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NCA Happenings

By: Martin Paris, Executive Director, Nevada Cattlemen's Association

The New Year has kicked off to a busy start for the Nevada Cattlemen's Association (NCA). As you are more than likely aware of, we strive to promote a dynamic and profitable Nevada Beef Industry. One way to achieve that is to support opportunities for education for Nevada producers

During the second week of January, the University of Nevada, Reno (UNR), hosted the annual Cattlemen's Update. This annual update is a week-long series that goes around the state and includes several speakers from different entities. This year's speakers consisted of professionals from the College of Agriculture Biotechnology and Natural Resources (CABNR) along with the various sponsors.

A presentation on building a successful cowherd was given by animal reproduction physiology expert, Carson Oney. Other topics included tax options during drought, virtual fencing and pre-emergent herbicides, UNR's mobile slaughter trailer project,

and a repeat photography study in the Santa Rosa Range. We greatly appreciate UNR's efforts in bringing producers and ranchers the latest and greatest research and tools that can help make our operations better.

Also in January was the first Results Oriented Grazing for Ecological Resilience (ROGER) meeting of 2022. For those unfamiliar, ROGER is a collaboration among ranchers and agencies to achieve land management objectives that conserve sagebrush ecosystems and support ranching. ROGER got its start when the Bureau of Land Management rolled out their 2015 Sage Grouse Land Use Plan Amendment and served as a venue for ranchers to address concerns with Federal and State agency leaders.

Since that time, ROGER and its members have tackled everything from Outcome Based Grazing

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Announcing Two Scholarship Opportunities

The Nevada Cattlemen's Association (NCA) is pleased to announce our 2022 scholarship opportunities. NCA will again be offering two scholarships. The NCA Scholarship will be awarded to a first-year college student beginning to pursue an education within the agricultural industry. This scholarship is open to all Nevada High School graduating seniors planning to attend a community college or

four-year university and majoring in an agriculture related field. The amount of this scholarship for 2022 will be \$1,500!

The NCA is also pleased to announce the continuation of the Marvel/Andrae Scholarship, which is available to agriculture students that have completed

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FALLON All Breeds BULL SALE

56th Annual Fallon All Breeds Bull Sale

Catalog Now Available



It's time for the 56th Annual Fallon All Breeds Bull Sale! The catalog is now available on our website at nevadacattlemen.org. If you would like a print copy, please reach out to our office at 775-738-9214 or email the sale secretary at nca@nevadabeef.org.

Our sale will be held Saturday, February 19, 2022 at the Fallon Livestock, LLC. at 11:00 a.m. We have 122 range-ready bulls consigned this year including Angus, Red Angus, Hereford, Charolais, and Brangus. All bull entries are subjected to be sifted and graded Friday, February 18, 2022 at 7:30 a.m.

For the past 55 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. The Nevada Cattlemen's Association would like

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MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

We would like to thank the following people for joining or renewing their membership with Nevada Cattlemen's Association between December 25, 2021 and January 24, 2022.

(New members are in bold.)

- 7th Canyon Ranch, Joe DeBraga
- Angel Creek Ranch, Steve Safford
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- Bar Ale Feed Inc., Matt Zappetini
- Bar T Bar Ranch
- Mitch Basanez
- Bench Creek Ranch/Gascon Cattle, Paul Plouviez
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- Echeta Livestock LLC, John Echeverria
- Eide Bailly LLP
- Ellison Ranching Company, Ira T. Wines
- G J Livestock LLC, Fred Wilkinson, Nick Wilkinson
- Gansberg Ranch, Chris & Faye Gansberg, Jr.
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- Betty Griggs
- Tim Hafen Ranches, Inc., Tim Hafen
- Amie Halstead
- Halstead/Forsgren Ranches Inc., Alan Forsgren
- Don Hanks, D.V.M.
- Hapgood Ranch, Norma Hapgood, John Erquiaga
- Harry Ranch LLC, Michael Harry
- Heguy Ranch, Mitch & Rhonda Heguy
- **Integrated Grazing Management, LLC, Dave Voth**
- Intermountain Farmers Association, Darla Barkdull, Layne Anderson
- J M Capriola Co., John & Susan Wright
- Jackson Mountain Angus, Susan & Bob Hoench
- Keystone Ranch Inc., Rolfe Schwartz DVM
- Dr. Bill Kvasnicka
- Mickey Laca
- Lattin Livestock LLC, Pamela Lattin
- **Lazy G Ranch, Joseph Golonka**
- Lee Stock Horse, Kenny Lee
- List Cattle Company, Alan & Nancy List
- Little Valley Land Bovine B&B
- Sam E. Monteleone
- Need More Sheep Co., Hank Vogler
- Nevada High Desert Outfitters, Mitch & Rachel Buzzetti
- Patti Novak-Echenique
- Pacific Intermountain Mortgage, Lisa Howarth
- Paine Livestock, LLC, Ernest, Robin, & Russel D. Paine
- Peavey & Hoots, Marti & Dan Hoots
- Pescio Bros LLC, Joe Pescio
- Rabbit Creek Ranch LLC, Jon Key, John W. Ross
- Rahilly Cattle Co., Brien Rahilly
- Rambling River Ranches, Norman Frey
- Rebel Creek Ranch LLC, Ron & Denise Cerri, Jeff Cerri, Dusty & Stacy Edwards
- Redd Summit Ranches, Steve Redd
- River Ranch, Grace McErquiaga
- **Rockin G Fence LLC, Grant Denny**
- Rockin' T D Ranch, Anthony Stobiecki
- Rose Ranch, Travis Smith
- Schell Creek Ranch, Marlin or Kris Hanneman
- LeRoy Sestanovich
- Sharp Ranch, Alan Sharp
- Sharp Ranch, Lanny & Pamela Morrison
- Silver Creek Ranch Inc., Pauline & Eveline Inchauspe
- Steve Smith Angus & Gelbvieh's, Steven Smith
- South Fork Ranch, Chris & Valree Hellwinkel
- Craig & Jean Spratling
- Stonehouse Ranch, Patsy Tomera, Susan Tomera, Sabrina Reed
- Superior Livestock Auction, Allie Bear
- Jes Tews
- Torell Livestock, Ron & Jackie Torell
- Paul T. Tueller Ph. D. CRMC
- Twin Falls Livestock Commission Co., Bruce Billington
- UNR College of Agriculture Biotechnology & Natural Resources, Dr. Bill Payne
- Uhart Home Ranch LLC., L. Domingo & Ruby L. Uhart
- Wes Viera
- Randy Wallstrum
- Daniel Wolf
- Yelland Ranch, Art & Rae Andrae

UPCOMING EVENTS

NCBA Cattle Industry Convention & Trade Show

— **February 1–3, 2022** —
George R. Brown Convention Center
Houston, Texas
<https://convention.ncba.org>

NCA 56th Annual Fallon All Breeds Bull Sale

— **February 17–19, 2022** —
Fallon, Livestock LLC, Fallon, Nevada
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— **February 18 - 19, All Day.** —
Trade Show

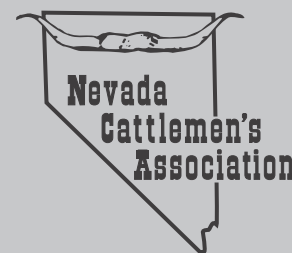
— **Friday, February 18, 7:30 a.m.** —
Sifting of Bulls

— **Friday, February 18, 5:30-10:00 p.m.** —
Fallon Bull Sale Dinner/Dance
& Awards Presentation

— **Saturday, February 18, 11:00 a.m.** —
BULL SALE

Public Lands Council Legislative Conference

— **March 30, 2022** —
Via Zoom
<https://publiclandscouncil.org>



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PRESIDENT'S PERSPECTIVE



Jon Griggs, President, Nevada Cattlemen's Association

Happy New Year! 2022 — so far so good, the drought map isn't looking as bleak as it was and \$2.00 calves are popping up here and there. It's hard to complain about the snow received but in Ranching we're called upon to do hard things and so complain I am. Hopefully it'll make grass and hay. It's likely you'll receive a drought letter soon if you run cattle on public lands, I would encourage you to meet with your agency contacts soon about your plans for turnout and come prepared with anything you've done to mitigate drought impacts. We've asked Agency Leadership to analyze drought on the ground more so than from a map in order to make solid decisions case by case and not programmatic.

Your Association Officers and Staff remain busy. Sage Grouse Land Use Plan Amendments are making

a comeback. We know that what's good for the bird is good for the herd and vice versa and will be working the process to ensure that any conservation measures put in place won't run us off. Fire is the greatest threat and our Agency Partners have heard us loud and clear about targeted and prescribed grazing to reduce fuel loads. Talk to your agency contacts about this too if you're able to help out.

The Nevada Department of Agriculture is revamping trichomoniasis regulations, and we're happy to have a seat at the table to help make them as effective and pain-free as possible. There will be workshops coming up, make sure you attend those if you have concerns.

Remember friends, February 14th is Valentines Day, what better way to express your love and desire for your sweetie than a brand new bull from the Fallon Bull Sale February 19th!

See you all there.

—Jon Griggs

Bull sale: *Continued from page 1* —

to thank the many dedicated consignors 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. The sale would not be possible without all of their help.

While you're in town for the sale, please be sure stop by the Fallon Bull Sale Dinner and Dance hosted by the Churchill County Cowbells on Friday, February 18th, at the Churchill County Convention Center. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. with dinner starting at 6:30 p.m. and the dance beginning at 8:00p.m. Tickets are \$25 for the dinner and dance or just \$5 for the dance.

If interested in exhibiting during the outdoor trade show, please make sure to check out our website for the Fallon Bull Sale Trade Show form. Please contact the office 775-738-9214 if you have questions regarding the schedule of events, would like a printed copy of the sale catalog, or any other questions. We look forward to seeing you there!



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Scholarships: *Continued from page 1*



their first year of college and are returning to continue working towards their degree in agriculture. The 2022 Marvel/Andrae Scholarship amount will be \$2,500!

The original seed money used to fund the Marvel/Andrae Scholarship came from Agri Beef Company. This scholarship is to recognize the legacies of Tom & Rosita Marvel and Jim & Sharon Andrae and the many contributions these two Nevada ranching families have made to our ranching industry.

Eligibility & application requirements for the NCA Scholarship include:

- Applicant must be a senior graduating from a Nevada High School.

- Applicant must plan to attend a Community College or a 4-year College or University.
- Applicant must be seeking a degree in an agriculturally related field.
- Applicant must have a least a 2.5 GPA. A copy of the student's official transcripts is required.
- Applicant must submit a typewritten essay of 1,000 to 1,500 words on any current issue involving the beef industry, including references cited.
- Three letters of reference.

Eligibility & application requirements for the Marvel/Andrae Scholarship include:

- Applicant must plan to attend or be currently attending a Community College or a 4-year College or University.
- Applicant must be from Nevada and pursuing a degree in an agricultural-related field.
- Applicant must have at least a 2.8 GPA. A copy of the student's transcripts is required.

- Returning students that were previous recipients of the NCA Scholarship will be eligible to apply for the Marvel/Andrae Scholarship.
- Applicant should submit a cover letter outlining their background, current studies, and College or University they are currently attending and educational goals.

Students and Educators interested in these two great Scholarship opportunities are encouraged to contact the Nevada Cattlemen's Association.


Scholarship application forms are on pages 5 and 7 of this issue of *Sage Signals*, and can also be downloaded from the Nevada Cattlemen's website at www.nevadacattlemen.org. Applicants can also call the NCA office at 775-738-9214 or send a request to nca@nevadabeef.org for a copy.

A completed application form and required information must be **postmarked by April 11, 2022** and sent to: Attn: Research & Education Committee, c/o Nevada Cattlemen's Association, P.O. Box 310, Elko, NV 89803; or submitted by email with the subject line, "2022 NCA Scholarship Applicant (Your Name)" to nca@nevadabeef.org.


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Public Workshops on Humboldt River Modeling Efforts

The State Engineer will hold a public workshop to provide information on Humboldt River Region water modeling studies by the U.S. Geological Survey and the Desert Research Institute and provide an update on current water supply status for the Humboldt River Region as well as a summary and overview of recently issued Order 1329. The public workshops will be held:

- **Tuesday, March 8, 2022**, at 9:30 a.m. at the Lovelock City Hall, 400 14th Street, City Council Meeting Room, Lovelock, Nevada
- **Tuesday, March 8, 2022**, at 2:00 p.m. at the Humboldt County Cooperative Extension Building, 1085 Fairgrounds Road, Winnemucca, Nevada
- **Wednesday March 9, 2022**, at 8:30 a.m. Nannini Administration Building, County Commissioners Chambers, 540 Court Street, Elko, Nevada

The Division can make reasonable accommodations for members of the public who are disabled and wish to attend the meeting. The Elko meeting can also be attended online through Elko County's website: https://cms2.revize.com/revize/elkocountynevada/meetings/board_of_commissioners/index.php.

If special arrangements for the meeting are necessary, please write the Nevada Division of Water Resources at 901 S. Stewart Street., Suite 2002, Carson City, Nevada, 89701, or call (775) 684-2800.



NCA Scholarship Application Form

NAME: _____

PHONE: _____ E-mail: _____

ADDRESS: _____

High School attending: _____

Current GPA: _____ (Enclose Official Transcripts) College you plan to attend: _____

What is your planned major? _____

Are you or a member of your family a member of the Nevada Cattlemen's Association? _____

Leadership Positions held in Social/Student Organizations: _____

Please list any extra-curricular activities, clubs and affiliations you are involved in and how long you've been involved in each one.

Honors Received: _____

Hobbies/interests: _____

What are your future goals?

In addition to this form, candidates must also submit a typewritten essay of 1,000 to 1,500 words on any current issue involving the beef industry including references cited, a copy of the student's official transcripts and three letters of reference. Mail completed application to: Nevada Cattlemen's Association; Attn. Research and Education Committee. P.O. Box 310, Elko, NV 89803. Applications must be postmarked by **April 11, 2022**. For additional information, contact Martin Paris at nca@nevadabeef.org or call 775-738-9214 or visit www.nevadacattlemen.org.

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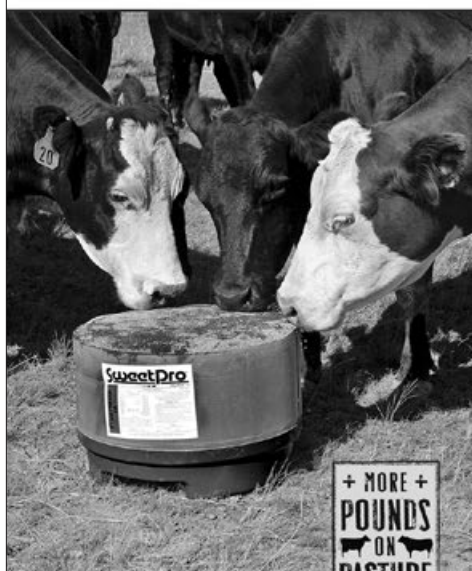
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NCA NEWS



Marvel/Andrae Scholarship Application Form

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Address: _____

High School attended: _____ GPA: _____

College attending or enrolled in: _____

Units Carried: _____ What Year: _____ Current GPA: _____ (Enclose Official Transcripts)

Major/Minor: _____

Are you or a member of your family a member of the Nevada Cattlemen's Association? (Y) (N)

Are you working while attending college? (Y) (N) If yes, where? _____

Please list any extra-curricular activities, clubs and affiliations you are involved in: _____

Other information you might want to include about yourself: _____

In addition to this form, candidates should submit a cover letter describing themselves, background, goals, future plans, and how this scholarship may benefit them etc.

Mail completed application to: Nevada Cattlemen's Association; Attn. Research and Education Committee. P.O. Box 310, Elko, NV 89803. Applications must be postmarked by **April 11, 2022**. For additional information, contact Martin Paris at nca@nevadabeef.org or call 775-738-9214 or visit www.nevadacattlemen.org.

WVM **western** video market

UPCOMING SALES

**THURSDAY,
MARCH 3, 2022**

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Wednesday, February 23**

**THURSDAY,
APRIL 14, 2022**

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Demo Projects, research on habitat assessment tools, post-fire management and restoration issues, trainings on the application of the Grazing Response Index (GRI) etc... The ROGER group has been at the forefront of finding solutions to difficult issues for several years now. I would encourage everyone to tune into what the group has going on.

For this month, major activities coming up include

the National Cattlemen's Beef Association (NCBA) Cattle Industry Convention in Houston, TX on the 1st-3rd, the NCA Board of Directors Meeting on the 18th in Fallon, NV, and the 56th Annual Fallon All Breeds Bull Sale (FBS) on the 19th at Fallon Livestock LLC.

We will have the Fallon Bull Sale catalog up on our website at www.nevadacattlemen.org. Please check it

out or feel free to call the NCA office at 775-738-9214 if you would like one mailed to you. We have another awesome bunch of bulls this year. Anyone looking to add some quality genetics to their herd should be able to find what they are looking for at this year's sale. To stay up to date with things happening at the NCA, please contact the office, visit the web page, and like us on Facebook.

BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT

The Bureau of Land Management Concluded the FY2022 Desatoya Wild Horse Gather

CARSON CITY, Nev. – The Bureau of Land Management, Carson City District, Stillwater Field Office concluded the Desatoya Wild Horse Gather located approximately 77 miles east of Fallon, Nev., in the Desatoya Mountain Herd Management Area.

The Stillwater Field Office gathered 200 wild horses and removed 160 excess wild horses from public lands. In addition, 2 stallions were released back to the range. A population suppression control vaccine called GonaCon Equine was administered to 38 mares. The mares will get a second dose within approximately 30 days and then be released back to the Desatoya Herd Management Area.

The purpose of the gather was to prevent undue or unnecessary degradation of the public lands associated with excess wild horses and burros, to restore a thriving natural ecological balance and multiple-use relationship on public lands, consistent with the provisions of Section 1333(b) of the 1971 Wild Free-Roaming Horses and Burros Act. By balancing herd size with what the land can support, the Stillwater Field Office aims to address resource issues related to drought and protect habitat for other wildlife species. Removing excess animals will enable significant progress toward achieving the Standards for Rangeland Health.

"BLM's goal during the Desatoya HMA wild horse gather and removal was to achieve appropriate management levels and administer GonaCon to selected mares as safely and humanely as possible," said Stillwater Field Office Manager, Jake Vialpando. "I believe we achieved this goal while also completing BLM's mission in accordance with the applicable laws and regulations."



Excess wild horses gathered and removed from the range were transported to the Palomino Valley Wild Horse and Burro Off-range Corrals located near Reno, Nev. to 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.

Additional gather information is available on the FY2022 Desatoya Herd Management Area Wild Horse Gather located at <https://www.blm.gov/programs/wild-horse-and-burro/herd-management/gathers-and-removals/nevada/2022-desatoya-wild-horse>.

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MARCH 5, 2022

Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest Welcomes New Santa Rosa District Ranger

Winnemucca, Nev. – The Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest welcomes Boyd Hatch as the new District Ranger on the Santa Rosa Ranger District. In his new position, Hatch will provide oversight of the staff and resources required to manage over 280,000 acres of National Forest System lands in northern Nevada.

“We are excited to have Boyd move into this leadership position” said Forest Supervisor Bill Dunkelberger. “Boyd’s experience working on the District, knowledge of stakeholders, and expertise in natural resource and rangeland management make him a great fit for the District Ranger position and a valuable Forest Leadership Team member.”

Hatch began his USDA Forest Service career while still in school, working as a seasonal consolidating and analyzing data for six range crews on the Fishlake and Dixie National Forests in Utah. Later, he continued working for the Fishlake National Forest as a Student Career Experience Program (SCEP) intern (now known as the Pathways Program), where he administered permits for seven grazing allotments.



Submitted Photo

Through his internship, Hatch was converted to a permanent position on the Fillmore Ranger District of the Fishlake National Forest and continued the work he started. In 2006, he had the opportunity to come to northern Nevada for a short-term supervisory assignment on the Santa Rosa Ranger District and eventually the position became permanent. For the past 15 years, Hatch has been the Natural Resource Officer and Supervisory Rangeland Management Specialist on the district. He has served as Acting District Ranger numerous times.

“It is a great honor to be selected for this position,” said Hatch. “I look forward to continuing the district’s engagement with our partners, visitors, and elected officials who work together to care for our public lands.”

Hatch graduated from Utah State University in Logan, Utah, with a bachelor’s degree in rangeland management. Hatch replaces Joe Garrotto, who accepted a position as the Georgetown District Ranger on the Eldorado National Forest in Georgetown, California.

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New Small-Acreage Certification Program Supports Beginning Farmers and Ranchers

Extension program offers course for new or up-and-coming Nevada agriculture producers

RENO, Nev. – The University of Nevada, Reno Extension's Herds & Harvest Program is hosting a new Small-Acreage Certification Program, 6 – 8 p.m., Tuesdays, Jan. 26 – Feb. 23. The program's courses will be conducted via Zoom and will draw upon the knowledge and experience of established Nevada agriculture producers and University experts. There will also be an in-person field trip, touring small-acreage farms and ranches. Participants who complete the course will receive their Small-Acreage Level 1 Certification.

The cost for the program is \$60 per person, and registration can be completed online at https://nevada.formstack.com/forms/btr_2022.

Course topics include:

- **Jan. 26:** Overview of small-acreage production: including identifying resources, understanding jurisdictions and setting goals.
- **Feb. 2:** Understanding livestock production: focusing on livestock needs and requirements, including the Quality Assurance Program, animal health considerations, and meat versus other animal products (eggs; wool; dairy; and bees, honey and wax).
- **Feb. 9:** Understanding crops and soil: focusing on plant needs and how to



determine the best plants for a given land space. This course will include an overview of how plants grow, nutrients and day length requirements, different crop requirements, and soil basics.

- **Feb. 16:** Small-acreage markets, from specialty crops to hay and livestock, and how to market your products: focusing on marketing options, including farm stands, direct market, sale yards, the NV Grow Program, social media and USDA versus Custom Exempt.
- **Feb. 23:** Farm financial management in the 21st century: focusing on financially building farms, building business skills and assets, estate planning, and balance and cash flow basics. University students will provide financial analysis of different agricultural ventures.
- **April 9 (southern Nevada) and April 23 (northern Nevada):** Field trips to tour small-acreage farms and ranches. Participants can choose which one of the two tours they wish to take, according to their location and interests.

For more information, contact Staci Emm, Extension educator for Mineral County, at emms@unr.edu or 775-475-4227; Lindsay Chichester, Extension educator for Douglas County at lichichester@unr.edu or 775-782-9960; or Kaley Chapin, outreach specialist, at kaleys@unr.edu or 702-467-2668.

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NCBA Backs WOTUS Recommendations from EPA Advisory Committee

WASHINGTON (January 14, 2022) – Today, the National Cattlemen’s Beef Association (NCBA) announced support for a report issued by the Environmental Protection Agency’s (EPA) Farm, Ranch, and Rural Communities Advisory Committee (FRRCC).

“The FRRCC represents a diverse group of stakeholders including academia, industry, non-governmental organizations, and state, local, and tribal governments,” said Scott Yager, NCBA Chief Environmental Counsel. “NCBA strongly supports the committee’s recommendation to develop a clear and limited WOTUS definition and protect key exemptions for common agricultural features. With the EPA’s convoluted approach to soliciting public comments and stakeholder perspectives on WOTUS, NCBA encourages the EPA to listen to its own advisory committee’s recommendation, and the recommendation is clear: farmers and ranchers need clear rules and regulatory certainty to be successful.”

The FRRCC’s recommendations include:

- Ensuring EPA compliance with the Clean Water Act and Supreme Court precedent limiting federal jurisdiction over bodies of water.
- Developing a clear definition of WOTUS that is easily interpreted by farmers and ranchers.
- Protecting WOTUS exemptions for common agricultural features, including farm ditches, stock ponds, prairie potholes, prior converted cropland, and other small, isolated water features.
- Reconsidering the EPA roundtable process to ensure that all stakeholders have an opportunity to voice concerns on WOTUS rulemaking.

Background

The FRRCC is a Federal Advisory Committee chartered by the EPA to provide policy advice and recommendations to the EPA Administrator on environmental

issues impacting agriculture and rural communities. The committee consists of 32 members from across the United States representing academia, agricultural producers, affiliated industries, non-governmental organizations, and state, local, and tribal governments. On January 12, 2022, the FRRCC released a final report containing policy recommendations to EPA Administrator Michael Regan. In addition to the recommends on WOTUS, NCBA is supportive of the FRRCC’s position on an Ecosystem Management System, pesticide management, and food loss and food waste. These recommendations focus on the need for clear, consistent policy positions from the EPA that account for the needs of farmers and ranchers on their individual operations.

In November 2021, the Biden administration released a proposal to repeal the Navigable Waters Protection Rule and propose new regulations on common agricultural features, such as stock ponds, ditches, and ephemeral water features that only flow during rain. The rule is currently open for public comment and NCBA is engaging with the EPA to voice concerns on the rule. NCBA encourages the EPA to adopt the FRRCC recommendations, which align with the views of cattle producers and address shortcomings in the proposed rule.



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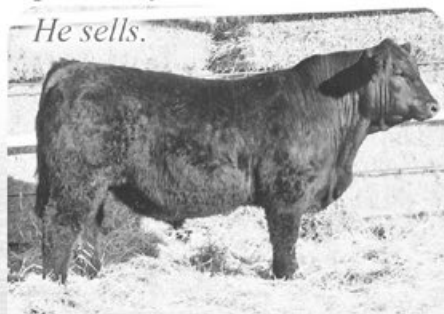
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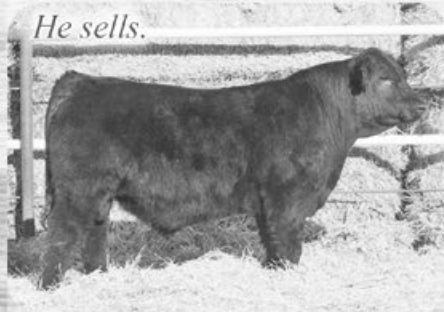
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We have crafted an exciting day of virtual meetings with members of Congress, agency staff, partner groups, and more!

Join us on Wednesday, March 30 for half a day of interactive sessions and policy briefings with the BLM, Forest Service, Congressional Western Caucuses, and more.

We will be sharing a draft agenda link on the Public Lands Council PLC Legislative Conference web page soon.

To prevent you from melting into your chair, we've kept the agenda short to keep you coming back for more! During March and April, PLC will host issue-specific policy roundtables to do a deep dive into some of the more challenging issues facing public lands ranchers: recreation partnerships, recruitment and retention of range and forest professionals, grazing as conservation, and more.

We know some of you may want to make a trip to Washington this year when COVID restrictions lift. If you make the trek east, please reach out to Kaitlynn Glover and we are happy to make your time in Washington welcoming, productive, and just a little bit of fun, too.

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USDA Announces Conservation Reserve Program Signups for 2022

Nevada, Jan. 26, 2022 – Agricultural producers and landowners can sign up soon for the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP), a cornerstone conservation program offered by the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) and a key tool in the Biden-Harris Administration effort to address climate change and achieve other natural resource benefits. The General CRP signup will run from **Jan. 31 to March 11**, and the Grassland CRP signup will run from **April 4 to May 13**.

“We highly encourage farmers, ranchers and private landowners to consider the enrollment options available through CRP,” said Farm Service Agency (FSA) Acting State Director Dan Rybicki. “Last year, we rolled out a better, bolder program, and we highly encourage you to consider its higher payment rates and other incentives. CRP is another way that we’re putting producers and landowners at the center of climate-smart solutions that generate revenue and benefit our planet.”

Producers and landowners enrolled 4.6 million acres into CRP signups in 2021, including 2.5 million acres in the largest Grassland CRP signup in history. There are currently 22.1 million acres enrolled, and FSA is aiming to reach the 25.5-million-acre cap statutorily set for fiscal year 2022.

CRP Signups

General CRP helps producers and landowners establish long-term, re-

source-conserving plant species, such as approved grasses or trees, to control soil erosion, improve water quality and enhance wildlife habitat on cropland.

Meanwhile, Grassland CRP is a working lands program, helping landowners and operators protect grassland, including rangeland and pastureland and certain other lands, while maintaining the areas as working grazing lands. Protecting grasslands contributes positively to the economy of many regions, provides biodiversity of plant and animal populations and provides important carbon sequestration benefits to deliver lasting climate outcomes.

Alongside these programs, producers and landowners can enroll acres in Continuous CRP under the ongoing sign up, which includes projects available through the Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program (CREP) and State Acres for Wildlife Enhancement (SAFE).

Climate Benefits

Last year, FSA enacted a Climate-Smart Practice Incentive for CRP General and Continuous signups, to better target CRP on addressing climate change. This incentive aims to increase carbon sequestration and reduce greenhouse gas emissions. CRP’s climate-smart practices include establishment of trees and permanent grasses, development of wildlife habitat and wetland restoration. The Climate-Smart Practice Incentive is annual, and the amount is based on the benefits of each practice type.

Additionally, in order to better target the program toward climate outcomes, USDA invested \$10 million last year in the CRP Monitoring, Assessment and Evaluation (MAE) program to measure and monitor the soil carbon and climate resilience impacts of conservation practices over the life of new CRP contracts. This will enable the agency to further refine the program and practices to provide producers tools for increased climate resilience.


More Information on CRP

Landowners and producers interested in CRP should contact their local USDA Service Center to learn more or to apply for the program -- for General CRP before the **March 11 deadline**, and for Grassland CRP before the **May 13 deadline**. Service Center staff continue to work with agricultural producers via phone, email, and other digital tools. Due to the pandemic, some USDA Service Centers are open to limited visitors. Additionally, fact sheets and other resources are available at fsa.usda.gov/crp.

Signed into law in 1985, CRP is one of the largest voluntary private-lands conservation programs in the United States. It was originally intended to primarily control soil erosion and potentially stabilize commodity prices by taking marginal lands out of production. The program has evolved over the years, providing many conservation and economic benefits.

USDA touches the lives of all Americans each day in so many positive ways. Under the Biden-Harris Administration, USDA is transforming America’s food system with a greater focus on more resilient local and regional food production, fairer markets for all producers, ensuring access to safe, healthy and nutritious food in all communities, building new markets and streams of income for farmers and producers using climate smart food and forestry practices, making historic investments in infrastructure and clean energy capabilities in rural America, and committing to equity across the Department by removing systemic barriers and building a workforce more representative of America. To learn more, visit www.usda.gov.

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