

Utah's Sage-grouse Working Group Summit



February 18 and 19, 2014
Utah Department of Natural Resources Auditorium
1594 West North Temple
Salt Lake City

PURPOSE

To facilitate an exchange of ideas and information between local working group members, private, state, and federal partners to enhance community and sage-grouse conservation.

Registration Information

Please register before February 7. Register for the summit at https://usu.co1.qualtrics.com/SE/?SID=SV_1A-JWtcy55DoOZTf. Cut & paste the text to your browser, access the link at utahcbcp.org or send name, address, phone, and email to Rae Ann at raeann.hart@usu.edu or 435-797-3974. Cost to attend the meeting is free but we do need registration information for food counts and meeting room accommodation.



Summit participants are responsible for their own transportation and hotel arrangements. Some helpful information is listed below.

The address to the Utah Department of Natural Resources is 1594 West North Temple.

Trax stop: near 1500 W on North Temple, Green Line Route 704

Hotels in the area

Salt Lake Inn
1659 West North Temple
801-533-9000

Howard Johnson Express Inn
121 N 300 W
801-521-3450

Metropolitan Inn
524 S West Temple
801-531-7100

Best Western Cotton Tree Inn
1030 N 400 E
801-292-7666

Radisson
Downtown: 215 W South Temple
Airport: 2177 W North Temple
800-967-9033

Ramada Airport Hotel
5575 W Amelia Earhart Dr.
800-854-9517

Holiday Inn Express
200 N 2100 W
801-741-1500

Summit Sponsors

Utah's Community-Based Conservation Program
Utah Division of Natural Resources
Utah State University Berryman Institute
Utah State University Extension
Deseret Land and Livestock
Natural Resources Conservation Service
Bureau of Land Management
Utah Public Lands Policy Coordination Office
Western Rural Development Center

Draft A G E N D A

Please Note: This is a draft agenda. Speakers have been invited but not all have confirmed their availability.

February 18

- 7:00 am Open registration and continental breakfast – Sponsored by UDNR/USU Berryman Institute
- 8:30 am Opening comments and overview
- 9:00 am Making Conservation Count
- USFWS Conservation Reporting Standards
 - Utah State Plan – Tracking and Reporting
- 10:30 am Break – Sponsored by Utah State University Extension/Utah CBCP
- 10:45 am BLM Resource Management Planning and USFS Land Use Plans
- How Utah's Plan integrates into BLM & USFS Plans: The Public Process and A Time Table For Implementation
 - Utah Response
 - Facilitated Q&A
- 12:00 pm Lunch on site – Sponsored by Deseret Land and Livestock
- 1:00 pm Utah Plan Topic 1: Habitat Management Strategies
- o Relevant research: short explanations
 - o Utah Plan Implementation goals & strategies
 - PJ mapping efforts and WRI project tracking
 - How LWGs can help
 - Wildfire Abatement
 - o Facilitated Q&A (30 min)
- 2:15 pm Break – Sponsored by NRCS
- 2:30 pm Utah Plan Topic 2: Managing and Tracking Sage-grouse Population Responses
- o Relevant research: short explanations
 - o Utah Plan Implementation goals & strategies
 - o Next steps/challenges, and how LWGs can help
 - o Facilitated Q&A
- 3:15 pm Utah Plan Topic 3: What is “Protecting the Best of the Best”?
- o Relevant research and experiences
 - o Utah Plan Implementation goals & strategy; progress to date
 - o Next steps/challenges, and how LWGs can help
 - o Facilitated Q&A
- 4:00 pm Utah Plan Implementation Council – Official Business Meeting
- PIC Overview: decisions made/in-progress, unmet challenges

- 5:50 pm Utah Plan: Topics for Tomorrow
- 6:00 pm Announcements; Dinner on your own



February 19

- 7:00 am Continental Breakfast – Sponsored by USU Berryman Institute
- 8:00 am Announcements
- 8:10 am Utah Plan Topic 4: Mitigation and Disturbance - 5 % or 3% Disturbance Limit
- o Relevant research: Disturbance and Sage-grouse
 - o Disturbance & Mitigation – USFWS Paradigms
 - o Utah Plan SGMA Mapping and tracking disturbance
 - o Utah Plan's Approach to Mitigation – Public and Private Lands
 - o Role of LWGs in ground-truthing disturbance and other maps
- Facilitated discussion
- 9:45 am Break – Sponsored by BLM
- 10:00 am Summary: Role of LWGs in Utah Plan Implementation, Communication, and Reporting
- 10:20 am Concurrent Workshops (CHOOSE ONE)
- Community-based Species Conservation Strategies
 - o CCAA and CCA – what they are and are not - USFWS
 - o Lessons learned from Gunnison Sage-grouse and Idaho CCAA
 - o Desert LL Greater sage-grouse CCAA
 - o Opportunities and Challenges
 - o Facilitated Discussion
 - Research Application to Management: designing and monitoring projects that work for sage-grouse
 - o In-depth look at habitat use of projects
 - o Opportunity areas, monitoring, and habitat increases
 - o Facilitated Discussion
 - Mitigation: further in-depth discussion
 - o Implementation lessons from Utah
 - o Implementation models from other states
 - o Process development progress: Utah Plan, federal options
 - o Facilitated Discussion

- 12:00 pm Lunch sponsored by Utah Public Lands Policy Coordination Office
- 1:00 pm Management With or Without a Listing: process and what to expect
- Facilitated Panel and Moderated Q&A
- o USFWS
 - o State of Utah
 - o UDWR
 - o BLM
 - o USFS
 - o NRCS & SGI
- 3:00 pm Closing Statements

