Drs. Blair Waldron and Kevin Jensen, FRR, attended the West Central States (Idaho, Nevada, Utah, and Wyoming) Wool Growers Convention in Park City, Utah on November 7th and 8th, 2014. Dr. Waldron gave an invited presentation entitled, “Strategic Use of Forage Kochia for Fall and Winter Grazing” in the Animal Health/Production Session. The presentation was well received and elicited many questions. Dr. Jensen participated in the associated Trade Show with a FRR-sponsored table/booth, and answered many questions about the use of plant materials developed by the FRR.
Idaho/Nevada/Utah/Wyoming Wool Growers Association’s (Tentative Agenda);
Idaho’s 122nd Annual Convention, Nevada’s 72nd Annual Convention, Utah’s 109th Annual Convention, Wyoming’s 111th Annual Convention
November 6, 7 and 8, 2014; Canyons Resort, Park City, Utah

Thursday, November 6
8:00 am – 3:00 pm Mountain Plains Agricultural Meeting LOCATION: White Pine Parlor II
8:00 am – 5:00 pm American Lamb Board Meeting LOCATION: The Cabin
1:30 pm – 6:00 pm IWGA Board of Directors/Membership Meeting LOCATION: Painted Horse Parlor II
2:30 pm – 4:00 pm UWGA Board of Directors Meeting LOCATION: White Pine Parlor I
4:00 pm – 6:00 pm UWGA Membership Meeting LOCATION: White Pine Parlor II
5:00 pm – 7:00 pm Mountain Plains Agricultural/Western Range Reception LOCATION: White Pine Parlor II
6:30 pm – 7:30 pm REGISTRATION TABLE OPEN; LOCATION: Arrowhead Room

Friday, November 7
8:00 am REGISTRATION TABLE OPEN; LOCATION: Arrowhead Room
9:00 am General Session LOCATION: Kokopelli Conference Room
Host: Tom Boyer, President, Utah Wool Growers Association
ID, UT, WY State Directors of Agriculture Panel Discussion
Host: David Little, President, Nevada Wool Growers Association
Luncheon- Lamb Fajita Buffet LOCATION: Sun Dial Pavilion
Host: Peter John Camino, President, Wyoming Wool Growers Association
Utah Sheepmans of the Year Award

1:00 pm General Session LOCATION: Kokopelli Conference Room
Host(s) Welcome: Tom Boyer, President, Utah Wool Growers Association
Utah Representative Rob Bishop (R)
Animal Health/Production Session Hosted by Intermountain Farmers Association
Rex Larsen, IFA; Update on USSES Selenium Research
Speakers: Dr. Brett Taylor, Ph. D. USDA-ARS, Dubois, ID “No Needles Please”: Cost and Effectiveness of Needleless Vaccination
Dr. Blair Waldron, Ph. D. USDA-ARS, Logan, UT “Strategic use of Forage Kochia for Fall & Winter Grazing”

2:45 pm Break- Coffee, Water & Soda Sponsored By: Center of the Nation Wool, Inc.
3:15 pm – 4:00 pm Vet Panel & A; Dr. Jim Logan, WY; Sam Nielsen, Evanston, WY; Barry Duelke, ID
4:00 pm – 6:00 pm Gondola Ride (4:30pm & 5pm Osguthorpe’s present at top discussing range, agreement with resort; hot chocolate & coffee served at the top)
4:00 pm – 6:00 pm Bighorn Meeting: Location to be determined
5:30 pm – 6:30 pm Bingo- Hosted by Utah Wool Growers Auxiliary

6:00 pm “Getting to Know Ewe” Cocktail & Hors d’oeuvres Reception LOCATION: Sun Dial Pavilion
Hosts: Harry Soulen IWGA Pres., Peter John Camino WWGA Pres., David Little NWGA Pres. and Tom Boyer UWGA President
Emcee/Auctioneer: Bob Bagley, Producers Livestock Marketing Association

7:00 pm Fundraising Auction- Proceeds benefit the four Wool Growers Organizations
8:30 pm Live Music: Country singer Tim Gates from band Due West
Gondola Ride, Live Music & Reception Sponsored by Osguthorpe Family, Western AgCredit, Producers Livestock Marketing Association and Arthur Feedlot & Rick Haines Independent Ag Network

Saturday, November 8 – REGISTRATION TABLE OPEN; LOCATION: Arrowhead Room
7:00 am Rocky Mountain Sheep Marketing Assn. Board of Directors Meeting; LOCATION: Painted Horse Parlor II
8:00 am Scarpie Board Meeting; LOCATION: Painted Horse Parlor I
8:00 am Lamb & Wool Marketing Trends Breakfast LOCATION: Sun Dial Pavilion
Host: David Little, President, Nevada Wool Growers Association
Speaker: Burdell Johnson, Food & Fiber Risk Managers, Livestock Indemnity Program

9:15 am General Session LOCATION: Kokopelli Conference Room
Host: Welcome: Harry Soulen, President, Idaho Wool Growers Association
Rocky Mountain Sheep Marketing Association Annual Report; Laird Noh, Chairman, RMSMA
Overview of Lamb & Wool Market Statistics; Randy Hammerstrom, USDA Market News, CO
Wool Marketing Panel: Larry Prager, Center of the Nation Wool; Mike Corn, Roswell Wool; Will Griggs, Utah Wool Marketing; Bruce Barker, Great Plains Wool; Dan Gutzman, Pendleton; Other Wool Industry Leaders

10:45 am Break- Coffee & Water Sponsored By: Testing Laboratories, Inc.
11:00 am Lamb Marketing Panel: Greg Ahart, VP Sales, Superior Farms, Davis, CA; Dennis Stiffler, CEO, Mountain States/Rosen; Kevin Quam, JBS/USA LLC, Head of Lamb Division, Denver, CO; Mike Harper, Lamb Feeder, CO

12:15 pm Legislative Luncheon - Lamb Stew Buffet LOCATION: Sun Dial Pavilion
Host: Welcome: Harry Soulen, President, Idaho Wool Growers Association; Idaho Industry Appreciation Award
Speakers: Elwynn Taylor, Iowa State University Climatologist “Surviving the Climate through 2025”

1:30 pm General Session: Lamb & Wool LOCATION: Kokopelli Conference Room
Host: Peter John Camino, President, Wyoming Wool Growers Association
Peter Orwick, Executive Vice President, ASI
Dustin Van Liew, Executive Director, National Public Lands Council
AgGag Rules, Best Shearing Practices and Animal Welfare; Rita Kourlis Samuelson, Wool Marketing Director, American Wool Council

3:00 pm Break- Coffee, Water & Soda Sponsored By: Peak Season Labor
3:15 pm UT Representative Ken Ivory, UT State control of Federal Lands
USDA APHIS-WS State Directors Panel; Todd Grimm, Idaho; Rod Krischke, Wyoming; Mike Linnell, Utah
Purebred Breeders/Ram Sale Discussion with Tom Boyer, Jim Caras & Bill Coon
Open discussion Q&A on operations and future of Ram Sale

6:00 pm Reception, no host LOCATION: Kokopelli Lobby
President’s Banquet – Rack of Lamb  LOCATION: Kokopelli Room
Co-Hosts: Association President’s; President’s Address; Tom Boyer, President, Utah Wool Growers Association
Flag Ceremony & Patriotic Program
Utah Industry Appreciation Awards
Door Prizes

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