

**Intermountain West Rangelands and Woodlands
Regional Fire Learning Network
Workshop #2 - Agenda
October 23-25, 2007
Eastern Nevada
Ely, Nevada**

Monday – October 22

Travel to Ely

Tuesday – October 23 (Day 1)

Day's Goal: (1) Revisit the Intermountain West Fire Learning Network and its landscape goals, challenges, opportunities and accomplishments. (2) Learn about solutions to overcome common barriers to fuels management. (3) Learn about Eastern Nevada.

6:30 – 7:45 Breakfast on your own

8:00 – 8:15 Welcome and Meeting Logistics – Louis Provencher, TNC

8:15 – 9:00 Welcome from federal Partners – Pat Irwin, Ely District Ranger, and others to be determined

9:00 – 9:30 Overview of Regional Fire Learning Network and Workshop Goals – Provencher, TNC

Landscape Presentations and Group Peer-review: Update on goals and accomplishments to date.

9:30 – 12:00 (including break) Great Basin National Park-NV, Grouse Creek Mountains-Raft River Mountains-UT, Moses Coulee-Beezley Hills-WA, Owyhee Uplands-ID, Spring Mountains National Recreation Area-NV

12:00 – 1:00 LUNCH (provided at Orient Express near the Convention Center on Aultman Street)

Common Solutions to Restoring Fire Adapted Ecosystems – Follow-up on first regional workshop

1:15 – 2:15 Reducing the cost of archeological surveys with predictive mapping – Eric Ingbar, Gnomon, Inc, NV

2:15 – 3:15 Creating a program to establish restoration priorities and fund restoration and

monitoring outside normal fiscal constraints: Utah Partners for Conservation and Development (UPCD) – A.J. Martinez, UPCD co-chair

3:15 – 3:30 Break

3:30 – 4:30 Native species evolution in response to exotic species invasion - from research to application. – Dr. Beth Leger and Dr. Erin Espeland (speaker), University of Nevada, Reno

4:30 – 5:00 Field trip logistics – BLM/USFS/Provencher

6:00 TNC hosted group dinner at Mr. G's Villa Italian restaurant (near the Convention Center at 484 Aultman Street)

Wednesday October 24 (Day 2)

Day's Goal: Experience Eastern Nevada by visiting completed fuels management projects in the Ely WUYI, Gleason Creek, Smith Valley, Log Canyon, and Indian Creek (USFS lands). Optional travel to Bullwhack Summit if time allows and partners are willing.

7:00 - 8:00 Breakfast on your own

8:00 Leave from Bristlecone Convention Center. Bring appropriate warm clothing and materials. Water and boxed lunches provided.

5:30 Dinner on your own

Thursday – October 25 (Day 3)

Day's Goal: 1) Review lessons from the field trip. 2) Cheatgrass control in light of the Western Governors' statement.

6:30 – 7:45 Breakfast on your own

8:00 – 8:30 Review and draft key outcomes of the first day and field trip – Provencher, TNC facilitates

8:30– 9:15 Alternative ranch management and grazing systems to improve rangelands and control cheatgrass – Gregg Simonds, President, Open Range Consulting and former ranch manager for the Deseret Land & Livestock Ranch

9:15– 9:45 The BLM's National Vegetation EIS – What does it mean for cheatgrass treatment - Linda Mazzu, Fire Planning Specialist, BLM, ID

9:45 - 10:00 Break & informal discussions

10:00 – 10:45 Diseases that kill cheatgrass – Dr. Susan Meyer, USDA Shrub Sciences Lab

10:45 – 11:30 Native plant material production, alternative uses of non-native plant species, and assisted succession – Mike Pellant, BLM ID.

11:30 – 11:55 Next steps: commitments, action items, & future of RFLN – National Staff facilitate, TNC

11:55 – 12:05 Wrap up – Provencher, TNC