2017 Nevada Cattlemen’s Association Annual Convention

On December 4-6, 2017, the Nevada Cattlemen’s Association (NCA) held their 82nd Annual Convention and Trade Show in Elko, NV. This convention brought together Cattlemen, Cattle Women, Wool Growers and agency representatives from all across Nevada to discuss issues of importance and establish policy to direct leadership of the Associations.

During the three day event, the NCA’s five policy committees met to establish policy on animal health and livestock issues, legislative affairs, public lands, private lands, and research and education. In addition to reviewing and establishing policy, this year’s convention had an excellent line up of speakers. The Inspirational Breakfast featured an amazingly inspiring speaker, Amberley Snyder, where she discussed overcoming obstacles and never quitting. Sam Mori stated, “Amberley inspired and changed everyone in the room” by telling her story. The general session featured Jon Ruhs with the Nevada Bureau of Land Management as well as a panel discussion led with Agency Representatives. Other informative sessions included an update from Dawn Caldwell, federation Vice Chair at NCBA, at the Nevada Beef Council Lunch, an update on the current beef industry supply and demand trends by Cattle-Fax Market Analyst, Troy Bockelmann, at the CattleFax Lunch, and Zoetis’ Cattlemen’s College featuring Che Trejo, Beef Technical Service Veterinarian to educate attendees on using Select Vac for adding value to their herd and he also certified attendees in Beef Quality Assurance.

The close of the NCA Annual Convention and Trade Show brought new leadership to the Association. The new NCA President is Sam Mori, President-elect is Tom Barnes, First Vice-President is Jon Griggs and the Second Vice-President is Hanes Holman. NCA is confident that the new NCA officers will serve the industry well as they lead our association over the next two years.

Lastly, this year’s attendance marked one of the best in Elko, NV with over 300 attendees and 44 tradeshow booths. We appreciate everyone who participated in our 82nd Annual Convention. We look forward to seeing you all again next year in Winnemucca on November 15-17, 2018!

What has NCA been up to?

Kaley (Sproul) Chapin, NCA Executive Director

We hope you had a wonderful Thanksgiving! Yet, where did the month of November go? At the Nevada Cattlemen’s Association we have been hard at work trying to ensure that the 82nd Annual NCA Convention is a success. However, preparing for convention is not all that we have been up to. Within NCA our goal is to promote and protect a profitable Nevada Beef Industry. The reason I mention our goal is because that involves much of what we do here at NCA. From advocating for the ranching industry to providing educational opportunities for ranchers, it is important to remember that we do it as an organization and we do it for you. Because we are thankful for the support that you give to the industry and we stand behind you.

Recently we worked on comments to reference to the Notice of Intent to Amend Land Use Plans Regarding Greater Sage-Grouse Conservation and Prepare Associated Environmental Impact Statements for Environmental Assessments.

Lastly, we are getting ready for the upcoming 2018 Fallon Bull Sale which will be held on February 17th. I look forward to seeing you during these busy upcoming months and I encourage you to give us a call at the NCA office with any concerns, questions and suggestions you may have.

Happy Holidays,
Kaley
Nevada Cattlemen’s Association
52nd 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 52nd year of gathering in Fallon, Nevada for this traditional sale! Our sale will be held February 17, 2018 at the Fallon Livestock, LLC. at 11:00 a.m. All bull entries are subjected to be sifted and graded Friday, February 16, 2018 at 7:30 a.m. Please contact the office if you have questions regarding the health requirements for the sale.

For the past 52 years, producers from Nevada and the surrounding 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. The NCA invites not only the breeders and the buyers but the participation of all. We are accepting applications for Trade Show Exhibits, information can be found online at www.nevadacattlemen.org or at the NCA office.

Friday, February 16, 2018 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 Friday evening. During the sale the next day will be a Stock Dog Auction of three dogs that were 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 consigners 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.

We would like to thank the following people for joining or renewing their membership with Nevada Cattlemen’s Association between October 26, and November 24, 2017.

(New members are in bold.)

- Bayer Animal Health, Marcia Perry
- Beefmaster Bull Sale, Derek Frenzel
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Sam Mori, President  |  Tom Barnes, Pres.-Elect
Jon Griggs, 1st Vice Pres.  |  Hanes Holman, 2nd Vice Pres.
My friends, it is that time where I present to you my final message as your NCA President and how grateful I am that you allowed me the opportunity to serve you.

I first want to let you know that I leave this position with the Nevada Cattlemen’s Association in very good shape and by no means is there an undue burden placed on Sam Mori as he prepares to take the wheel. Our budget is sound and the relationships with all those we work with is better than it’s ever been. Good communication has continued to benefit all of us with the Federal and State Agencies as we continue to keep an eye on all that impacts us on Federal as well as private grazing. All of this is due to good past leadership and the wisdom by those who are trusted to carry on NCA policies to continue those good standards that make us trustworthy and reliable. This should not be taken lightly for it is this kind of character that makes us credible whenever we sit down to discuss issues such as how the Sage Grouse Plan affects our industry. The face of the Nevada Cattlemen's is the face of all our Cattlemen and Cattlewomen across this State and we must never lose sight of this.

Nationally we are so much better off just in this past year than the previous eight and even maybe 16 years as an industry. Just like our relationship with the Nevada Department of Ag is so important to maintaining an export out of this State so must the NCBA work with a pro-business pro export Administration to assure American meat can be exported to feed this great industry called Beef. Coupled with a true adherence to the multi-use doctrine on our Public Lands, translates to stable prices over the future and assures a confidence we haven’t seen in a long time. Even the effects of Obama care and the Tax’s affect us and NCA leadership has been keeping in touch with our Congressional Delegation to assure we are heard.

Again, I can’t stress enough that we are a team here and I thank each and every member of my executive committee for every one of them played and continue to play a role in the success of carrying out our mission. And lastly, we can’t forget about Kaley and Sharon for we couldn’t do it without them so my hats off to both you ladies.

In closing it’s been a humbling experience and I thank all off NCA membership for your support. Let us now look to the next leadership team and pray for Sam as we give our very best to assure for his success.

Sincerely your most humble servant
David Stix, Jr.
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The Annual NCA Awards Banquet was held on the evening of December 5, 2017 during which President David Stix Jr. announced this year’s recipients for the President’s Award, recognition for the 100,000 Mile Club Award, Allied Industry Award, and the 2017 Cattleman of the Year 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.

In attendance to also present certificates to award recipients were Donna Bath, Regional Representative for Senator Dean Heller, Kurt Engelhart, Regional Representative for Senator Catherine Cortez Masto and Martin Paris, Rural Representative for U.S. Congressman Mark Amodei.

Each year, the President honors an individual who they feel has served the industry with dedication and passion by presenting them with the President’s Award. This year’s recipient of the President’s Award went to the Nevada State Office, Bureau of Land Management. Accepting it on behalf of the NV BLM was Director Jon Ruhs. The NCA president appreciates the open line of communication that has been developed over the years with BLM on issues that affect the industry.

The 100,000 Miles recipient this year was given to Billie DeLong Filippini. Prior to announcing Billie as the winner, her granddaughter Quill, played a violin piece with her music teacher.

Billie’s family presented the NCA sponsored recognition for riding over 100,000 miles on horseback during her lifetime. The NCA is honored to be able to present Billie with such an esteemed award.

The NCA Allied Industry Award was presented to Tim Harberd of MWI Animal Health and Micro Technologies. Tim provides the type of service and displays the character and integrity we all search out to do business with. Tim’s support of the livestock industry over the past many years is nothing short of fantastic. Every year, Tim offers his support of NCA activities. In recognition of this NCA sponsored award, Tim Harberd was presented a plaque in appreciation to his continued support of the Association.

The Cattleman of the Year Award was presented by Sam Mori, NCA president-elect, and Kelly Barnes from American AgCredit to David Stix Jr. He was
presented with a Greely Hat Works certificate for a custom hat donated by American AgCredit. This award is the most prestigious award that NCA bestows upon one of its own. It was established to recognize NCA members who have made significant contributions to the livestock industry.

The NCA Executive Committee was recognized and each were presented with a custom engraved pocket knife with their name and the NCA logo on it. These were given as ap-
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precipation for the tireless efforts put forth on behalf of the livestock industry.

After the NCA awards were presented, the President of the Nevada Cattlemomen, Inc., Staci Emm, announced their raffle winner. She also gave a gift of appreciation to the retiring NCWA President, Sidney Wintemote, for her many contributions to the livestock industry and the great work she did for the past two years.

Next, the Nevada Department of Agriculture presented the Nevada Centennial Ranch Award to three ranches, Bottari Ranch, 1916, De Braga, 1917 and the Joe Saval Company, 1917.

At the conclusion of the program David Stix Jr. thanked NCA membership for their continuous contributions to the industry. The leadership gavel was passed in to the hands of Sam Mori of Tuscarora, Nevada. Sam mentioned throughout his two years as president, he will work together strongly with his officer team as they are here to help serve the industry. Sam brings a lot of passion, dedication and knowledge to the podium. NCA is confident Sam will serve the industry well as he leads our association over the next two years.
34th National Cowboy Poetry Gathering Offers Free Passes, Shows and Activities for Nevada Ranchers

ELKO — The 34th National Cowboy Poetry Gathering, January 29-February 3, 2018, will honor the contemporary culture and heritage of Basques and buckaroos in the Great Basin. Many Basques came to the American West to work on sheep and cattle ranches as herders and buckaroos. Today, many Basque families successfully own and operate their own ranches and carry rich stories of immigration and adaptation. Among Basque communities overseas and in the American West, traditions of music, improvised poetry, literature, dance, and foodways are flourishing.

Produced by the Western Folklife Center, Elko’s National Cowboy Poetry Gathering is the nation’s original cowboy poetry and music festival, honoring the arts, culture and traditions of the ranching West, including poetry, music, storytelling, dancing, workshops, exhibitions, and discussions. At the 34th annual Gathering, nearly 50 poets, musicians and musical groups from the U.S., Canada, Australia and the Basque country will perform on nine stages at four different venues.

The 34th Gathering offers special opportunities for Nevada cattlemen, including free day passes, good for all daytime, non-ticketed events Thursday-Saturday, February 1-3. Day Passes are normally $30 per day. You must be a member of a ranching family, a working ranch hand or cowboy living in the state of Nevada. Ranch families also get during the Gathering, a show especially created for ranch families. This year we celebrate musical families, including Caleb Klauder and Reeb Willms, of the Caleb Klauder Country Band; young poet and musical powerhouse Brigid Reedy and her father John and brother Johnny “Guitar;” and Rita Hosking and Sean Feder, who sing of rural places and spirit. The Ranch Family Show takes place Saturday, February 3, from 3:00-4:15 pm in the Elko Convention Center Auditorium.

Nevada ranchers are also encouraged to participate in Keeping the Ranch in the Family, a conversation featuring the Trigg family of northeastern, New Mexico, which celebrates its 100th year of ranching in 2018. Family members will share how they have creatively drawn on individual skills and interests to ensure a strong future for the ranch. Among the topics of this conversation are “who’s in charge,” the role of the ranch manager and of the Trigg Ranch board; how decisions are made; and how extended members of the family interact with the ranch. This conversation is free and open to the public. No passes are required. It takes place on Saturday, February 3, from 9:30-10:45 am, in the Lamloille Room of the Elko Conference Center.

To request your free Day Passes and Ranch Family Show tickets, call 775-738-7508 ext 239, or visit the Ticket Office at the Western Folklife Center, 501 Railroad Street, Elko. The limit is one Day Pass per person. For more information and tickets to the National Cowboy Poetry Gathering visit www.nationalcowboy-poetrygathering.org.
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Dear Sage Signals Readers,

BLM Nevada has submitted 6 Outcome Based Grazing Authorization (OBGA) proposals to the Washington Office for review and possible selection for the National OBGA Demonstration Project. It has come to my attention that with the new efforts that have come out in the BLM Range Program, there is some confusion between Targeted Grazing, ‘normal’ permit renewal (meaning fully processed term permit), and Outcome Based Grazing Authorizations (and WO Demo of Outcome Based Grazing Authorizations). Below you will find some differences and defining characteristics of each. Please let me know if this needs more discussion!

Targeted Grazing:

Targeted grazing is defined as the application of a particular kind of grazing animal at a specified season, duration, and intensity to accomplish specific vegetation management goals. It is the last half of this definition that differentiates targeted grazing from traditional grazing. The focus is on the vegetation and the subsequent outcomes and changes in composition or structure, rather than the performance of the grazing animal.

Depending on the project, implementing Targeted Grazing will take:
1. Data collection (may be minimal, depending)
2. NEPA analysis (some NEPA may have already been done)
3. Decision Issuance (can be issued Full Force and Effect under 4190.a(1))
4. Implementation

‘Normal’ permit renewal:

The purpose of the action is to consider whether to authorize grazing on a particular allotment. If authorized, grazing would be in accordance with 43 CFR 4100 and consistent with the provisions of the Taylor Grazing Act, Public Rangelands Improvement Act, and Federal Land Policy and Management Act. The purpose of the action is also to ensure that all authorizations implement provisions of, and is in conformance with the district resource management plan (RMP), conform to the Secretary Approved Rangeland Health Standards, and meet other applicable goals and objectives.

Each permit renewal will include:
1. Data review/collection
2. Data Analysis
3. Range Health Assessment
4. Range Health Evaluation and Determination
5. NEPA analysis
6. Proposed Decision
7. Final Decision
8. Permit Issuance
9. Implementation
10. Monitoring (Resource and Compliance)

Outcome Based Grazing Authorizations:

Outcome based grazing is the development of grazing authorizations (permits and leases) that
would allow the public land livestock operators to reach identified objectives by authorizing flexibility in management of grazing operations. It also will provide a monitoring framework to track accomplishments effectively. The livestock operator could adjust numbers, distribution, levels of use, or take other livestock management actions based on weather, annual production, fire risk and other factors. Flexibilities would likely include livestock management (numbers, time, location, rotation, etc). Range Improvements would not be allowed in 'flexibility' unless pre-authorized (example: could place water in any or none of the 50 pre-approved water haul sites.)

The steps for implementation will include everything from the ‘Normal’ permit renewal, but in addition will include:

- Achievable and measurable resource objectives developed cooperatively (developed during step 5 from the product of step 4).
- Plan of monitoring to track/confirm achievement of those objectives, including frequency of monitoring and reporting, such that results are available and actionable in ecologically and economically relevant time scales (developed during step 5).

Flexible terms and conditions to provide for changing ecological, social, and economic conditions, and clearly described adaptive management actions to address the change in any or all of those conditions (developed during step 5).

• A list of possible actions that can be taken to maintain a trajectory toward attainment of resource objectives, and multiple use objectives within an allotment or landscape. (developed during step 5)
• Annual meetings with permittee/cooperators/BLM to look over annual data, discuss the last year (flexibilities and results) and the coming year.

OBGA WO Demo:
Outcome Based Grazing will first be piloted on selected allotments identified as part of a demonstration project called "National OBGA Demo". This comes with the added objective of shaping national policy regarding flexibility in grazing permits.

In addition to the ‘Outcome Based Grazing Authorizations’ above, in addition, the selected participants (permittees and BLM staff) in the National OBGA Demo will:

1. Meet with project participants to discuss landscape concept and develop ecological objectives
2. Develop guidance to BLM field staff for identifying landscape and ecological objectives
3. Meet to discuss economic/social (operational) objectives
4. Develop guidance to field on operational objectives
5. Develop plan for information transfer of lessons learned, successes
6. Confer monthly to coordinate and give updates — share methods, successes, lessons learned
7. Develop plan for transferring knowledge experiences beyond the Demonstration Projects

I hope this article was informative, but if it left you with questions, please let me know. As always, feel free to send your feedback, comments, topic ideas and questions by emailing me at kdyer@blm.gov.

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More Than $300,000 in Grants Available for Nevada Projects to Facilitate Restoration of Greater Sage Grouse Habitat

Applications are due Jan. 15, 2018

By Meghan Brown, Plant Industry division deputy administrator

In effort to restore sage grouse habitat throughout the state, the Nevada Department of Agriculture (NDA), in collaboration with the United States Forest Service and Private Forestry Cooperative Cost-Share Program is offering $387,454.22 in grant funding for projects that aim to control non-native invasive plants related to the protection, enhancement and restoration of greater sage grouse habitat. This funding will be split evenly between three projects, each awarded $129,151.40.

The request for applications (RFA) includes all proposal requirements and funding criteria and can be found on the NDA website. Applications must be submitted to the NDA by Jan. 15, 2018 at 5 p.m. and projects will be awarded from Feb. 1, 2018 to Feb. 1, 2019. Award recipients must also submit a report of progression in July 2018 and a final review in Feb. 2018.

Proposals that best support the control of invasive plants and restoration of greater sage grouse habitat will be selected. The most successful applications will include projects that have a large-scale impact, but projects with a lower impact will still be competitively reviewed.

To be considered, projects must consist of private or state land infected with invasive plant species or be adjacent to weed-threatened forested lands. In the application process, applicants will also need to provide a project narrative, including a project description, timeline and a set of goals and expected outcomes. Please refer to the RFA for a full list of requirements and criteria.

This funding opportunity supports the restoration of sage grouse habitats that are threatened by invasive plant species. Recipients who receive funding will promote the protection of this bird through the restoration of the native habitat it needs to survive.

Proposals should be submitted by email to Meghan Brown at m.brown@agri.nv.gov OR mailed or delivered via hard copy to 405 South 21st St. Sparks, NV 89431. Visit agri.nv.gov/administration/grant_opportunities to view the RFA, application and scoring rubric.
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