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Happy New Year to Nevada Cattlemen's Association Members

By: Darci Riggins, Interim Executive Director

Hello NCA Members! Happy New Year! As we leave 2020 behind and look forward to 2021, it's hard to not look back and say, "Good riddance!" But as much as we all want to say 2020 was dreadful and leave it at that, there were plenty of positives that cannot be ignored. Executive Director Kaley Chapin and her husband Chase welcomed a beautiful baby girl, Isabella. My brother and his wife welcomed a handsome baby boy and to say I am a proud auntie is a bit of an understatement. Good friends of mine got married. Other friends bought their first home. Clint and I had a very fun and memorable time branding our calves with friends and family. It was the first time that we've been able to do so with our own group of calves in a place that was easily accessible for everyone to make it. And it was perfect weather!

My point with all this is that yes, there were a lot of unfortunate, awful things that came with 2020 but there was also a lot of good. I hope that everyone can see and think back on something positive and I wish you all the best as we power forward into another year!

As we creep into January, the Fallon Bull Sale is a little over a month away. All the final details and arrangements are being made. We look forward to seeing return consignors as well as some new faces. I want to thank everyone who has put in so much work already for this to take place.

As we go into the final stretch, with me being new to the Cattlemen's Association and having never put on an event of this magnitude, my heartfelt appreciation goes out to the people who have been there to



answer questions and remind me of things that need done. I look forward to February 20th and can't wait to see you all there.



PRESIDENT'S PERSPECTIVE

Tom Barnes, President, Nevada Cattlemen's Association

Happy New Year to everyone! It feels good to have 2020 behind us and although none of us know what 2021 will bring, we need to continue

moving forward because time waits for no one.

As I've mentioned before, we are facing a very important legislative session. With the legislature opening in just a couple of weeks, we have a lot of work to do. There are various water bills being considered this session pertaining to priority as well as our ability to prove and maintain beneficial use. The NCA supports maintaining current water law and will continue working toward that end.

I continue to hear complaints regarding the Nevada Department of Agriculture's animal industry division and we are working to make sure that our needs are known.

Another concerning issue we are keeping a close eye on is SB 54, a bill that could potentially change the makeup of the Nevada Board of Agriculture and result in livestock losing as many as three positions on the board to food distribution. We have already been in discussions within our executive board and with some of our legislators to maintain our existing positions and ensure that the livestock industry is well represented. We are a large part of the agricultural industry in this state and we are committed to ensuring that we will not be forgotten or pushed aside.

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(New members are in bold.)

- David & Susan Abel
- Adobe Insurance Group, John Byers
- American AgCredit, Kelly Barnes
- American AgCredit, Zack Bunyard – AVP - Lending
- American AgCredit, Pierce Mallery
- Angel Creek Ranch, Steve Safford
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- Hutchings Cattle Co. LLC, Richard Hutchings
- **Hygieia Biological Labs, Jenna Chandler**
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- Lane Johnson
- Johnson Livestock, Buck & Janet Johnson
- Jeanne King
- Mike Laughlin
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- Pine Forest Land & Stock Co., Mike Montero
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- Winnemucca Convention Vis. Authority, Kim Petersen
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- WSR Insurance, Jim Vann
- ZZ and 30 Ranch, Mike & Steve Capurro

NEVADA NEWS

PUBLIC WORKSHOP

NAC Chapter 564 (Brands and Marks) and NAC Chapter 565 (Inspection of Brands) Thursday, 1/14/2021

The Nevada Department of Agriculture (NDA) is hosting a virtual public workshop on Thursday, January 14, 2021 at 9:00 a.m. This workshop is being held so the NDA can receive comments from all interested persons regarding the amendment of regulations for Nevada Administrative Code (NAC) Chapters 564 and 565 pertaining to Brands and Marks as well as Inspection of Brands. These proposals are designated as file numbers R101-20 and R100-20 by the Nevada Legislative Counsel Bureau.

NAC's 564 and 565 revisions are in response existing law authorizing the State Department of Agriculture to establish and collect reasonable fees for certain recording services relating to the branding of animals and requirements to obtain brand inspection(s), issuance of permits authorizing the movement of livestock and fees charged for animals consigned to sales whether or not animals are sold.

The agenda, small business impact statement, proposed revisions, and meeting link are all available on the NDA website, https://agri.nv.gov/Animals/Animal_Industries_Hearings,_Workshops,_Meetings/

UPCOMING EVENTS

Nevada Administrative Code (NAC) Chapters 564 and 565 Public Workshop

— **January 14, 2021** —

Virtual Workshop

https://agri.nv.gov/Animals/Animal_Industries_Hearings,_Workshops,_Meetings/

NCA 55th Annual Fallon All Breeds Bull Sale

Fallon, Nevada

— **February 19** —

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— **February 20, 2021** —

Sale, 11:00 a.m.

Churchill Co. Cowbells Dinner/Dance & Fallon Bull Sale Awards Presentation

Convention Center, Fallon, Nevada

— **February 19** —

Social Hour: 5:30 p.m.

Dinner: 6:30 p.m.

Dance: 8:00 a.m.

NCBA Cattle Industry Convention & Trade Show

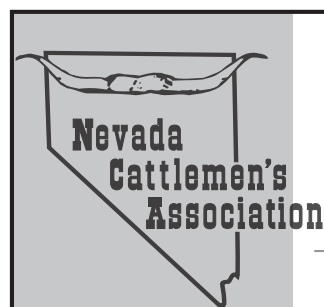
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Two Nevada families receive Centennial Awards in 2020

Lattin and Weishaupt families honored with Centennial designation

(SPARKS, Nev.) – Two families were recognized as Centennial Farms and Homesteads in 2020. Lattin Farms and the Weishaupt Homestead were both founded in 1918, totaling more than 200 years of combined family heritage and farming in Fallon, Nev. The Centennial Awards began in 2004, and, with the addition of the Lattin and Weishaupt families, 54 family-run operations have been inducted.

“The Lattin and Weishaupt families have been contributing to the agriculture industry for more than 100 years,” NDA Director Jennifer Ott said. “We are thrilled to recognize these Centennial families as they represent the best qualities

of Nevada – hard work, dedication and commitment to family.”

Lattin Farms is in Fallon, Nev. and was purchased by George William Lattin in 1918. Lattin purchased an 80-acre parcel of farmland that was later sold to his son Ralph, who grew alfalfa, corn and cattle. Upon returning from World War II in 1946, Ralph’s two sons, Bill and Dick purchased a neighboring farm as the Lattin brothers. Five generations after the original purchase, Bill’s son,



Rick, continues to farm the now 400-acre farm and agritourism business. Many members of the Lattin family continue to live on the farm, where they carry on the Lattin family legacy through the Lattin Grower’s Market, Lattin Kitchen and agritourism business.



Albert and Addie Weishaupt bought 80 acres in 1918 in Fallon, Nev. They built the Weishaupt Homestead where they farmed the land for alfalfa and raised dairy cows, sheep, hogs and turkeys. In 1946, Albert and Addie’s youngest son, Karl, returned from serving in World War II, marrying Bettie Atwater and raising three children. In 1977, Karl and Bettie bought the home from his parents. Bettie

passed away in 2013, but at the age of 95, Karl still lives on the family ranch where his son, Dana, continues to farm.

Visit agri.nv.gov/Centennial_Awards to learn more about the Nevada Centennial Awards program and read the full history of Lattin Farms, Weishaupt Homestead and the rest of Nevada’s Centennial families.



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Meeting Restoration Needs with Native Seeds Grown by Nevada Farmers

by

Sara Cobble, *The Nature Conservancy in Nevada* and
Rebecca Allured, *the Nevada Department of Agriculture*

A surprising fact: most native seeds planted in Nevada are not actually grown here. Most seeds come from sources outside the state, in other parts of the West and North America, often from places that differ from Nevada's unique, dry climate.

But the Nevada Native Seed Partnership (NNSP) is trying to change that. The coalition of 11 agencies and organizations in Nevada, including The Nature Conservancy (TNC) and the Nevada Department of Agriculture (NDA), has a mission to keep Nevada lands diverse and functioning by using the right seed in the right place at the right time, and a goal of creating an adequate supply of locally adapted native seeds that can meet Nevada's restoration and rehabilitation needs.

"Our goals for participating in the partnership are to help growers ensure Nevada will have the right seeds available at the right time to address the needs of restoration, reclamation, and rehabilitation," Meghan Brown, Plant Industry Deputy Division Administrator for NDA, said. "The NNSP supports the NDA's mission to protect, preserve and promote Nevada agriculture by providing farm-

ers with opportunities for diversification of production, providing the possibility of successful restoration and rehabilitation after wildfire for livestock operators, and creating important partnerships across the state."

Kevin Badik, rangeland ecologist for TNC in Nevada, says there are many ecological benefits of native seeds. By increasing native seed use, more materials are available for restoration, which leads to using less water, helping prevent catastrophic wildfires and providing a new source of income for local growers.

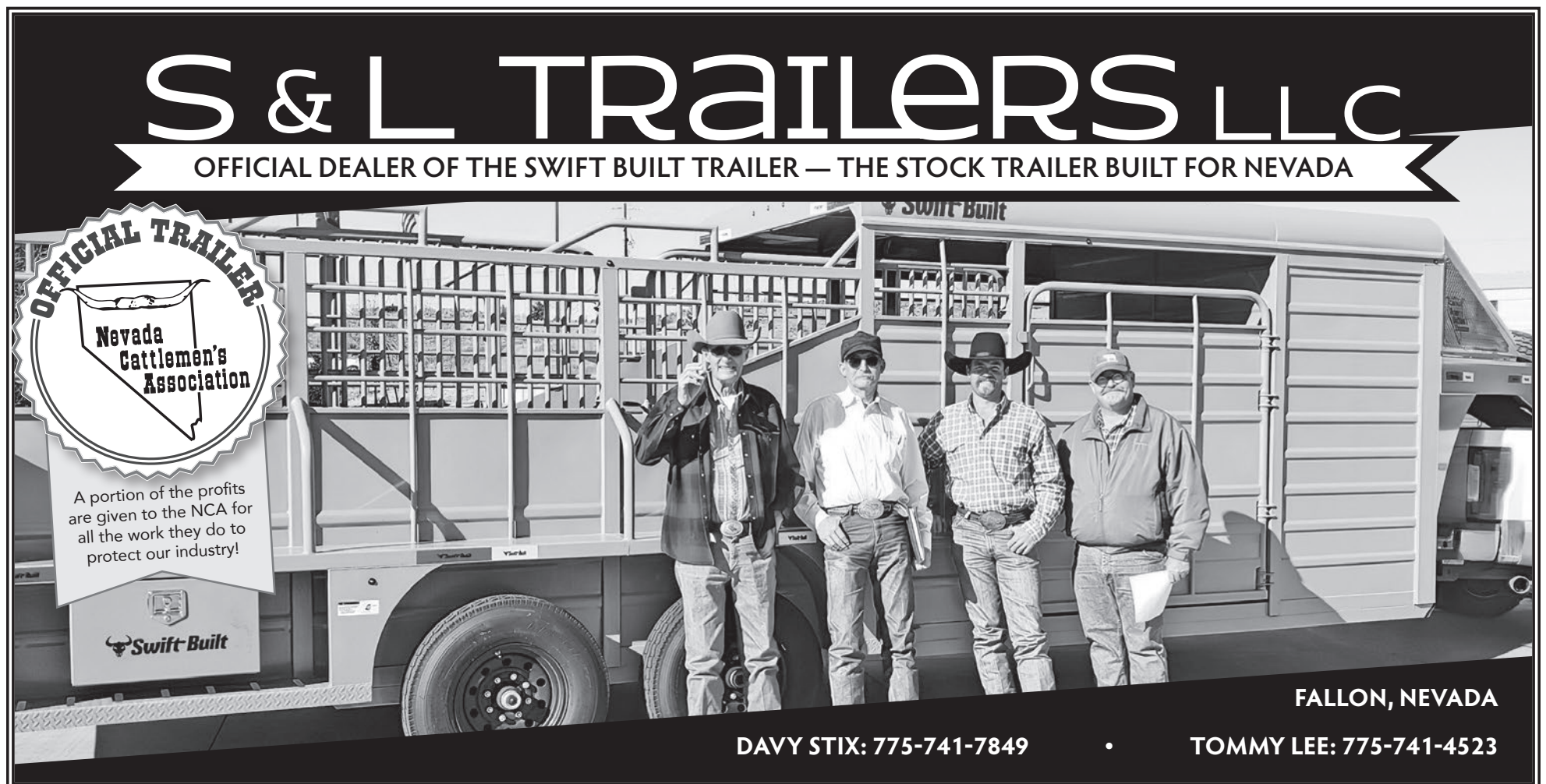
"Every native seed that successfully establishes is one less opportunity for cheatgrass to come in. It's one more step in reducing extreme fire behavior," Badik added. "Using seed that's locally adapted increases the likelihood that the seed will successfully establish."

How it started

Inspired by the National Seed Strategy, which was developed in 2015 by the Plant Conservation Alliance to address widespread shortages of native seed, three

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NEVADA NATIVE SEED PARTNERSHIP

federal agencies in northern Nevada (Bureau of Land Management [BLM], U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service [USFWS] and U.S. Forest Service [USFS]) began having conversations in early 2016, laying the foundation for what is now the NNSP.

The partners came together to better understand the roles and abilities of each agency and the opportunities that could be created by working together to increase the availability of native seed in Nevada. Monthly meetings began in fall 2017, and the partnership has now grown to include TNC, NDA, USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service, Nevada Division of Forestry, Nevada Division of Conservation and Natural Resources – Conservation District Program, Nevada Department of Wildlife, University of Nevada, Reno (UNR), and Walker Basin Conservancy.

Why native seeds are important for ecology and economy

Healthy native plant communities (sustained by native seeds) not only support humans and wildlife; they are “resilient and resistant to disturbances and are instrumental in combating some of our biggest ecosystem challenges such as drought, wildland fire, and invasive species,” Sarah Kulpa, restoration ecologist and botanist for USFWS, said.

“We are trying to change how restoration is currently being done in Nevada,” Kulpa said. “This is quite ambitious, but the loss of the sagebrush ecosystem to wildfire and invasive or non-native species is what keeps me up at night. The loss of the sagebrush ecosystem would be devastating to Nevada’s wildlife, people, communities, and economies.”

The process of increasing native seed availability starts with identifying a source population, such as seeds from wildland collections. Once enough seeds are collected, they are turned over to a farmer or grown in a small greenhouse to increase a bank of starter seeds, then given to another farmer to grow pounds of it in fields for use in restoration projects.

Attend the virtual Nevada Native Seed Forum in March 2021

Now that the NNSP has a strategy and vision in place, the next steps will be doing more outreach, connecting with communities on the importance of native seeds, and raising awareness of the importance of investing in them in Nevada. This includes participating in the Nevada Native Seed Forum, an annual meeting first hosted by NDA in 2017, that connects growers with other native seed stakeholders.

After surveying attendees and other stakeholders, the NNSP will host the Nevada Native Seed Forum virtually in short sessions spread out over the course of two days, March 16-17. The forum will focus on sharing the stories of growers, how they go into the native seed business, and began selling. The benefit of a virtual form means Nevada growers will get to hear from producers who have been successfully selling native seed in their states.

To register to attend, please email your RSVP to Melissa Russell at NDA: m.russell@agri.nv.gov.

“We could have all the seed technology we want, but if the seed is not available, it’s doesn’t matter. It’s not just about having seed, it’s about increasing the likelihood that each one will be successful,” Badik said. “We are looking for smarter, more efficient and innovative solutions to our restoration problems. We are exploring different ways we haven’t been thinking about before.”

There is a demonstrated market for native grown seed in Nevada, and the long-term success of the Nevada Native Seed Strategy depends on continued collaboration between all the partners of the NNSP and Nevada’s growers.

“In the long term, if we are successful, we will end up with a flourishing native seed market, including Nevada growers increasing plants sourced from Nevada, and managers putting them out on the landscape where they are most likely to establish and persist,” Beth Leger, a biologist with UNR, said. “Establishing plants in the desert is a major challenge, but we have to try.”

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Bureau of Land Management Concludes the 2020 Fish Creek Wild Horse Gather

BATTLE MOUNTAIN, Nev. – On January 3, 2021, the Bureau of Land Management Battle Mountain District, Mount Lewis Field Office concluded the 2020 Fish Creek Wild Horse Gather on the Fish Creek Herd Management Area (HMA) located near Eureka, Nevada. Approximately 105 wild horses remain within the Complex.

The BLM gathered 198 and removed 135 wild horses. A total of 63 horses were

released back onto the range. 30 mares identified for release were treated with the fertility control vaccine PZP-22 to slow the population growth rate of the remaining population within the HMAs. PZP-22 is a temporary fertility-control vaccine that can prevent pregnancy in wild horses for 1-2 years.

Fish Creek HMA encompasses over 250,000 acres of public land and has an Appropriate Management Level (AML) of 107-180 wild horses. A helicopter survey conducted in December 2019, documented 240 wild horses within and directly outside of the Fish Creek HMA.

By balancing herd size with what the land can support, the BLM aims to protect habitat for other wildlife species such as sage grouse, pronghorn antelope and mule deer. Removing excess animals will enable significant progress toward achieving the Standards for Rangeland Health identified by the Northeastern Great Basin Resource Advisory Council.

The BLM transported wild horses removed from the range to the BLM Bruneau Off Range Wild Horse Corrals southeast of Boise. All the animals will be readied for the BLM's wild horse and burro adoption and sale program. Wild horses not adopted or sold will be placed in long-term pastures where they will be humanely cared for and retain their "wild" status and protection under the 1971 Wild Free-Roaming Horses and Burros Act. For information on how to adopt or purchase a wild horse or burro, visit www.blm.gov/whb.

Additional gather information is available on the BLM website at <https://go.usa.gov/x78rK>.



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20th Anniversary of the Black Rock Desert – High Rock Canyon Emigrant Trails National Conservation Area

Winnemucca, Nevada — The Black Rock Field Office is celebrating the 20th anniversary of the Black Rock Desert – High Rock Canyon Emigrant Trails National Conservation area.

On December 21, 2000, President Bill Clinton signed the Black Rock Desert-High Rock Canyon Emigrant Trails National Conservation Area Act, which was enacted by Congress to create special designations for 1.2 million acres of public lands managed by the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) in northwestern Nevada. The Act designates 815,000 acres as a National Conservation Area (NCA) and nearly 380,000 acres within the NCA as “Wilderness.”

“NCA and Wilderness designation for these areas ensures that one of the last nationally significant segments of the historic California emigrant trails along with the surrounding Black Rock Desert, High Rock Canyon and other prominent national resources will be protected,” said Black Rock Field Office Manager Mark Hall.

The NCA’s geologic features tell a tale of astounding natural forces. The Black Rock Desert playa—a flat expanse of about 200 square miles—once formed the bed of Lake Lahontan, an ancient lake that covered much of northwestern Nevada 15,000 years ago. Today the playa is favored by off-roaders, land sailors, and amateur rocketry groups, and it provides a dramatic venue for large, outdoor events. The area’s namesake, a distinctive formation of black rock, is an impressive outcropping of volcanic rocks and limestone.

Recreation opportunities are endless in the NCA. Hiking, hunting, wildlife and wild horse viewings, rock and mineral collection are just few suggestions for nature enthusiasts. When visiting the NCA remember the area is rugged and remote, and visitors need to be

prepared for backcountry travel with no cell phone signal and few, if any, other people nearby. Black Rock country is a land of extremes—the weather can be hot and sunny one day and cold and snowy the next. Visitors should be prepared for changing weather conditions and carry additional water, food, and clothing. High-clearance vehicles with off-road tires (at least 6-ply) are recommended, as is a second spare tire for visitors who plan to travel the dirt roads in and around the NCA.

For more information go to <https://www.blm.gov/programs/national-conservation-lands/nevada/black-rock-desert-high-rock-canyon-emigrant-trails-nca>.

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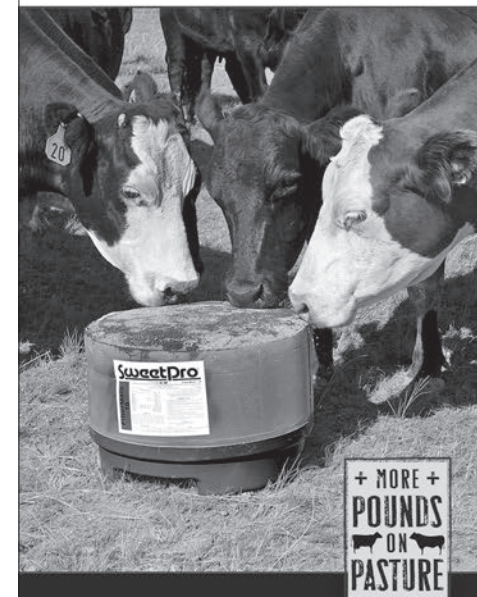
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Wyoming Should Adopt Legislation Allowing for the Termination of Old, Unused Easements

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Easements for transmission lines and oil and gas pipelines help grow and sustain portions of Wyoming's economy. However, when purchasing a property for ranching or farming, a primary concern is whether there are these types of encumbrances on the property that could interfere with your operations. Typically, these right-of-way easements are permanent property interests in the real property, regardless of whether any infrastructure was ever built, or if it was built but has not been used for many years. These old easements have the potential to cause a lot of headaches and expense in dealing with the easement holder if and when they decide to utilize the easement. The Wyoming legislature should adopt legislation to provide for the termination of old, unused easements for transmission lines and oil and gas pipelines.

Prior to the 1980s, it was not uncommon for easements in Wyoming to grant a right-of-way over an entire section of land, or a number of sections of land, with no exact alignment for the right-of-way being identified. These easements granted the right to install one or more pipelines or telephone lines at any location to be identified by the Grantee at any time. This is exemplified by this language from an easement for an oil and gas pipeline in Niobrara County in the 1950s:

"The right to lay, construct, operate, inspect, maintain, repair, renew, change the size of and remove a pipe line and all appurtenances thereto for transportation of oil, petroleum, gas, the products of each of the same, water, other liquids and gases, and mixtures of any of the foregoing, at a location and on a route to be selected by

Grantee."

"The right, at any time, to lay, construct, operate, inspect, maintain, repair, renew, change the size of and remove additional pipe lines on, in, over, and through the above described land, upon payment of the consideration above recited for each additional line so laid; provided, that each such additional line shall be subject to the same rights and conditions as the original line."

"The right of ingress and egress in, on, over, across and through said above described land, and any adjoining lands owned by GRANTOR, for any and all purposes necessary or convenient to the exercise by GRANTEE of the rights and easements herein granted."

The Wyoming legislature has already acknowledged such broad grants, with no location identified or limitation on the time-period for identification of the location, are problematic. Pursuant to Wyo. Stat. § 34-1-141, easements that do not specifically describe the location of the easement are null and void and of no force and effect unless the agreement provides for the location of the easement to be identified within one year of the effective date of the easement. However, this statute only applies to easements created after the effective date of the statute, May 20, 1981. See *Edgcomb v. Lower Valley Power and Light, Inc.*, 922 P.2d 850 (1996); *Mueller v. Hoblyn*, 887 P.2d 500 (1994); Wyo. Stat. § 34-1-141.

Wyo. Stat. § 34-1-141 applies broadly to all easements created after May 20, 1981, regardless of the purpose of the easement. However, under current Wyoming law, permanent easements with indefinite location terms created before that date are valid until

terminated. There are very limited ways an easement can be terminated such as by operation of law when the dominant and servient estates merge, by an express agreement between the easement holder and the property owner to terminate or release the easement, or by abandonment. Unfortunately, these are not likely to be viable options for a property owner seeking to terminate an old easement on their property. Even if the current owner of an old, unused easement can be located, reaching an agreement to terminate an easement can be complicated. Additionally, simple nonuse of the easement, no matter for how long that nonuse continues is not sufficient for the abandonment of an easement under common law principles in Wyoming. *Mueller*, 887 P.2d at 505 (citing Restatement of Property, § 504 (1944)). For an easement to be terminated by abandonment, there must be conduct illustrating an intentional relinquishment by the easement owner. *Id.*

The Wyoming legislature should consider adopting legislation to provide a remedy to property owners to terminate old, unused easements for transmission lines and oil and gas pipelines encumbering their property. Wyoming would not be the first state to adopt legislation to terminate unused easements. For example, North Carolina recently adopted a statute to terminate unused easements owned by a utility company. Under N.C.G.S.A. § 62-193, a property owner, whose land is encumbered by a utility easement for which construction has not been commenced by the utility company within 20 years of the date of the easement, can seek an order from the Public Utilities Commission to terminate the easement. Under this North Carolina statute, the utility company can pre-

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vent termination of the easement if it can prove that the easement is necessary or advisable for the utility company's long-range needs. *Id.* Additionally, if the property owner is successful in having the Public Utilities Commission determine that the easement should be terminated, the property owner must pay the utility company the current fair market value of the easement.

In a slightly different context, South Dakota has adopted legislation placing the burden on the owner of a severed mineral interest to prevent abandonment. See S.D.C.L. § 43-30A, et seq. (Abandoned Mineral Interests). Although the South Dakota statute broadly defines "mineral interest," it encompasses mineral interests that are real property interests which is akin to easements. Additionally, similar to an easement, when a mineral interest is severed from the surface dominant and servient estates are created. Under the South Dakota Abandoned Mineral Interests statute, a "mineral interest is abandoned if it has not been used for a period of twenty-three years or more. Title to an abandoned mineral interest vests in the owner of the surface estate in the land in, or under, which the mineral interest is located on the date of abandonment." S.D.C.L. § 43-30A-2.

The statute defines a variety of actions constituting

"use of interest," including recording a statement of claim. S.D.C.L. § 43-30A-3. Recording a statement of claim within the twenty-three-year period is sufficient to prevent abandonment of the mineral interest even if no other actions or use occurs. S.D.C.L. § 43-30A-3, 4. If the surface owner seeks to succeed in ownership for an abandoned mineral interest, they must give notice of the lapse in the mineral interest both by mail to the last known address of the mineral interest owner and by publication. S.D.C.L. § 43-30A-6. To prevent abandonment after the notice and publication are completed, the mineral owner must record a statement of claim within sixty days. S.D.C.L. § 43-30A-5.

The statutes discussed in this article illustrate that there are numerous ways the Wyoming legislature could address the issue of old, unused transmission line and oil and gas pipeline easements. For example, the legislature could amend Wyo. Stat. § 34-1-141 to apply retroactively to transmission and pipeline easements created prior to May 20, 1981 that provide for future construction of facilities with no location identified and which were never built. This could be accompanied by a grace period of one year to allow easement holders to comply with location requirements. Alternatively, for facilities constructed and

then later abandoned, the legislature could impose a burden on the easement holder to assert their interest in an easement not being used to ensure that property owners are aware of current interest holders and to potentially provide greater use of the property by terminating easements no one is actively utilizing. Finally, for old, unused transmission line or oil and gas pipeline easements, the legislature can create a process whereby easements that are not being used and which are not necessary for a transmission line or oil and gas pipelines long-term needs can be terminated, with compensation if appropriate.

Although there is no one answer on how to address terminating unnecessary and unused encumbrances, there are many options that the legislature can and should consider.

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Dietary Guidelines For Americans Solidifies The Benefits Of Beef And A Healthy Diet



WASHINGTON (Dec. 29, 2020) – The National Cattlemen’s Beef Association (NCBA) today commends the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) and the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) for finalizing the 2020-2025 Dietary Guidelines for Americans (DGAs), which recognizes the role of lean beef in a healthy diet across all life stages and ages.

Updated every five years, the DGAs serve as the foundation for federal nutrition policy and shape the recommendations found on USDA’s MyPlate. While there is no one-size-fits-all diet, “Beef is one of Americans’ favorite foods, and science

consistently shows lean beef can be the cornerstone in a variety of healthy diets,” said NCBA President Marty Smith. “Now more than ever, the key to proper nutrition is giving people practical and realistic advice, to help create balanced diets that work for them – featuring foods they love, like beef, which pairs perfectly with other nutrient-rich foods,”

The DGAs emphasized the importance of making every bite count by choosing nutrient-rich foods most often; that is easy to do with beef. No other protein food delivers the same nutrient-rich package as beef in about 170 calories, on average, per three-ounce serving of cooked beef. Beef is a good source of ten essential nutrients including high quality protein, iron, zinc, and choline with more than 30 lean cuts.

“U.S. cattle producers appreciate the work of the committee, USDA and HHS on their sole focus on nutrition and science-based research to put together a set of recommendations that will benefit all Americans,” Smith said.

BEEF RECIPE

Wrangler’s Beef Chili

Serve this classic chili atop whole wheat noodles and offer kids a variety of toppings.

Ingredients:

- 1 pound Ground Beef (93% lean or leaner)
- 1/2 cup chopped onion
- 1 can (15 ounces) pinto beans, drained and rinsed
- 2 cans (8 ounces) no-salt added tomato sauce
- 1 cup frozen corn
- 1 cup water
- 2 teaspoons chile powder
- 2 teaspoons ground cumin
- 1 teaspoon garlic powder
- 1 teaspoon dried oregano leaves
- 1/4 teaspoon pepper
- Hot cooked whole wheat macaroni (optional)

Toppings: Crushed baked tortilla chips, chopped green or regular onion, chopped tomato, chopped bell pepper, chopped fresh cilantro, reduced-fat shredded Cheddar cheese, nonfat Greek yogurt (optional)



Cooking:

- Heat large nonstick skillet over medium heat until hot. Add Ground Beef and onions; cook 8 to 10 minutes, breaking beef into 3/4-inch crumbles and stirring occasionally. Pour off drippings, as necessary.
Cook’s Tip: Cooking times are for fresh or thoroughly thawed ground beef. Ground beef should be cooked to an internal temperature of 160°F. Color is not a reliable indicator of ground beef doneness.
- Stir in beans, tomato sauce, corn, water, spices and herbs. Bring to a boil. Reduce heat; cover and simmer 20 to 25 minutes, stirring occasionally. Serve over macaroni, if desired. Garnish with toppings, as desired.

Cincinnati-Style Beef Chili: Stir in 1 teaspoon cinnamon with other seasonings in Step 2. Serve over hot cooked whole wheat spaghetti.

Moroccan-Style Beef Chili: Substitute 1 cup frozen peas for corn. Stir in 1 teaspoon pumpkin pie spice with other seasonings in Step 2. Serve over whole hot cooked whole wheat couscous or brown rice.

Cook’s Tip: baked potato halves can be substituted for whole wheat macaroni.

Nutrition information per serving, using 93% lean ground beef: 396 Calories; 88.2 Calories from fat; 9.8g Total Fat (3.4 g Saturated Fat; 0.2 g Trans Fat; 0.6 g Polyunsaturated Fat; 3.4 g Monounsaturated Fat; 84 mg Cholesterol; 398 mg Sodium; 45 g Total Carbohydrate; 4.4 g Dietary Fiber; 8 g Total Sugars; 37 g Protein; 0 g Added Sugars; 105.1 mg Calcium; 6.5 mg Iron; 812 mg Potassium; 0 mcg Vitamin D; 0.3 mg Riboflavin; 7.4 mg NE Niacin; 0.5 mg Vitamin B₆; 2.8 mcg Vitamin B₁₂; 372 mg Phosphorus; 7.4 mg Zinc; 21.8 mcg Selenium; 96.7 mg Choline.

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Nevada Beef Council News & Notes

Checking in on your Checkoff

By Nevada Beef Council Staff

NBC Leadership Changes in the New Year



Gary Ward

With the new year upon us, the Nevada Beef Council team offers a grateful farewell to long-time member Gary Ward, and a warm welcome to rancher Keri Pommerening who joins the board this year.

Ward had been a member of the NBC since 2014, and served as chair since 2015. Prior to joining the NBC, he had long served on boards at the local, state and national level, and his interest in how Beef Checkoff dollars were invested and what programs they supported led to him applying to the Council. After hitting the ground running learning about the structure of the NBC and Beef

Checkoff, Ward quickly rose to leadership positions, steering the organization through some difficult budgetary years.

“One of the challenges we face as State Beef Councils, particularly in Nevada, is not having a consistent revenue stream from year-to-year, which can lead to tough budget decisions that need to be made,” said Bill Dale, Executive Director of the California and Nevada beef councils. “Gary was able to navigate the NBC through

some of those challenges, and provided support and leadership to the staff that made our jobs enjoyable and a bit easier in the tougher years. He was an excellent chairman and board member, and the entire NBC team appreciates his years of commitment to our industry.”

“In the five years that I served as chairman, we had some good years and really tough years,” notes Ward. “I was proud of the council for doing what was right in investing the producer’s dollar wisely. I felt like we were able to get the most for our money. Thank you to the staff and board for the wonderful experience of being a part of the Nevada Beef Council.”

As Gary Ward departs the NBC, new council member Keri Pommerening joins the organization. Pommerening, who currently ranches with four generations of her family in the heart of western Nevada, is also a former teacher and active member of the Nevada CattleWomen. The NBC is pleased to welcome her to the board, and will provide additional background and introduction in next month’s column.

With these changes already confirmed, there is also opportunity for other producers who may be interested in joining the Nevada Beef Council. The NBC is currently accepting applications for three board seats that will become available this May. One of the available board seats represents the dairy sector, and the other two represent the cow-calf sector in both the Western and Eastern regions of Nevada. Beef producers representing these sectors who are interested in serving as a council member must submit an application by April 30.

The council meets three times annually – twice in person, and once via conference call. Council members provide feedback, guidance and input on the activities and programs of the NBC. Applications are available at www.nevadabeef.org, or call 877-554-BEEF (2333) to request one to be mailed or e-mailed to you.

Beef Returns to Broadcast TV for Holiday Season

For the first time since 2003, Beef Checkoff-funded advertisements and the iconic *Beef. It's What's For Dinner.* brand returned to broadcast television, with more than 50 commercials airing on the Hallmark Channel during the holiday season. With holidays looking a little different this year, the campaign sought to ensure one thing remained the same for families across the country – that BEEF was for holiday dinners.

For the 2019 holiday season, the *Beef. It's What's For Dinner.* brand successfully released the “Drool Log” – a two-hour long video of a beef prime rib roast slowly cooking over an open flame, intended to replace the popular “Yule Log” during holiday gatherings. The video created quite a following with more than 14 million views. In 2020, a newer and shorter version of the Drool Log was created for an ad campaign focusing on holiday programming.

Just prior to Thanksgiving and running through New Year’s Day, the *Beef. It's What's For Dinner.* Drool Log TV commercial aired on the Hallmark Channel as part of its “Countdown to Christmas” holiday programming event, with ads airing during highly popular timeframes, such as movie premier showings, the Thanksgiving Day movie marathon, and the Countdown to Christmas weekend spotlight.

In addition to the TV spots, a landing page was created at www.BeefItsWhatsForDinner.com/cooking/holidays, sharing the original Drool Log video, holiday recipes and menu inspiration, tips for cutting a prime rib roast, and more. And an additional video reminding people that beef farmers and ranchers across the country were behind the season’s holiday gatherings.

To learn more about this and other recent checkoff-funded efforts, visit www.BeefItsWhatsForDinner.com/newsroom.

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