



**Co-Laboring in the West:
Balancing the Art, Science, and ROI of Grazing Management**

A three-part symposium featuring rancher and partner stories of rangeland conservation and the building of stewardship economies

January 29, 2024 - 10:20 AM to 5:00 PM

Registration and hotel information <https://rangelands.org/annual-meeting-2024/>

Groups of people are working in communities all across the West diligently and thoughtfully co-laboring (collaborating) to advance economically viable rangeland stewardship --- These are their stories.

SESSION ONE – 10:20 to 12:00 – Q&A with ranchers and conservation partners

10:20: Jared Talley, Boise State and Bre Owens, NatGLC
Introducing the conversation - co-laboring in the West

10:40: John Austel, 4J Horse and Livestock Co. and Lynn Huntsinger, UC Berkeley
Grazing and monitoring for ecosystem health on Rancho Jamul

11:00: Merrill Beyeler, Beyeler Ranches and Daniel Bertram, ID Office of Species Conservation
Practice and economics of ranching and salmon recovery in Salmon, ID

11:20: Group Discussion – facilitated audience discussion on topics covered, along with continued Q&A with panelists

Lunch break – 12:00 to 1:00

SESSION TWO – 1:00 to 3:00 – Q&A with ranchers and conservation partners

1:00: Intros - Bre Owens

1:10: Laurel Harkness, Rural Voices for Conservation Coalition and Hallie Mahowald, Western Landowners Alliance
Stewardship Economies – rural communities, resources, and sustainable returns on investment

Information you can take back to the ranch and use

1:30: Bill Milton, Milton Ranch and Shane Trautner, BLM Billings Field Office

Connecting community and landscape health in eastern MT

1:50: Bret Riley, Sand Ranch and Megan Nasto, Working Lands Conservation

Building community through data-informed adaptive management of wildlife and cow habitat in eastern NM

2:10: Dale Lamborn, Three Creeks Grazing LLC; Taylor Payne, UT Grazing Improvement Program; and Kris Hulvey, Working Lands Conservation

Three Creeks Allotment consolidation project – people, place and profit

2:30: Group Discussion – facilitated audience discussion on topics covered, along with continued Q A with panelists

SESSION THREE – 3:20 to 5:00 – Art and Science of Grazing Management Panel discussion

3:20: Kason Haby, Chair, SRM Grazing Land Coalition Committee

Welcome and Introductions

3:25: Stephen Deiss, O’Conner Ranch and Doug Tolleson, Texas A&M University

Forage quality monitoring to inform grazing and nutritional management decisions

4:00: Billy Griffin, Griffin Cattle Sales and Kelly Beevers, TNC Northern Great Plains Program

Regenerative grazing - reviving degraded lands, changing animal behavior, maximizing grazeable acres, and increasing carrying capacity to protect our prairies and plains

4:35: Group Discussion – facilitated audience discussion on topics covered, along with continued Q&A with panelists

5:00: Conclude – *Greet & Graze Reception to follow – join us to visit with panelists and others*

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