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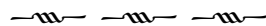
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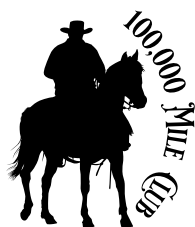
Nevada Cattlemen's Association October Update

By: Martin Paris, NCA Executive Director

Happy October Nevada Cattlemen and Women. I hope everyone is enjoying the slightly cooler weather and a break from the smoke-filled skies that have plagued our state for most of the summer. It's been another busy month at the NCA office.



We have started our annual quest for Teacher of the Year and 100,000 Mile Club candidates and are asking for your help in soliciting nominations.



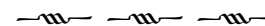
100,000 Mile Club Award: We are looking for cowboys and cowgirls who have logged 100,000 miles horseback. This annual award will be presented at the Nevada Cattlemen's Association Banquet during the Annual Convention in Elko, NV on December 11, 2021. Any Nevada resident who has ridden 100,000 horseback miles is eligible for the 2021 100,000 Mile Club Award. Nominations should include a narrative story to chronicle the nominees' miles through their life horseback.



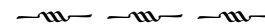
Teacher of the Year: The candidates for the "Teacher of the Year" must be an elementary, junior high, or high school teacher who incorporates agriculture into their regular curriculum. Current Agricultural Education teachers are not eligible. Application forms can be found on our website at nevadacattlemen.org. The winner of this award will receive a \$1000 school supply stipend donated by the Nevada Agriculture Foundation and will be recognized at our convention banquet as well. The 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.

Nominations for either award are open now until November 1, 2021 and may be submitted by email to nca@nevadabeef.org, faxed to 775-738-5208, or sent by mail to the Nevada Cattlemen's Association, P.O. Box 310, Elko, NV 89803.

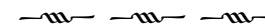


Entries for the 56th Annual Fallon All Breeds Bull Sale are also open! Buyers from many western states have come to expect the quality of bulls in our sale and we are inviting you once again to consign your bulls to our sale. The sale will be held February 19, 2022 at the Fallon Livestock LLC and all proceeds support the Nevada Cattlemen's Association. The postmark deadline for entries and registration papers is December 1, 2021. Registration papers, catalog advertisement, completed transfer papers and results of the breed associations' recognized genetic defects for each bull must accompany the entry form. Consignment forms and rules/regulations can also be found on our website at nevadacattlemen.org.



Finally, just a reminder that the Nevada Cattlemen's Annual Convention will be held at the Elko Conference Center in Elko, NV from December 9-11.

I encourage those of you who want to participate to please attend the convention and committee meetings. The convention is your opportunity to voice your opinion and help set policy that will guide the Nevada Cattlemen's Association forward.



For current and up to date information on things happening at the NCA, please follow us on Facebook and visit our webpage at www.nevadacattlemen.org as we are constantly updating it. If you have questions regarding any of our upcoming events, please feel free to contact the NCA office at 775-738-9214 or by email at nca@nevadabeef.org.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

NOMINATIONS DUE 100,000 Mile Club & Teacher of the Year

— November 1, 2021 —
See page 1 for details

UNR Cooperative Extension Creeks and Communities Program Training PFC Assessment for Integrated Riparian Management

— November 8–10, 2021 —
Via Zoom
Contact: Sherman Swanson
775-233-6221 or swanson@unr.edu

Fallon All Breeds Bull Sale CONSIGNMENTS DUE

— December 1, 2021 —

Nevada Cattlemen's Association Annual Convention & Trade Show

— December 9–11, 2021 —
Elko Conference Center
Elko, Nevada
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Silver State Classic Feeder Sale

— December 11, 2021 —
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NCBA Cattle Industry Convention & Trade Show

— February 1–3, 2022 —
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NCA 56th Annual Fallon All Breeds Bull Sale

— February 17–19, 2022 —
Fallon, Nevada
Consignments are due December 1, 2021
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PRESIDENT'S PERSPECTIVE

Tom Barnes, President, Nevada Cattlemen's Association

I think we are all glad to have the hot, dry, smoky summer of 2021 behind us.

On a personal note, I was fortunate to have all three of my sons home this summer. Safe to say, I don't know how we would have made it without them. As tough as this summer was, I don't know if I've enjoyed anything more than working side by side with them through these challenging times. Watching their enthusiasm and listening to their positive ideas about how to address a challenging situation was inspiring to me and a reminder of how important it is to protect our industry.

Recently, Governor Sisolak issued an executive order directing the Nevada Department of Wildlife to establish a Nevada Habitat Conservation Framework. Language within the order directs NDOW to work collaboratively as they develop the framework. As this progresses, we will keep you informed and work to ensure the livestock industry's voice is heard.

Animal Issues chairman Dr. Boyd Spratling and I had an opportunity to sit down and visit with our State Veterinarian, Dr. Amy Mitchell. We had a productive discussion addressing the various topics concerning livestock health

in our state. We appreciated Dr. Mitchell reaching out to us and look forward to continuing with a positive working relationship.

I would like to thank Senator Cortez-Masto for the work she is doing to maintain the stepped-up basis tax provisions and maintain or increase the amount of lifetime gifting within the death tax law, making the transfer of family ranches from one generation to another easier. We also appreciate the Senator and her staff for contacting NCA leadership to listen to our opinions on this subject.

I wish you all a productive fall.

Fallon Livestock, LLC and Nevada Cattlemen's Association are Pleased to Announce

The 19th Annual Silver State Classic Feeder Sale

Saturday, December 11, 2021, 12:00 PM

Ranchers, we invite you to consign your cattle to the 19th Annual Special Sale, sponsored by the Nevada Cattlemen's Association, in conjunction with Fallon Livestock, LLC, where Fallon Livestock, LLC gives a portion of the commission back to the Nevada Cattlemen's Association (NCA) for each head consigned.

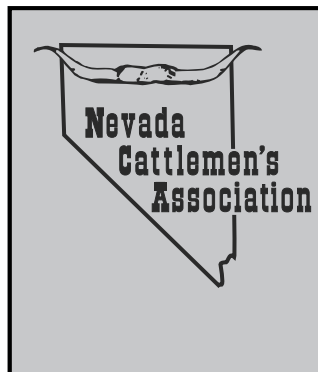
This is an Open Consignment Sale. We will have strong buyer representation again this year, and there will be competitive bidding on all classes of cattle.

If you are planning on bringing calves to the sale please be sure to make arrangements by calling Tommy Lee, Owner, Fallon Livestock, LLC (775) 867-2020, (775) 741-4523; or for any questions contact Martin Paris, Executive Director, Nevada Cattlemen's Association.

MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

We would like to thank the following people for joining or renewing their membership with Nevada Cattlemen's Association between August 25 and September 24, 2021.
(New members are in bold.)

- **Bayer Environmental Science, Justin Hossfeld**
- **Bison Pipe & Supply, LLC, Les Carberry**
- **Moly Mfg., LLC**
- **Scales Unlimited, Inc., Robert Luna/Julie Alberasturi**
- **WSR Insurance Service, Jim Vann**



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Extension Educators Focus on Providing Programs and Resources to Rural Nevada

Misha Allen and Lois Erquiaga are Speaking with Community Members About County Needs

RENO, Nev. – Two new University of Nevada, Reno Extension educators are working with their communities to build strong programs and provide needed resources in their areas, northern Nye County and Lander County.

Misha Allen

Misha Allen, Extension educator for northern Nye County, is first focusing on getting out into the area, including Tonopah, and meeting people to better assess their needs. Nye County is very large and spread out, so Extension will have two Extension educators for the county, one in the north (Tonopah), and one in the south (Pahrump). Allen wants to ensure she learns as much as possible about the geography and culture of the area to better serve the people living there.

After speaking with local community members, Allen has put a priority on building and establishing more youth programming in the area. Her goal is to grow the 4-H Youth Development Program, particularly in Tonopah. Although there are some active clubs in areas such as Round Mountain, she believes that 4-H programs need to be more readily accessible to youth no matter their location.

“I operate on the belief that I cannot run the programs that the community needs in a vacuum,” Allen said. “I need to get out into the community and develop those partnerships and relationships to build programs that put a priority on their needs and wants.”

Allen previously worked in the mental health field, where she brought mental health services and crisis intervention programming into elementary and high schools. She also has experience in serving large rural areas in youth programming and was the director of multiple programs for early childhood education. Looking forward, Allen wants to focus on providing the community with natural resource support and economic and workforce development while strengthening the marketing of these programs so that community members know where to find them.

“This position takes everything that I’ve done personally and professionally and allows me to help others with that experience and knowledge,” Allen said, “This

really is the perfect place for me.”

Lois Erquiaga

Like Allen, Lois Erquiaga, Extension educator for Lander County, is making her primary focus getting out into her community to assess its needs. One of her first goals was to conduct a preliminary needs assessment, as well as begin attending community meetings.

Historically, the 4-H Youth Development Program in Lander County has been a

strong resource for youth, and there are a few established programs for kids to participate in now. After hearing from community members that they wanted to see even more programs available, Erquiaga has made building these programs a top priority so that they can better serve the interests of more youth in the area.

“I was excited to transition to this position so that I could develop services that we don’t have now and to create something new to address needs,” Erquiaga said. “I really appreciate having Extension resources available to rural communities, and I want to make sure others know about these resources as well.”



New Extension educators Misha Allen (Left) and Lois Erquiaga (Right) are getting out into their communities to meet needs hands on. (Submitted Photo)

services worker. She said these experiences taught her how to build strong relationships and to locate resources in a small community. Erquiaga has lived in Nevada for over 40 years and has lived in Lander County for over 30 years, so she has a personal understanding of the needs and issues in her community. She’s also had the opportunity to develop a hospice program, a drop-in youth center and transportation for the senior care facilities.

“Extension is excited to welcome Misha and Lois,” Holly Gatzke, Extension northern area director, said. “Their restart of community programming in northern Nye and Lander County is already showing impacts in these rural areas.”

Nevada Researchers Studying Herbicides in Hopes of Reducing Wildfire Fuels

Aim is to reduce cheatgrass while promoting growth of sagebrush and other beneficial native plants

RENO, Nev. – With wildfires raging in the West, two University of Nevada, Reno researchers are doing further studies on two herbicides known to reduce cheatgrass, a fine fuel that ignites readily. The researchers are looking at the herbicides' effects on more desired plant species that often grow with cheatgrass, including native bunchgrasses and forbs, or wildflowers, in order to give land managers the information they need to weigh the costs and benefits of using these herbicides, Plateau and Rejuvra. This work will hopefully give managers a better tool to reduce flammable cheatgrass while allowing desired forbs and bunchgrasses to increase.

The work is part of the University's College of Agriculture, Biotechnology & Natural Resources, and its Extension and Experiment Station units. Paul Meiman, associate professor and Extension specialist, is working with Brad Schultz, professor and Extension educator for Humboldt County, to test the use of the herbicides. Plateau is an herbicide using the chemical imazapic that has been around for a while and commonly suppresses cheatgrass for one or two years. Rejuvra is a newer herbicide using indaziflam, which has already been shown to suppress cheatgrass for multiple years in other Western states.

Neither of these herbicides used to target cheatgrass negatively affect established sagebrush plants. However, potential impacts to other plants in the community, especially native forbs, are less known. While eliminating cheatgrass growth is the goal, Meiman and Schultz want to ensure other parts of the plant community are not adversely affected and may have the opportunity to increase if the right weather events occur when cheatgrass or other annual grasses decline. Another important component of the study is to determine whether or not the herbicides are able to reduce the amount of cheatgrass underneath sagebrush canopies.

"Cheatgrass invasion is one of the biggest challenges facing natural resource management and managers in the West right now, especially in our part of Nevada," Meiman said. "Even if we see some unwanted effects from the herbicides with this study, they may be outweighed by the opportunity to break the cycle of

recurring fires that has converted thousands upon thousands of acres of rangeland to plant communities dominated by cheatgrass. These are not easy decisions. Our hope is to provide additional information to landowners and land managers about tools available to manage cheatgrass."

The study, which is being conducted as part of the College's Experiment Station unit and is planned to begin later this summer, is taking place over the course of three years in collaboration with the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service; the Nevada Department of Wildlife; and Bayer, the maker of Rejuvra. Using land provided by Nevada Gold Mines, Meiman and Schultz are conducting this work on a large-scale using 20- to 40-acre test plots and aurally applying the herbicides. The plots will be sprayed with either Rejuvra, Plateau or a mixture of both to determine the most effective strategy for combatting cheatgrass growth and abundance with the least impact to native plants. After the first application, the researchers will track the effects of the herbicides over the next couple of years.

"If this herbicide treatment proves effective, it provides an additional tool for managers to reduce cheatgrass on sites where native plants are being pushed out, but still maintain sufficient presence to provide seed for populations to expand," Schultz said. "It has the opportunity to give native plants at risk of transitioning to primarily annual grasses, a three-to-six-year window to increase their abundance over time and, eventually, out-compete the cheatgrass in determining future vegetation change."

Most of the past research on these herbicides has occurred elsewhere in the West in somewhat different environments than Nevada. Meiman and Schulz are extending that research to measure the impact in Nevada's climate and ecosystems. Past work has also been done with other chemicals to try to reduce cheatgrass in the state, but this new research will provide important additional information to managers about where these herbicide treatments can be effective in reducing cheatgrass and encouraging growth of beneficial plant communities.



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- ¼ cup cream-style prepared horseradish
- 6 slices reduced-fat provolone cheese
- ⅓ cup butter, melted
- 2 tablespoons Worcestershire sauce
- 1 tablespoon dried parsley leaves
- 2 teaspoons packed light brown sugar
- ¼ teaspoon onion powder

Cooking:

1. Preheat oven to 350°F.
Coat 9 x 13-inch baking dish with cooking spray. Cut rolls in half, horizontally. Place bottom half in prepared baking dish; spread horseradish on cut side. Top with Deli Roast Beef and cheese. Close sandwiches. Using a paring knife, cut into 12 sandwiches.
Cook's Tip: You may substitute Dijon mustard for prepared horseradish.
2. Combine butter, Worcestershire sauce, parsley, sugar and onion powder in small bowl; mix to combine. Pour butter mixture evenly over prepared sandwiches. Cover and refrigerate 1 hour to overnight.
3. Bake sandwiches, uncovered, in 350°F oven 15 to 20 minutes or until cheese is melted and rolls are golden brown.

Nutrition information per serving: 453 Calories; 164.7 Calories from fat; 18.3g Total Fat (9 g Saturated Fat; 3.7 g Trans Fat; 1 g Polyunsaturated Fat; 3.7 g Monounsaturated Fat); 86 mg Cholesterol; 426 mg Sodium; 51 g Total Carbohydrate; 2.8 g Dietary Fiber; 21 g Protein; 3.5 mg Iron; 182 mg Potassium; 3.5 mg NE Niacin; 0.1 mg Vitamin B6; 0.4 mcg Vitamin B12; 1.2 mg Zinc; 9.8 mcg Selenium; 16.3 mg Choline.

This recipe is an excellent source of Protein, and Niacin; and a good source of Dietary Fiber, Iron, Vitamin B12, Zinc, and Selenium.

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Creeks and Communities: A Continuing Strategy for Accelerating Cooperative Riparian Stewardship

2021-2022 Trainings

Riparian proper functioning condition (PFC) assessment promotes use of common terms, definitions, and methods to identify opportunities for positive change from reasonable investments, enhance local management, and solve problems by people most affected. Integrated Riparian Management uses PFC assessment to prioritize needs for adaptive management with monitoring for riparian objectives and strategies. Training is available to landowners, Federal, State, and local agency personnel, tribes, industry, conservation interests, and others. Instructors are from Nevada Creeks and Communities Team. There is no cost for PFC classes.

PFC Assessment for Integrated Riparian Management – November 8-10, 2021 by Zoom – request reservation for link

PFC Assessment for Integrated Riparian Management – April 19-21, 2022 by Zoom – request reservation for link

PFC Assessment for Integrated Riparian Management – Hopefully in-person trainings will be possible after in May (Las Vegas area), June (Ely), and July (Elko) and this announcement can be updated with dates and locations.

PFC Assessment and/or Integrated Riparian Management – Coaching field sessions are available for small groups such as ID or collaborative teams beginning in May.

You are welcome to come for the parts of the class you need or want (1-4 days).

Day-1 8:00 Registration, 8:15 AM start – Inside or Zoom for PFC instruction

Day-2 8:00 AM start – Outside or Zoom for PFC Assessments

Day-3 8:00 AM start – Inside or Zoom for Integrated Riparian Management

Day-3 PM and Day 4 – Outside or Zoom for assessing additional riparian areas. Zoom classes will feature participant-provided case studies – PFC assessments or integrated riparian management assessment, priorities, objectives, management, monitoring, or adapting management for specific locations

For PFC class signup or questions, contact: Sherman Swanson (775-233-6221 swanson@unr.edu) with Name, Affiliation, Address, Phone, e-mail, Interest, discipline, role or area of expertise.

Riparian and Wetland Plant Identification Workshop October 18 and 25 as needed by Zoom taught by Dave Weixelman and Annie Overlin. Plants covered will include those photographed by class participants and sent to swanson@unr.edu prior to 10/10/21. Tips will be presented for distinguishing submitted plants from similar plants.

Note that this is in substitution for a Wetland Plant Identification Class that was to be taught by Jerry Teihm, UNR Herbarium curator. Unfortunately, high enrollment in the UNR Plants class prohibited the Riparian class as planned. If any money was sent to UNR please contact Jerry at atiehm@att.net for a refund.

For reference materials go to <https://nevada.box.com/s/m1szqt5aut-sp06snot9ql14c03g9na3r> AND <https://www.blm.gov/learn/blm-library/agency-publications/technical-references> Be sure to scroll down the page and expand the riparian area management section.

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Submitted By: Conner Nicklas, Budd-Falen Law Offices LLC



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Remember when you were a kid and you would calculate whether to ask your mother or your father depending on the answer you wanted? That is exactly what the Biden Administration did with the definition of “Waters of the U.S.” (WOTUS) under the Clean Water Act (CWA). As of today, there are two opposing court decisions regarding the effect of the Trump definition of a WOTUS, followed by an announcement by the Biden Administration picking which court it wanted to follow.

On March 2, 2021, the 10th Circuit Court of Appeals ruled it did not have the jurisdiction to stop the enforcement of the Trump WOTUS rule until there was a ruling on the merits of the case or Biden had legally issued a new rule. In stark opposition, on August 30, 2021, a Federal District Judge vacated the enforcement of the Trump rule even before the Biden Administration had a new rule to put in its place. Thus, in contrast to the 10th Circuit’s decision, with the stroke of a pen, the Arizona Judge vacated the application of the Trump rule throughout the nation.

The decision is very frustrating. Normally the previous regulation remains in place until it is replaced. However, instead of simply dismissing the case and sending the regulation back to the EPA and Corp of Engineers to revise, the Arizona judge, appointed by President Obama, issued a national vacatur of Trump’s WOTUS definition. Her ruling brings up a major issue-- should a federal district judge in Arizona, who does not have any jurisdictional authority outside of the state of Arizona, have the power to nationally end a legally adopted rule?

Judge Marquez’s ruling once again muddies the waters and allows the EPA and Army Corp. of Engineers to arbitrarily enforce a law that could result in thousands of dollars in fines and jail time to a violator. The CWA was passed in 1972 to protect the “Waters of the United States” by making it illegal to discharge a pollutant into a WOTUS unless a permit is obtained. However, the law became mired in controversy when the federal agencies began charging people with CWA violations for discharging pollutants in waters that were never intended to be regulated, including irrigation ditches,

stock ponds, and isolated and seasonal wetlands. The lack of a tangible statutory definition for a WOTUS has generated hundreds of cases to ascertain the span of the federal government’s jurisdiction. In turn, the CWA has a history of being weaponized to prevent development projects from moving forward and harassing farmers and ranchers.

Also, it is important to note that just because a body of water may not be defined as a WOTUS does not mean that it is not protected. All waters

not directly under the federal government’s jurisdiction usually fall into the state’s jurisdiction. For example, the Wyoming Department of Environmental Quality is the state agency tasked to protect Wyoming’s water quality.

By killing the Trump CWA rules, we are once again left in an impossible position because no one actually knows what a “Water of the United States” is. Does the federal government have jurisdiction over your irrigation ditch? How about the bog down the street? In its pleadings before the court, the EPA identified 333 projects it believed it would have had jurisdiction over prior to the Trump rules. Disturbingly, the Trump rule has only been in place for less than a year. Thus, Washington DC will again arbitrarily insert itself into our lives.

The situation surrounding the national demise of the Trump CWA rules begs an even bigger question. How does a single judge in Arizona have the power to invalidate legally enacted regulations for the entire nation? By allowing district court judges to invalidate regulations on a national scale, we are giving an undemocratically elected judge the ability to affect people outside of their jurisdiction. It is particularly egregious when the 10th Circuit Court came to the opposite result. This unprecedented power encourages the worst kind of forum shopping in which organizations target specific judges to advance their radical agendas. In the past couple years, the Supreme Court has questioned the authority of district courts issuing nationwide injunctions. The hope is that the Supreme Court finally puts an end to this form of radical lawmaking and forum shopping from the judge’s bench.

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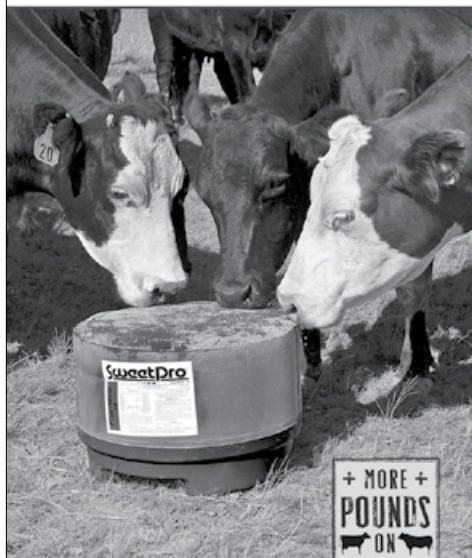
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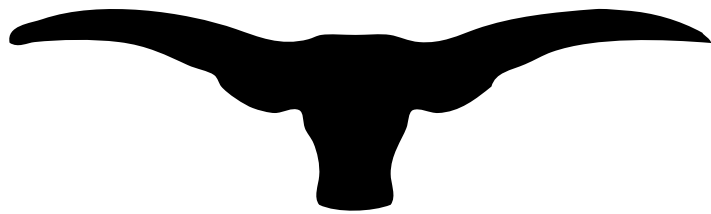
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USDA Offers Disaster Assistance to Nevada Farmers and Livestock Producers Impacted by Wildfires and Drought

RENO, Nevada., Sept. 21 2021 – Nevada agricultural operations have been significantly impacted by the wildfires and ongoing, severe drought. The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) has technical and financial assistance available to help farmers and livestock producers recover. Impacted producers should contact their local USDA Service Center to report losses and learn more about program options available to assist in their recovery from crop, land, infrastructure and livestock losses and damages.

“Production agriculture is vital to the Nevada economy, and USDA stands ready to assist in the recovery from these wildfires and extreme drought conditions,” said Gloria Montañó Greene as Deputy Under Secretary for Farm Production and Conservation (FPAC). “I assure you that USDA employees are working diligently to deliver FPAC’s extensive portfolio of disaster assistance programs and services to all impacted agricultural producers.”

USDA Disaster Assistance for Wildfire and Drought Recovery

Producers who experience livestock deaths or sell injured livestock at a reduced prices as a result of wildfires may be eligible for the Livestock Indemnity Program (LIP).

Meanwhile, for both wildfire and drought recovery, the Emergency Assistance for Livestock, Honeybees, and Farm-Raised Fish Program (ELAP) provides eligible producers with compensation for feed losses as well as expenses associated with transportation of water and feed to livestock. For ELAP, producers will need to file a notice of loss within 30 days and honeybee losses within 15 days.

Livestock producers may also be eligible for the Livestock Forage Disaster Program (LFP) for 2021 grazing losses due to drought. LFP benefits may be available for loss of grazing acres due to wildfires on federally managed lands on which a producer is prohibited, by a federal agency, from grazing normally permitted livestock. FSA maintains a list of counties eligible for LFP and makes updates each Thursday.

Additionally, eligible orchardists and nursery tree growers may be eligible for cost-share assistance through the Tree Assistance Program (TAP) to replant or rehabilitate eligible trees, bushes or vines lost during the drought. This complements Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP) or crop insurance coverage, which covers the crop but not the plants or trees in all cases. For TAP, a program application must be filed within 90 days.

“Once you are able to safely evaluate the wildfire or drought impact on your operation, be sure to contact your local FSA office to timely report all crop, livestock and farm infrastructure damages and losses,” said Gus Wegren, Acting State Executive Director for the Farm Service Agency (FSA) in Nevada. “To expedite FSA disaster assistance, you will likely need to provide documents, such as farm records, herd inventory, receipts and pictures of damages or losses”

FSA also offers a variety of direct and guaranteed farm loans, including operating and emergency farm loans, to producers unable to secure commercial financing. Producers in counties with a primary or contiguous disaster designation may be eligible for low-interest emergency loans to help them recover from production and physical losses. Loans can help producers replace essential property, purchase inputs like livestock, equipment, feed and seed, cover family living expenses or refinance farm-related debts and other needs.


Risk Management

Producers who have risk protection through Federal Crop Insurance or FSA’s NAP should report crop damage to their crop insurance agent or FSA office. If they have crop insurance, producers should report crop damage to their agent within 72 hours of damage discovery and follow up in writing within 15 days. For NAP covered crops, a Notice of Loss (CCC-576) must be filed within 15 days of the loss becoming apparent, except for hand-harvested crops, which should be reported within 72 hours.

“Crop insurance and other USDA risk management options are there to help producers manage risk because we never know what nature has in store for the future,” said Jeff Yasui, Director of RMA’s Regional Office that covers Nevada. “The Approved Insurance Providers, loss adjusters and agents are experienced and well trained in handling these types of events.”

Conservation

Outside of the primary nesting season, emergency and non-emergency haying and grazing of Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) acres may be authorized



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to provide relief to livestock producers in areas affected by a severe drought or similar natural disasters. Producers interested in haying or grazing of CRP acres should contact their county FSA office to determine eligibility.

The Emergency Conservation Program (ECP) and Emergency Forest Restoration Program (EFRP) can assist landowners and forest stewards with financial and technical assistance to restore fencing, damaged farmland or forests. In addition, ECP supports emergency conservation measures in periods of severe drought.

USDA's Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) is always available to provide technical assistance in the recovery process by assisting producers to plan and implement conservation practices on farms, ranches and working forests impacted by natural disasters.

Long-term damage from wildfires and drought includes forage production loss in pastures and fields and increased wind erosion on crop fields not protected with soil health practices. Visit your local USDA Service Center to learn more about these impacts, potential recovery tactics, and how to take steps to make your land more resilient to drought in the future.

"USDA can be a very valuable partner to help landowners with their recovery and resiliency efforts," said Ray Dotson, NRCS State Conservationist in Nevada. "Our staff will work one-on-one with landowners to make assessments of the damages and develop approaches that focus on effective recovery of the land."

Assistance for Communities

Additional NRCS programs include the Emergency Watershed Protection (EWP) program, which provides assistance to local government sponsors with the cost of addressing watershed impairments or hazards such as damaged upland sites stripped of vegetation by wildfire, debris removal and streambank stabilization.

Eligible sponsors include cities, counties, towns, or any federally recognized Native American tribe or tribal organization. Sponsors must submit a formal request (via mail or email) to the state conservationist for assistance within 60 days of the natural disaster occurrence or 60 days from the date when access to the sites become available. For more information, please contact your local NRCS office.

"EWP provides immediate assistance to communities to mitigate potential hazards to life and property resulting from the fires and particularly the severe erosion and flooding that can occur after the fire," Dotson said. "We can work with a local sponsor to help a damaged watershed so that lives and property are protected while preventing further devastation in the community."

In addition to EWP, Conservation Technical Assistance (CTA) is another valuable service that NRCS can provide following a wildfire. NRCS technical assistance can help fire victims with planning cost-effective post fire restoration practices.

More Information

On farmers.gov, the Disaster Assistance Discovery Tool, Disaster Assistance-at-a-Glance fact sheet, and Farm Loan Discovery Tool can help producers and landowners determine program or loan options. For assistance with a crop insurance claim, producers and landowners should contact their crop insurance agent. For FSA and NRCS programs, they should contact their local USDA Service Center.

USDA touches the lives of all Americans each day in so many positive ways. In 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 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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NCBA CEO:

Looking to Solve the World's Food System Woes?

U.S. Cattle Producers are the Answer.

by NCBA CEO Colin Woodall



Colin Woodall (Submitted Photo)

Sustainability has always been a central component of cattle production in the United States. Multigenerational farms and ranches across the country pass on knowledge and management practices that ensure successful businesses rely on the health of our natural resources. Cattle farmers and ranchers work tirelessly to protect the land, water and air resources in their care. Through countless improvements in genetics, grazing management, manure handling and the adoption of many other technologies, sustainability remains at the core of our industry.

It's easy to consider the three legs of sustainability – environmental stewardship, economic viability and social duty – without considering their relation to each other, especially when developing policy. But the pillars of a sustainable farm, supply chain or global food system cannot be considered in silos. Addressing our global concerns in the spotlight of this week's U.N. Food Systems Summit – food security, nutrition and climate change, require a holistic, integrated approach. Cattle production in the United States can play a central role to addressing these worldwide issues if farmers and ranchers have the freedom and resources to implement innovative solutions.

This year, the National Cattlemen's Beef Association solidified U.S. cattle producers' commitment to environmental, economic and social sustainability with the announcement of U.S. cattle industry sustainability goals. By setting goals, the cattle industry is publicly committing to continuous improvement and setting targets that allow us to measure and document those efforts.

Beef producers in the United States are already the global leader in sustainable beef production. In fact, beef cattle only account for 2% of greenhouse gases in

the U.S., according to the EPA. Since 1996, the U.S. has had the lowest GHG emissions of any beef supply chain in the world. The goals for the U.S. cattle industry include:

- Demonstrate climate neutrality of U.S. cattle production by 2040.
- Create and enhance opportunities that result in a quantifiable increase in producer profitability and economic sustainability by 2025.
- Enhance trust in cattle producers as responsible stewards of their animals and resources by expanding educational opportunities in animal care and handling programs to further improve animal well-being.
- Continuously improve our industry's workforce safety and well-being.

The U.S. beef supply chain is well on its way to achieving our climate neutrality goal, having reduced emissions per pound of beef by more than 40% since 1961. But closing the gap will require access to the most accurate and up-to-date science, while simultaneously ensuring that the management and conservation of our grasslands is economically viable for landowners. In many states across the country, ranchers are the last line of defense against eager developers. With every new parking lot and building, we lose valuable grass, trees and soil that store carbon. Ruminant grazing is not only a necessary income stream for families across rural America, but also increases grassland carbon storage potential.

Economic viability of farms and ranches and the preservation of nature and greenspace truly go hand-in-hand. We can't achieve climate neutrality if cattle ranching is not an economically viable enterprise. Our economic sustainability goal seeks to ensure that all cattle producers can participate in a favorable business climate. Farms and ranches are businesses, and cattle producers cannot afford to see their operations choked out by burdensome regulations and tax policies that harm the generational transfer of these family businesses. If the work of Congress and this administration harm the financial sustainability of farms and ranches, we lose vital grasslands and any progress made by the industry is moot.

Cattle producers' priority – the foundation of their operations – is the health and wellbeing of the animals in their care. NCBA's ongoing commitment to ensuring the highest standards of animal care is the foundation of our formalized social sustainability goal. The Beef Quality Assurance (BQA) program's guidelines, in combination with experience and environment-specific needs, help farmers and ranchers ensure animal welfare through daily husbandry and animal care. As we consider the long-term sustainability of global livestock production, BQA can provide a blueprint for producer education and quality assurance.

The shared story of U.S. cattle farmers and ranchers is one of perpetual innovation and improvement. Cattle are key to preserving land, sequestering carbon, mitigating drought and wildfires, and providing wildlife habitat. With these goals in mind, U.S. cattle production is a holistic and sustainable solution to the food system issues at top of mind around the globe.

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NCBA Puts Pressure on Congress to Protect Family-Owned Businesses

WASHINGTON (September 8, 2021) — As Co-Chair of the Tax Aggie Coalition, NCBA spearheaded a letter to House Ways and Means and Senate Finance Committee leadership urging them to consider the implications that changes to federal tax policy will have on family-owned agricultural businesses. Nearly 330 trade associations representing family-owned food, agriculture and related businesses agree that, when drafting legislation to implement President Biden's "Build Back Better" agenda, it is critical that the "American Families Plan" must also support family farms and ranches.

"Congress must consider the complex structure of family-owned agricultural businesses that serve as the backbone of rural economies; therefore, understand how changes to long-standing provisions in the tax code could be detrimental to

the financial viability of these businesses as they transfer to the next generation," said Senior Executive Director of Government Affairs Danielle Beck.

"This is not a partisan issue; in fact, it's an issue that affects every single American. With more than 370 million acres expected to change hands in the next two decades, preserving long-standing provisions in the federal tax code is a win-win situation for producers and consumers alike. Whether their family has preserved the land for generations, or they are a beginning, veteran or minority farmer getting their start in the industry – without federal tax policy that supports a viable business climate for the next generation of producers, building on the environmental and economic contributions of today's producers is impossible and risks compromising our nation's ability to produce a safe, abundant and affordable food supply. The consequences of taxing family farms and ranches out of business completely undermines the 'Build Back Better' agenda."

Some federal tax policy proposals have been accompanied by the promise of purported protections to family-owned businesses. However, signatories on the letter stress that those accommodations may not necessarily apply to the diverse complexity of ownership structures across family-owned agricultural entities. The only way to ensure the future viability of family-owned business, specifically farms and ranches, is to fully preserve critical provisions such as stepped-up basis, like-kind exchanges, the Section 199A small business deduction and maintain the current estate tax code provisions.

NCBA and PLC Condemn BLM Headquarters Move in the Middle of Historic Crises

WASHINGTON (September 17, 2021) — Today, the National Cattlemen's Beef Association (NCBA) and Public Lands Council (PLC) condemned the Bureau of Land Management's (BLM) decision to relocate its headquarters to Washington, D.C. amid multiple, historic environmental crises in the western United States.

"More than 5.5 million acres of land have burned in catastrophic wildfires so far this year. From Arizona to Minnesota, 14 states are experiencing extreme drought that has thrown thousands of rural communities into crisis. In a normal season, we would find this relocation decision disappointing — in the middle of immense and immediate threats to public lands ecosystems, wildlife, businesses and residents, it is dangerously irresponsible," said NCBA Executive Director of Natural Resources and PLC Executive Director Kaitlynn Glover.

"Unfortunately, the BLM's operations suffered as a result of their move to Grand Junction, Colo., and the subsequent uncertainty due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Implementing another move now, when the time and attention of the BLM staff is more needed than ever, is a step western communities cannot afford. The BLM should be prioritizing time-sensitive land management improvements, not playing political football with their mailing address."



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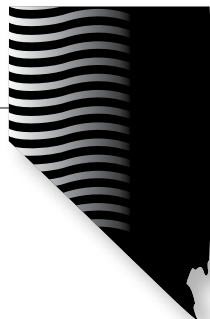
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