The 2013 Montana Winter Grazing Seminar

The seminar was attended by 87 ranchers, land managers, and private companies. The FRRL contributed for talks at the meeting which are summarized below:

**Laboratory Introduction:** Jack Staub, Research Leader

**Using ecologically relevant land indicators to guide grazing management:** Thomas Monaco, Research Ecologist
2013 WINTER GRAZING SEMINAR

January 16th-17th 2013
Kiwanis Youth Center
204 3rd Street NE
Harlowton, MT

Wednesday January 16
10:00-12:00 Registration
12:00-1:00 Lunch
1:00 Welcome from Steve Hedstrom, Rangeland Resources Executive Committee Chairman and Bill Clements, Upper Musselshell Conservation District Chairman
1:00-2:00 Dr. Simon Atkins, Advanced Forecasting Corporation – Impact of Climate on Commodity Yields & Prices
2:00-3:00 Dr. Rachel Endecott, Beef Cattle Extension Specialist – Feed Alternatives in a Drought
3:00-3:15 Break
3:15-5:00 Producer Panel – Oil Development & Local Impacts
   Julie French – Scobey
   Dick Iverson – Sidney
   Dexter Thiel – Sidney
   Mike Goiffina – Roundup
5:00-6:30 No host Social with music from the Musselshell Mudcats
7:00 Prime Rib Banquet
   Master of Ceremonies: Bill Donald
   Range Leader of the Year Awards
   Featured Speaker: Sarah Calhoun, Red Ants Pants Owner

Thursday January 17
7:00-8:00 Breakfast
8:00 Welcome from Steve Hedstrom, Rangeland Resources Executive Committee Chairman and Bill Clements, Upper Musselshell Conservation District Chairman
8:00-10:30 USDA, ARS Forage and Range Research Laboratory (FRRRL) presentations:
   Dr. Thomas Monaco – Ecology to Guide Grazing Management
   Dr. Kevin Jensen – New Plants: Adaptations and Uses
   Dr. Blair Waldron – Forage Kochia to Improve Rangeland Productivity
   Dr. Jack Staub – Native Legumes to Improve Rangeland Productivity
10:30-10:45 Break (Seed Raffle, USDA, ARS FRRRL)
10:45-12:00 Dr. George Haynes, MSU professor of Ag Economics – Agriculture Outlook for Montana

Hosted by:
Upper Musselshell Conservation District

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