolution can be found/reviewed on page at right.

Resolution

Resolution New 2016
Private Lands, Wildlife & Environmental Management Committee New 2016

NEVADA CATTLEMEN’S ASSOCIATION AND
NEVADA WOOLGROWERS ASSOCIATION
JOIN CONVENTION
SPARKS, NEVADA
DECEMBER, 2016

WHEREAS Any changes to Nevada water law that weaken senior water rights and the Prior Appropriations Doctrine will decrease economic certainty, damaging senior water right holders and the communities they support, and are likely to raise 5th Amendment takings claims.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Nevada Cattlemen’s Association and the Nevada Woolgrowers Association oppose any changes to Nevada water law that weaken senior water rights and the Prior Appropriations Doctrine.

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 Conservation Credit System Workshops

Mr. Kelly McGowan, CPM, Sagebrush Ecosystem Technical Team, Conservation Staff Specialist, Nevada Department of Agriculture representative

Through the coordination of the Nevada Cattlemen’s Association (NCA), the Sagebrush Ecosystem Program (SEP) held workshops to meet with landowners and other interested individuals to review and discuss the excellent opportunities that the Nevada Conservation Credit System (CCS) may offer to landowners/managers of farms and ranches throughout the sagebrush ecosystem. Kaley Sproul (NCA Executive Director), Steve Boies (NCA member, SEC councilman and CCS Pilot project volunteer), Kelly McGowan and Katie Andrle (SETT members), held the workshops in Eureka, Elko, and Winnemucca on October 11-13, respectively.

While there was fairly light attendance at each of the workshops, it offered a unique opportunity for some in depth discussions and questions by those in attendance to enhance their knowledge and comfort level with the CCS and the opportunities it could provide to landowners.

Conservation “credits” are the currency of the State’s mitigation program, known as the CCS. Landowners may have the potential to generate credits to offset proposed man-made disturbances within the sagebrush ecosystem to ameliorate threats to the Greater Sage-grouse. The sale of credits can benefit landowners by generating additional income, increasing stewardship/conservation, funding infrastructure improvements, and preserving the ranching culture and economic viability for future generations.

During the workshops, they also discussed a funding opportunity from the State of Nevada for fiscal year 2017 to assist interested landowners in conservation projects that would protect and enhance Greater Sage-grouse habitats as well as produce credits that could be sold to offset man-made disturbances.

Last year the SEP authorized four funding agreements to landowners in Nevada. A request for “Letters of Interest” for this year’s funding will be announced in late October 2016 with awards occurring in late 2016/early 2017. It is anticipated that up to $1.25 million may be made available to landowners during this funding round.

Please visit the SETT websites for more information at: http://sagebrusheco.nv.gov/ www.enviroaccounting.com or contact them at 775-684-8600.
Friday, February 17
Sifting in the morning
Churchill Co. Cowbelles Dinner/Dance
and FBS Awards Presentation
Social Hour: 5:30 pm; Dinner 6:30 pm;
Dance 8:00 pm; Fallon Convention Center

11:00 a.m.
February 18, 2017
Fallon Livestock Exchange,
Fallon Nevada

FBS Stock Dog Trial
February 17, 2017
To benefit families in need of help
in the livestock industry
Cowdog Auction will take place during the sale

For more information or a sale catalog, please call the Sale Office:
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states have worked hard to bring the best quality range ready bulls to the sale to provide our buyers with quality and selection. Bulls range from yearlings to two-year olds of different breeds and are bought and sold at the annual sale. We are still accepting consignments for this year’s sale. The deadline is December 1, 2016.

February 17, 2017 will feature the Fallon All Breeds Bull Sale Stock Dog Trial at the Fallon Livestock Exchange beginning at 8:00 a.m. All are welcome to enjoy the Fallon Bull Sale Dinner and Dance hosted by the Churchill County Cowbelles that evening, tickets are only $15. During the sale the next day will be a Stock Dog Auction of three dogs shown during the trials on Friday. All proceeds from the Stock Dog Trial are donated to benefit families in need of help in the livestock industry.

The Nevada Cattlemen’s Association would like to thank the many dedicated cosigners and buyers that participate in the sale each year. We would also like to thank the dedicated sponsors and people that support the sale and the association. Without all of their help this sale would not be possible. We look forward to seeing you there!

If you have questions regarding the sale or would like a copy of the sale catalog please contact the sale office at 1-775-738-9214 or email the sale secretary at nca@nevadabeef.org. The catalog will also be posted on the Nevada Cattlemen’s Association web page www.nevadacattlemen.org.

Nevada State Technical Advisory Committee Meeting on Nov. 17

The Nevada USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) State Technical Advisory Committee (STAC) meeting will be held on Thursday, Nov. 17th from 9 a.m. – noon. The meeting will be held at the NRCS Las Vegas office, 7080 La Cienega Street, Suite 100, in Las Vegas. Remote video locations will be available at the NRCS offices in Caliente, Elko, Ely, Fallon, Las Vegas, Lovelock, Minden, Reno, Winnemucca and Yerington, as well as the Carson City USDA Rural Development Office.

The meeting is being held to discuss the conservation of soil, water, air, plants, wetlands, wildlife and agriculture. Also, the 2014 Farm Bill programs administered by the USDA-NRCS including technical and financial assistance and easement programs being offered for fiscal year 2017.

STAC members include NRCS, Farm Service Agency, U.S. Forest Service, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Bureau of Land Management, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Tribes, appropriate state departments and agencies, such as agriculture, fish and wildlife and others. The committee is also composed of agricultural producers, owners and operators of nonindustrial private forest land and other professionals and organizations who represent a variety of interests and disciplines in soil, water, wetlands and plant and wildlife sciences.

The goal of the State Technical Advisory Committee meeting is to provide information, analysis and recommendations to NRCS and other USDA agencies responsible for natural resources conservation activities and programs under title XII of the Food and Security Act of 1985, as amended.

Meeting agenda and handouts will be available before the meeting at nv.nrcs.usda.gov. For more information call Gary Roeder at (775) 857-8500. Attendees needing assistive technology accommodations and/or alternative means for communication of program information (Braille, large printer, audiotape, etc.), contact Melissa Blair by Friday, Nov. 3 at: (775) 857-8500 X105 or email: melissa.blair@tx.usda.gov.
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Hello and happy fall! It has been absolutely beautiful here in Northeastern Nevada and I hope the season has treated you all just as well.

The 2016 Joint Annual Nevada Cattlemen’s Association and Trade Show will be here before we know it. Convention will be held in Sparks, NV at the Nugget Casino Resort, December 1-3. You should have received your registration packets in the mail by now. The Nevada Cattlemen’s Breakfast and General Meeting is scheduled for Friday, December 3rd at 7:00 am. We have a few scheduled speakers that I think you will enjoy including American National Cattlemen President, Ann Nogan and Nevada Senator, James Settelmeyer.

Nevada Cattlemen’s Inc. is officially on the “social media” wagon with a brand new Facebook page. You can find us at fb.me/cwnv.inc or simply as Nevada Cattlemen’s Inc. under your Facebook browser. We plan to keep everyone updated on our events through this page.

The National Cattlemen’s Beef Association Convention will be held February 1-3, 2017 in Nashville, Tennessee. Ladies of the Nevada Cattlemen’s Inc. are selling raffle tickets for several items to help send myself and Vice President, Staci Emm to represent Nevada. Please contact a Cattlemen member or check out our Facebook page for more information.

I wish you all a blessed holiday season and I hope to see you all at our general meeting and breakfast during the 2016 convention.
ANNUAL
BULL SALE

Tuesday, November 15, 2016
Burnt Fork Sale Barn • Stevensville, MT • 1 p.m.
170 Long Yearling Summer Bulls * 150 Commercial Bred Heifers

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It’s Not Too Late To Treat Noxious Weeds

By Sean Gephart, Noxious Weed Program Coordinator, Nevada Department of Agriculture

It has been an interesting season for invasive plants throughout Nevada. Invasive species took advantage of the extra precipitation we saw late in the winter when most native species were still dormant. This allowed non-native plants to thrive in the early spring growing season. Later this summer, preexisting drought conditions resulted in less opportunity for native species to regain their foothold in our desert ecosystem. Now we are experiencing the effects of invasive species that have dried out, creating a fuel source for wild fires.

However, the drought and lack of surface area have provided a unique opportunity to treat weeds in riparian areas that wouldn’t normally be accessible with the standing or flowing water. Thankfully, this has allowed active weed management groups and the Nevada Department of Agriculture (NDA) to treat these areas with great success. It’s not too late to treat these invasive species if you have them on your property. Per statute, all landowners are responsible to control noxious weeds on their property.

Species to look for

Perennial pepperweed, Hoary cress, Scotch thistle, Musk thistle and Russian knapweed remain the most widespread species in the state and the species that most people have trouble controlling. Some new species have been mapped and have high threat to spreading into new areas for Nevada, including:

- Leafy spurge (found for the first time in Washoe County)
- Houndstongue (new infestations found in White Pine County)
- Black henbane (northeast Elko County and throughout eastern Nevada)
- Medusahead (known to occur in Washoe, Humboldt and Elko counties and spreading across rangelands)
- Yellow starthistle (new infestations found in Washoe County)

It’s not too late! What to treat now

By now, most species have flowered and gone to seed. It’s important to stay on the lookout for invaders on your property and identify them correctly. Correct identification is the first step in a successful treatment plan. Observing old flowers and seeds is a great way to identify plants in the later months of the year. Fall treatment applications to mature plants can be very effective on:

- Perennial pepperweed
- Hoary cress
- Puncturevine

Fall can also be an effective time to treat:

- Leafy spurge
- Medusahead
- Purple loosestrife
- Russian knapweed
- Sulfur cinquefoil
- Yellow toadflax

Some weeds produce seeds and germinate in the winter. Therefore, fall detection and treatment is critical to eliminating invasive species on your property for the upcoming year.

How to manage noxious weeds on your property

- Plan in the winter. Be ready for the spring when plants are more vulnerable.
- Clean your vehicle, clothes and pets if you have been in an infested area.
- Use certified weed free seeds, forage and gravel materials on your property to ensure you are not bringing noxious weed infested materials onto your land.
- Use the online complaint form to notify the NDA of areas near you where controls have not been done and statute enforcement is needed to prevent treated areas from becoming re-infested or populated by seeds.

Resources

If you’re not sure what treatment to apply, or if you need help identifying a plant, there are many resources available to you:

- NDA, for help with weed management planning, including the complaint form and identification quick guide – agri.nv.gov/NoxiousWeeds/
- UNR Cooperative Extension (UNCE), for help with identification – unce.unr.edu
- UNR College of Agriculture, Biotechnology and Natural Resources (CABNR) – cabnr.unr.edu
- USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) – nrcs.usda.gov
- BLM Nevada – blm.gov/nv
- Nevada Division of Forestry – forestry.nv.gov
- EDDMapS app available for iPhone and android, to monitor treatments and help the NDA manage throughout the state – eddmaps.org

Meet the NDA’s new noxious weeds team

Sean Gephart is the NDA’s new Noxious Weeds Program coordinator, after serving the Pest Control Program for 11 years.

Jake Dick also recently joined the Noxious Weeds team as an agricultural inspector. Contact either of them for help with a treatment plan.

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Sage Grouse Management Plans Based on Inaccurate Science

WASHINGTON (Oct. 11, 2016) – One year after the announcement by the Department of Interior that a listing under the Endangered Species Act was not warranted for the greater sage grouse and the implementation of restrictive resource management plans for the species, the Public Lands Council and National Cattlemen's Beef Association submitted a report to the agencies citing concerns with the methodology used.

Ethan Lane, PLC executive director and NCBA executive director of federal lands, notes that recent studies have shown little or no correlation between sage grouse nest success and the requirements set out by the agencies. “The threats to sage grouse habitat remain wildfire and land development, both of which are mitigated by proper livestock grazing,” said Lane. “One of the most restrictive and burdensome requirements set out by the agencies through the sage grouse Resource Management Plans is the arbitrary stubble height requirement. To say that grass height alone can predict whether or not a sage grouse nest will be successful is not accurate and based on flawed methodology.”

The report points to recent studies showing that the assessments of stubble height required by the Bureau of Land Management, U.S. Forest Service and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service are incorrect. These studies show that the timing of grass height measurements in relation to nest predation are fundamentally flawed and not indicative of nesting success.

“Grass height measurements for successful nests are usually conducted in late spring when the eggs have successfully hatched and the grass is taller,” said Lane. “Contrarily, predation of nests often happens closer to the time the eggs are laid in early spring when the grasses are still growing. Grass height alone has little impact on the success or failure of sage grouse nesting, yet these requirements put intense pressure on grazing rotation and the long term health of the range.”

Repeated studies clearly show that grasses respond best to intensively-managed grazing that focuses heavily on timing and recovery. A managed grazing rotation means that a pasture will be grazed early in the season in some years and later in others to ensure optimal recovery and rangeland health.

“The Resource Management Plans make stubble height the driving factor in grazing decisions and impede improving rangeland conditions,” said Lane. “This is counter-productive to sage grouse habitat, as we know healthy rangelands are the largest factor in the success of the species. Moreover, by prioritizing individual data points like grass height over long-term range health, these plans also detract from the conservation of public lands and result in deteriorated rangelands.”

The Public Lands Council is calling on BLM, USFS and USFWS to provide clear instruction at the field level that livestock grazing is not a significant threat, livestock grazing should not be held to a standard that is not ecologically possible in some sites, and that reducing numbers and utilization of public lands will only increase the fuel load.

NCBA and PLC File Opening Brief in WOTUS Legal Battle

WASHINGTON (November 1, 2016) – The National Cattlemen’s Beef Association and the Public Lands Council, along with other industry and municipal stakeholders, filed the opening brief today in the Sixth Circuit Court of Appeals calling for the Environmental Protection Agency and the Army Corps’ “waters of the United States” rule to be invalidated. Tracy Brunner, NCBA president and Kansas cattle producer said subjectivity and egregious overreach by the agencies is of grave concern for landowners nationwide.

“Cattlemen and women have long asked for clarity in the Clean Water Act, yet this rule adds subjectivity,” said Brunner. “By violating fundamental tenets of administrative law and expanding jurisdiction well beyond the text and structure of the Clean Water Act, it is very clear the WOTUS rulemaking was flawed from start.”

The opening brief details how the agencies disregarded the statutory and constitutional limits of federal authority, lobbied on their own rule making, and failed to craft a rule that meets the rigors of the law.

PLC President Dave Eliason said WOTUS is just one example of the onslaught of regulations that rural America is facing.

“Regulatory overreach is becoming the norm for farmers, ranchers and small businesses across the country, hampering economic growth and threatening the stability of many rural communities,” said Eliason. “Unfortunately, because Congress has repeatedly failed to act on this issue, we are fighting the legal battle to keep this rule from being implemented.”

United States Department of Agriculture
Natural Resources Conservation Service
Nevada State Technical Advisory Committee Meeting
Thursday, Nov. 17 from 9 a.m. - Noon
The meeting is being held to discuss the 2014 Farm Bill programs administered by the USDA NRCS. Topics include financial assistance and easement programs being offered for fiscal year 2017.
The meeting will be held by videoconference from the NRCS Las Vegas Field Office at:
7080 La Cienega St., Suite 100
Remote video locations will be available at the NRCS offices in Reno, Caliente, Elko, Ely, Fallon, Lovelock, Minden, Winnemucca and Yerington, as well as the Carson City Rural Development Office
For meeting agenda & handouts visit: nv.nrcs.usda.gov. For more information call: (775) 857-8500. To request assistive technology accommodations, contact Melissa Blair at: (775) 857-8500 X105
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- PLC is your voice in Washington, providing ranchers who hold public land grazing rights constant representation on Capitol Hill. PLC policy is member driven.
- PLC works directly with members of Congress and their staff, and federal government agency officials on a daily basis, ensuring that the issues important to public land ranchers are being adequately addressed.
- PLC works to educate Congress, federal government agencies, and the public about the stewardship, care, and management ranchers use on federal lands and the positive impacts made by livestock producers on rural economies.
- PLC strives to retain the integrity of state laws and our private property rights, ever vigilant to assaults on those rights by outside interests.

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**Litigation**

PLC engages in a variety of legal battles on behalf of ranchers. PLC coordinates efforts with our local, state, and national affiliates and other industry groups to protect our members interests through the court system. PLC is currently involved in lawsuits on sage grouse, wild horses, the EPA and Army Corps’ overreaching “Waters of the United States” rule, and more.