**NCA Happenings**

**Kaley Chapin, Executive Director, Nevada Cattlemen’s Association**

J
uly has been a month filled with ups and downs and I would like to start off by giving thoughts and prayers to the people and animals that have been affected by the fires. This last month we have seen a large number of devastating fires from the Martin fire to the fires in California. While attending meetings in regards to the Martin fire it had been mentioned multiple times that this was the largest fire ever in Nevada history, I hope that we never have to see a fire this drastic again. Along with fires we have experienced extremely hot weather. I am looking forward to August with hopes it will bring fewer fires and cooler weather.

During this last month, some of the ups included accomplishing tasks, gearing up for the 2018 Annual NCA Convention and marking my third year working for the Nevada Cattlemen’s Association. We have submitted comments on the Greater Sage-Grouse Environmental Impact Statement Resource Management Plan Amendment for the Nevada Bureau of Land Management and are working on comments for the Forest Service Greater Sage-Grouse EIS. On July 24th we held the Summer Board of Directors meeting where we heard presentations from the Nevada Department of Agriculture, Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest, Nevada Department of Wildlife, Edward Jones, Nevada Rural Electric Association, and Idaho Cattle Association members. We would like to thank Tim Harberd with MWI Animal Health and Carmen Stevens with Bayer Animal Health for providing lunch to the attendees and we are grateful for their continuous support to our association.

Along with the day to day obligations, Sharon and I have begun planning and coordinating the NCA convention which will be held in Winnemucca, NV on November 15-17, 2018 at the Winnemucca Convention Center. If you are interested in speaking or sponsoring an event at our convention please contact the NCA office at 775-738-9214 or by email at nca@nevadabeef.org. Trade show/sponsorship forms can be found on our webpage at www.nevadacattlemen.org. I look forward to seeing you at the convention! We have also started planning for the 2019 Annual Fallon All Breeds Bull Sale which will be held February 16, 2019, in Fallon, NV. Consignments open for NCA members August 1st and by September 1st consignments will be open to the public for anyone to consign bulls. Please keep in mind the December 1st deadline for consignments and/or to advertise in the FBS Catalog. If you are a member of the Association and did not receive the consignment forms, please contact the NCA office and we will be happy to mail you one.

Just recently NCA President, Sam Mori, and I attended the National Cattlemen’s Beef Association Summer Meetings in Denver, CO. I found this experience very educational and rewarding. Here we were able to learn more about policies that affect the industry. During the week we attended general sessions, membership, leadership, and committee meetings. During the leadership meeting, we heard from Bob Tipton, author of "What’s Right not Who’s Right". Tipton presented writings within his book and how to avoid unproductive conflicts. At the general session, the keynote speaker was Tom Hayes, President, and CEO of Tyson Foods. He spoke about their views and predictions for the industry including transparency, traceability, trade, and engaging the consumers. During the Federal Lands committee meetings we heard from Timothy Williams, Deputy Director of External Affairs, Office of the Secretary, U.S. Department of the Interior and Bruce Rittenhouse, Acting Division Chief, Wild Horse, and Burro Program. Rittenhouse gave an update on the current state of the program including horse numbers and plans for action to achieve AML someday. We also heard from representatives of other Federal agencies. If you would like more information regarding our meetings in Denver, please contact Sam Mori or me.

Last but certainly not least, I want to mention how the past three years at the Nevada Cattlemen’s Association have been a great experience so far! The people I have encountered such as NCA members, officers, board of directors and staff have given me advice and tools that not only teaches how to do this job but how to succeed. Those leaders have been instrumental in my career by teaching me that being a leader requires hard work, compassion, understanding, creativity, and patience. I ask for you all to keep sending advice and guidance my way, as it is much appreciated!

For more information and to keep up on current NCA events please go to our website at www.nevadacattlemen.org.

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**NCA Seeking 100,000 Miles Club Award Recipient**

We are seeking 100,000 Mile Club Nominations! We are looking for Cowboys and Cowgirls who have logged 100,000 miles horseback. This Annual Award will be presented at the Cattlemen’s Banquet during the Annual Convention in Winnemucca, Nevada on November 15-17, 2018.

Any Nevada resident who has ridden 100,000 horseback miles is eligible for the 2018 Award and Club membership. Nominations should include a narrative story to chronicle the nominees’ miles through their life horseback. Nominations are open now until November 1, 2018 and may be submitted to the Cattlemen’s office. Please call 775-738-9214 for more information.
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Nevada Cattlemen’s Association 83rd Joint Annual Convention and Tradeshow

The Nevada Cattlemen’s Association is eager to announce this year’s convention. The 83rd Annual Nevada Cattlemen’s Association Convention and Trade Show will be held November 15-17, 2018 at the Winnemucca Convention Center in Winnemucca, NV. As NCA members around the state gather in Winnemucca, we will celebrate a lifetime of traditions, revise and review policies, and take a chance to enjoy our friends and neighbors.

At convention members of the Nevada Cattlemen’s Association, guest speakers and vendors that provide services to the beef cattle industry will join together to celebrate the Nevada Livestock Industry. NCA staff and officers are working hard to provide you with a memorable and educational experience.

Registration for convention will be on our website and will also be sent out by mail and email at the end of this month. If you are interested in attending and would like forms for exhibit booths and sponsorships have been sent out. If you did not receive of these forms and wish to receive one please contact us, we would be happy to send one to you. The Nevada Cattlemen’s Association would like to thank the sponsors and exhibitors; they help make our event a success.

Committees will meet in October to discuss new issues or resolutions to be proposed at convention and review past resolutions. These meetings take place to set policies. This is a chance for you to provide input to a committee chairman on any changes to a policy or a new policy that affects our industry and way of life. By participating it is a great way to get involved and have your voice be heard in the policy-making process. For more information on each committee, please contact the Committee Chairs or the NCA Executive Director.

To see a tentative schedule of convention, please look online at our website. We are constantly updating it. We look forward to seeing you all at convention!

Seeking Nominations for 2018 “Teacher of the Year”

The Nevada Cattlemen’s Association has started their annual quest for “Teacher of the Year” candidates and are asking for your help in soliciting nominations. The nominations must be an elementary, junior high, or high school teacher who incorporates agriculture into their regular curriculum, current Agricultural Education teachers are not eligible.

For example, a teacher who teaches a one week segment on agriculture and its importance to Nevada. Nominees may also include teachers considered in previous years but were not selected for the award. Nominations must include a completed NCA Teacher of the Year Application Form and an attached outline of the nominee’s curriculum that has integrated a unit about agriculture.

The winner of this award will receive a $1000 school supply stipend, donated by Nevada Agriculture Foundation. The award recipient will also be recognized during the Nevada Cattlemen’s Association’s annual awards banquet on November 16th, 2018 in Winnemucca, NV at the Winnemucca Convention Center.

Anyone may submit a nomination form which is available at www.nevadacattlemen.org, for any questions please contact the NCA office at 775-738-9214.

Nominations may be submitted by email to nca@nevadabeef.org with “2018 Teacher of the Year Nomination” in the subject line; forms may be faxed to 775-738-5208; or sent by mail to, “Teacher of the Year Nomination”, C/O Nevada Cattlemen’s Association, P.O. Box 310, Elko, NV 89803.

Nevada Cattlemen’s Association believes that the future of our industry lies in the education of the generations to come, as we explore new and innovative methods of sustainability. Please help us in our efforts to recognize and support our teachers and their vital efforts in educating our youth.

Thank you in advance for nominating a deserving teacher!

Membership Update

We would like to thank the following people for joining or renewing their membership with Nevada Cattlemen’s Association between June and July 20, 2018. (New members are in bold.)

- Broken Box Ranch, Jerry & Sherry Maltby
- Damonte Ranch, Louis G. Damonte
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Greetings from Cow Country!

Sam Mori, President, Nevada Cattlemen’s Association

I write this month’s article with much emotion and concern. Our first thoughts and prayers go out to the people and animals whose lives have been changed by the devastation of the recent Martin fire. Many in the livestock industry have been predicting this kind of catastrophe for many years now. It is an absolute shame that it took a calamity of this magnitude to bring people’s attention to the fact that we cannot continue to mismanage the fuel loads on our rangelands. The hardship to those involved will be a long challenging process. Not only to cattle, but also to our wildlife companions. It is positive in early communications with agency personnel that they realize it is impossible to continue down this road. The changes that need to be made are not that complicated but it will take some guts and courage within agency offices at high levels to accomplish a change in direction. Allowing increased grazing where needed only makes sense and is similar to buying an insurance policy against fire frequency and size.

Your Association has been in contact with all of those involved in many capacities of this predicament from the local, state and Washington D.C. levels on a daily basis. It is a shame to witness a loss like this, if it happens again without a change in management, shame on us!

Many of us will be marketing cattle in the next several months. I wish all of you the best of luck in this so very important task. Early summer sales have been slightly better than last year.

The hot spell we are experiencing is one that reminds us that Mother Nature still holds the trump card in resource production. Let’s hope our cattle don’t get in a place without water as there is a lot of activity on the roads right now. Some people don’t realize the importance of keeping the gates the way you found them.

We are saddened by the loss of Tim Delong. Tim was a very well respected cow man and was one of the first to advocate the video auction process to market his Charolais cattle. His Charolais cattle were always well accepted at sale time. Our thoughts and prayers go to Tim’s family and friends.

Well folks, thunder is clapping outside of our house right now and I am headed out to take a look. Best of luck to all of you.

— Sam

Public Lands Council News

Public Lands Council Executive Briefing

By Ethan Lane, Public Lands Council Executive Director - Your Voice in Washington, D.C.

As we head into August, our crew in Washington, D.C., is setting their sights on opportunities for the public lands ranching industry. July has been good to us, as we’ve moved closer to the finish line on several fronts.

This month, PLC joined with the National Cattlemen’s Beef Association to launch www.ModernizeEsa.com— an online website to house our most recent campaign aimed at updating the Endangered Species Act. This comes at a critical time, as Senator John Barrasso has drafted language to amend the ESA for the first time in over four decades. If you have followed along with us on through the Weekend Roundup, you’ve seen us dive into a Title-by-Title analysis of the bill. You will note that this language reflects recommendations from the Western Governors Association Endangered Species Initiative, an effort we have been active in as environmental groups, industry, and legislative leadership to craft solutions for species conservation. This is an opportunity we cannot afford to get wrong.

In addition to the exciting news on the ESA front, we have had a strong voice in D.C. this month. Our President, Dave Eliason, testified before the the House Oversight Subcommittee on Interior, Energy, and Environment sharing the importance of ranching’s role on western range land. We also hosted Lt. Governor Brad Little as he testified before the House Natural Resources Federal Lands Subcommittee.

This work is an exciting prelude to our anniversary, August 6, where PLC will celebrate the day it was signed into corporation. If you haven’t already, sign up to join us in Park City this September. Our meeting is shaping up to be the best yet!

As always, please let me know of any concerns or issues for our radar as you attend meetings and events in your state. We are an open book here at PLC, and stand ready to help the industry in any way we can.
Mustangs in the West

By: Vicente Padilla, Austin, Nevada

There is a misconception about mustangs in the west. Most people think they are free roaming, healthy and beautiful animals. The sad truth is they are overpopulated and suffering. Mustangs are destroying ecosystems and are not being properly controlled by the BLM. Three of the main problems are that there isn’t enough feed or water for the horses with all the rest of the wildlife, mustangs are pushing ranchers out of business, and the BLM isn’t properly controlling the numbers of mustangs. In my opinion, something needs to be done before it is too late.

Although the BLM has admitted that there aren’t enough to natural resources for the amount of horses, nothing is being done. Horses are starving or dying of thirst every day. Due to the horses never leaving an area, no grass can grow back, and springs are running dry. Along with horses suffering, so are the wildlife in the area. Wild horses are at fault. Dr. Barry Perryman, rangeland ecology professor at the University of Nevada said, “The fault lies in management. Up until the Taylor Grazing Act was passed in 1934, this area was a grazing free-for-all for anyone and everything or to sell out. The BLM has to take permits away from ranchers or cut down the number of mustangs.”

The second main issue is that mustangs are causing ranchers to go out of business or to sell out. The BLM has to take permits away from ranchers or cut down the number of cows the ranchers can turn out because there are too many horses on the range and not enough feed. For example, a local rancher in Eureka, Kevin Borba and his family, were forced to sell most of their cows because their permit land is overrun with horses and can’t sustain the number of horses along with the cows. The BLM cut down Borba’s permit number for cows and raised the AML (appropriate management level) from 101 to 170. Borba was forced to sell most of his cows. The horses on Borba’s permitted allotment are out of water and running very low on feed, which left nothing for cows. Without any feed or water, ranchers can’t afford to keep cows in the private property all year around because the cost of hay is too expensive to feed cows all year round.

Furthermore, the BLM has admitted that there are too many mustangs but isn’t doing anything about it. They claim to give a fertility drug to mares, but it is only effective for one year and has little to no effect on the number of horses. Not only is the drug only effective one year but the percent of mares that don’t get it is much higher than the percent that do. The Wild Horse Education website states, “Until recently the actual application of PZP-22 on most wild horse populations was ineffective due to a multitude of factors. The primary factor being insufficient number of mares treated” (Wild Horse Education). The wild horse population in Nevada has greatly increased in the past few years. Their herds have doubled and tripled in size and the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) has done little to nothing to control this population.

To promote healthy conditions on the range the BLM has determined an Appropriate Management Level (AML) to control the population. If the wild horse and burro population exceeds the AML then the BLM is able remove the excess population. Due to the Wild Free Roaming Horses and Burros Act in 1971, in roundups to maintain health conditions and steady grazing land. On the website, The Horse, “Simple overpopulation is not the only reason for wild horse gather; natural disasters such as wildfires and droughts can further diminish the rangeland’s ability to sustain horses” (The Horse). Yet, we set this system up to maintain health
and grazing conditions, but what happens when the BLM doesn't follow through? How can the local Nevada ranchers maintain a ranching operation if their grazing land is no longer due to the outrageous wild horse population? According to the Bureau of Land Management website, “in 2015 the appropriate management level for Nevada was 12,811, which is ten times any other state’s AML” (Bureau of Land Management). Yet, there are 31,979 wild horses and 2,552 burros which is a total of 34,531 wild horses and burros currently roaming Nevada land. That is 21,720 horses and burros over Nevada’s appropriate management level.

Not only has the cost of housing for wild horses significantly gone up, but the U.S population is also growing. With the populations growing this calls for more land to house and support people and leaves less land for agriculture which means less land for wild horses. Joan Guilfoyle, chief of the BLM’s wild horse and burro division, predicted that “the holding areas in states such as Kansas and Oklahoma will chew up 64 percent of the $77 million Congress gave the program for fiscal 2014” (Guilfoyle). This is a lot of money that can be used elsewhere.

According to the Bureau of Land Management website, in 1971 42.5 million acres of BLM land had wild horses and burros on it and in 2015 they currently occupy 26.9 million acres. Many wild horse activists would argue that this is cruel to take away the wild horse populations land. Yet, in 1971 the United States’ population was 207.66 million and in 2016 the population has grown to 323.64 million. In 45 years the United States population has grown approximately 116 million people. We need to be able to feed and house that many more people and if so, we must cut down the land usage of wild horses.

In conclusion, mustangs are a problem and will continue to be until something is done. They are highly over populated and aren’t being controlled properly by the BLM. They are pushing ranches out of business, they are running out of water and feed and are not being controlled. If the BLM doesn’t take action soon, it will be too far gone. The ALM for wild horses and burros was set in 1971 for a reason and until the Bureau of Land Management follows these set numbers Nevada land will be going downhill. We need to control our grazing limits or pay the price.

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In addition to the BLM reward, Snyder Plumbing of Winnemucca is offering $1,000, Humboldt County is offering $7,000, and the Stewart family of 96 Ranch is offering $10,000 for a total of $20,000.

The Martin Fire, named for the Martin Creek area, started between 9:00-11:00 p.m., on Wednesday, July 4 approximately seven miles north of Paradise Valley, Nevada. The Martin Fire has burned 435,569 acres and is currently 98% contained.

State Veterinarian Encourages Biosecurity to Protect Horses From Disease as Equine Event Season is Underway

(SPARKS, Nev.) – As horse owners travel to equine events and rodeos with their animals, the Nevada Department of Agriculture (NDA) is reminding owners to exercise caution and use best biosecurity practices to minimize risk of spreading disease.

Biosecurity means doing everything possible to reduce chances of an infectious disease being transferred by people, animals, equipment or vehicles.

“It is not uncommon to see cases of upper respiratory diseases in horses this time of year, and we notify local veterinarians and the Nevada Veterinary Medical Association when we have new cases,” Dr. JJ Goicoechea, state veterinarian for the NDA, said. “All horse owners should consult with their veterinarian to ensure vaccinations are current. If you suspect your horse may be exhibiting signs of illness, contact your veterinarian and do not allow contact with other horses.”

Per Nevada Revised Statute Chapter 571.160, any animal owner or practicing veterinarian who has knowledge of a confirmed case of a reportable disease, shall immediately notify the NDA Animal Disease Laboratory. A list of reportable diseases can be found at agri.nv.gov.
Are You BQA Certified?

by Stephen S. Foster, Extension Educator, UNCE, Pershing County

BQA or Beef Quality Assurance Program is a nationally coordinated, state-implemented program that provides systematic information to U.S. beef producers and beef consumers of how common sense husbandry techniques can be coupled with accepted scientific knowledge to raise cattle under optimum management and environmental conditions. BQA guidelines are designed to make certain all beef consumers can take pride in what they purchase – and can trust and have confidence in the entire beef industry.

Nearly every state in the U.S. has an active BQA program. Funding for these efforts ranges from state-derived Beef Checkoff money to national Beef Checkoff support through the Cattlemen’s Beef Board.

State BQA programs are voluntary, locally led, and administered through organizations such as state beef councils, Land Grant Universities and state cattle associations. BQA is not a “government” program. BQA links all beef producers with livestock production specialists, veterinarians, nutritionists, marketers and food purveyors interested in maintaining and improving the quality of cattle and the beef they produce.

While state BQA programs chart their own direction, program assistance and national leadership is provided by the National Cattlemen’s Beef Association. The Joint Producer Education Committee continually updates a set of recommended national BQA guidelines from which states can base their BQA programs.

BQA principles are based on good management practices (GMP) that are standard operating procedures (SOP) designed to meet the United States food production system’s needs.

BQA programming focuses on educating and training cattle producers, farm advisors, and veterinarians on the issues in cattle food safety and quality. It also provides tools for verifying and documenting animal husbandry practices.

BQA does more than just help beef producers capture more value from their market cattle: BQA also reflects a positive public image and instills consumer confidence in the beef industry. When producers implement the best management practices of a BQA program, they assure their market steers, heifers, cows, and bulls are the best they can be. Today, the stakes are even higher because of increased public attention on animal welfare. BQA is valuable to all beef and dairy producers because it:

- Demonstrates commitment to food safety and quality.
- Safeguards the public image of the dairy industry.
- Upholds consumer confidence in valuable beef products.
- Protects the beef industry from additional and burdensome government regulation.
- Improves sale value of marketed beef cattle.
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Beef Checkoff supported BQA programs bring it all together. While the BQA Manual provides a framework for program consistency, the states still determine the best programs for their producers.

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New Study Finds Beef in a Mediterranean-Style Diet Supports Heart Health

Research released today by Purdue University found that following a Mediterranean-style eating pattern that includes lean red meats like lean beef is just as effective in supporting a healthy heart as a pattern that includes lean red meats like lean beef found that following a Mediterranean-style eating pattern was found to be more effective in lowering LDL cholesterol than a similar eating pattern that only included 7 ounces of lean, fresh red meat. The average American consumes 18 ounces of red meat per week.

✓ Including 18 ounces of lean, fresh red meat per week as part of a Mediterranean-style diet that limits red meats. This new research study adds to the growing body of scientific evidence demonstrating lean beef can be part of healthy eating patterns to support heart health and increase flexibility for healthy eating.

Specific findings from the new research, published in the American Journal of Clinical Nutrition, include:

✓ Following a Mediterranean-style eating pattern including 7 to 18 ounces of lean, fresh red meat per week was shown to improve cardiometabolic disease risk factor profiles. Fresh meats were defined in the study as requiring no further preservation or processing beyond refrigeration or freezing; they are not cured, salted or smoked or include chemical preservatives.

✓ Study participants following a Mediterranean-style dietary pattern including up to 18 ounces of lean, fresh red meat per week saw reductions in total cholesterol, LDL-cholesterol, and blood pressure.

“The most important takeaway from this study is that Americans trying to eat healthier can enjoy lean beef as part of a Mediterranean-style eating pattern and improve cholesterol and blood pressure,” said Shalene McNeill, Ph.D., R.D., executive director of nutrition research for the National Cattlemen’s Beef Association, a contractor to the Beef Checkoff. “While this study focused on unprocessed lean red meat, research on processed meats in healthy diets is being planned because there are now many prepared meats, like lean deli roast beef, that are lower in fat and sodium.”

Taking place over a 16-week period, the study followed 41 overweight or obese adults who consumed differing amounts of lean red meat in Mediterranean-style diet interventions. The study was funded in part by the National Institute of Health's Ingestive Behavior Research Center at Purdue University, the National Institute of Health's Indiana Clinical and Translational Sciences Institute, the Beef Checkoff and the National Pork Board. These organizations had no role in conducting the study, collection, analysis or interpretation of the data or writing of the manuscript.

Consuming a Mediterranean-style eating pattern is consistently associated with reduced risk of developing cardiovascular disease. It is often characterized by relatively high consumption of fruits, vegetables, whole-grains, nuts/seeds and olive oil.

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