

MEMORANDUM

TO: Local Ranchers

FROM: Tom Platt

SUBJECT: Lupine and crooked calves, range revegetation, and 5 Star Watershed Stewardship on May 15

DATE: May 1, 2013

I would like to invite you to view range renovation plots on Spencer's Figure 50 Ranch between Ritzville and Lamont on Wednesday morning, May 15 from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. Kip Panter from the Poisonous Plant Research Laboratory and Kevin Jensen from the Forage and Range Research Laboratory, both in Logan, Utah, will be on hand to discuss their current and future research on Crooked Calf Syndrome, range revegetation, and medusahead. They are working on models to predict crooked calf outbreaks and to entice cows away from lupine by revegetating rangeland to provide alternative, high quality forage. This is the beginning of the third growing seasons for range plots seeded at Spencer's, at the Bar U, and at Nave's.

Rancher and farm supply store owner John Pearson from Colfax will also discuss the new 5 Star Watershed Stewardship Program that he and neighboring ranchers have developed. It is intended to assist ranchers in improving soil and water quality on private lands and riparian areas and in documenting those improvements to meet environmental and regulatory scrutiny.

I hope you will join us for coffee and donuts, to see the range plots after two full growing seasons, to learn about new range revegetation research planned for the area, and to discuss grazing land stewardship issues.

A map to Spencer's Figure 50 Ranch is included. The ranch is on Harder Road, 4 miles east of its intersection with the Ritzville-Benge Road and 13 miles southwest of Lamont. The ranch sign is on the south side of Harder Road. Enter the ranch at the sign, drive south about 1/2 mile, and turn west for another 1/2 mile on the ranch road.



Address **Washington**

Figure 50 Ranch: 13 miles SW of Lamont and 4 miles E of the intersection of Ritzville-Benge and Harder Roads.
GPS: 47° 3'10.742" N, 118° 2'46.392" W
Google map: <http://goo.gl/maps/Lt23P>

