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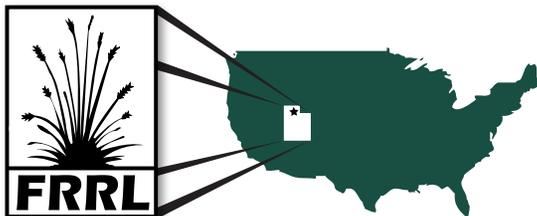
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This **RANGE AND PASTURE MANAGEMENT WORKSHOP** is a rare opportunity to learn from and interact with leading USDA/ARS scientists and university personnel from the Intermountain West as they present the latest information on new plant developments for the improvement of pasture and rangelands.

TOPICS WILL INCLUDE:

- New developments in pasture and range grasses
- Forage kochia for fire prevention, and fall and winter grazing
- Utilizing legumes to enhance pasture and rangeland productivity
- Seeding and establishing pastures and rangelands
- Resources available from the USDA/ARS forage and range laboratory

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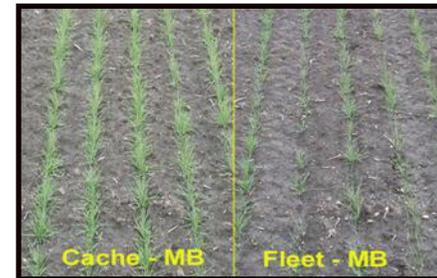
- 9:00 a.m. – Introduction: Steve Lackman MSU Cooperative Extension Service
- 9:05 a.m. – “Research and Development Resources Available from USDA/ARS Forage and Range Research Laboratory”, Dr. Jack Staub, Research Leader
- 9:30 a.m. – “New Developments in Rangeland Grasses”, Dr. Kevin Jensen, USDA/ARS Research Geneticist
- 10:15 a.m. – “Maximizing Productivity of Pastures and Rangelands”, Dr. Michael Peel, USDA/ARS Research Geneticist
- 10:45 a.m. – Break, Refreshments and Door Prizes
- 11:00 a.m. – “Extending grazing using warm season grasses” Roger Hybner USDA/NRCS PMC Bridger, MT
- 11:30 a.m. – “Seedling Establishment, Seeding Methods and Species Compatibility”, Craig Rigby, USDA/ARS Rangeland Scientist
- 12:00 p.m. – “Forage Kochia: Livestock, Wildlife, Reclamation and Wildfire Uses.” Rob Smith USDA/ARS Agronomist
- 12:30 p.m. – Short Wrap-up: Steve Lackman MSU Cooperative Extension Service



Plant materials like forage kochia enhance environmental and economic sustainability by extending grazing and stopping fires.



Using the right combination of improved pasture species provides sustainability through increased productivity and persistence.



Cultivars with improved seedling vigor such as 'Cache' ensure successful establishment.



Selecting the right plants for use on rangelands will improve range health. Forage kochia and Hycrest crested wheat grass showing suppression of cheatgrass increasing productivity and reducing fire danger.

