

**White Mountains Grassland and Forest Ecosystem Restoration
Conference and Field Tour
August 14-15, 2014
Show Low Arizona and Apache-Sitgreaves National Forests**

Thursday August 14, 2014

Location: Hampton Inn Suites, Show Low Arizona

- 0800 Registration and Check in.
- 0900 Welcome and Introduction of Program. Dr. George Ruyle; School of Natural Resources and the Environment, University of Arizona
- 0905 Short history of the White Mountain Region Forest Ecosystem Restoration. Steve Campbell; University of Arizona, Navajo County Cooperative Extension
- 0920 Decline of Forest Ecosystems; Impacts/Outcomes of Ecosystem Restoration. Bruce Greco; NAU Ecological Restoration Institute
- 0950 The Role of Climatic Variability in Resource Sustainability. Mike Crimmins; Soil, Water and Environmental Science, University of Arizona
- 1020 Developing and Implementing Solutions: The Role of the Collaborative Process. David Tenney; Chair, White Mountains Natural Resource Working Group
- 1045 Break
- 1100 Permittee Grassland Restoration of Invasive Juniper Woodlands through NRCS EQUIP Funding. Chuck Backus; Rancher and Michael Larsen; District Conservationist, NRCS-Navajo County
- 1130 Ecosystem Goods and Services: The link Between Healthy Lands and Healthy Communities. Laura-Lopez Hoffmann; Udall Center for Studies in Public Policy and School of Natural Resources and Environment, University of Arizona
- 1200 Lunch (onsite for paid registrants who selected that option)
- 1300 Restoration Benefits to Wildlife in the Region. Dave Dorum; Wildlife Biologist, Region I (Pinetop), Arizona Game & Fish Department
- 1315 Ecosystem Restoration and Soil Impacts/Responses. Jennifer Hill; Soils Management, Lincoln National Forest
- 1345 Rangeland Restoration and Effective Collaboration with Land Management Agencies. Jim O'Haco; Rancher, Winslow Arizona

- 1415 Break
- 1445 The Critical Role of the Environmental Community in the Success of the Blue Ridge Demonstration, White Mountain Stewardship, and Four Forest Restoration. Ethan Aumack; Grand Canyon Trust
- 1515 The Legacy of Wildfire in Southwestern Ecosystems. Tessa Nicolet; USDA Forest Service - Southwestern Regional Fire Ecologist
- 1545 The History of the Society for Range Management in Fostering Land Management Collaboration. Larry Howery; School of Natural Resources and the Environment, University of Arizona
- 1615 Capnote: Natural Resource Function, Values, and Economic/Environmental Sustainability in the White Mountains: Brad Worsley, CEO Novo Power
- 1650 Announcements, Adjourn

Ecosystem Restoration Tour Itinerary

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- 0800 Depart Hampton Inn; Show Low, Arizona, **in leased buses**. Buses are being used to ensure that we maintain the time schedule for the tour, to limit impacts on primitive roads, and allow participants to share views and ideas while we are traveling.
- 0830 Arrive at Wool House Pasture; Chuck Backus grazing allotment, Lakeside Ranger District, to view grassland restoration/invasive juniper removal process.
- 1000 Depart Wool House Pasture.
- 1045 Arrive at Mineral Creek Restoration area; Springerville Ranger District.
- 1145 Depart Mineral Restoration area.
- 1230 Arrive at X Diamond Ranch for lunch. (lunch onsite for paid registrants who selected that option)
- 1300 Lunch Presentation by Wink Crigler detailing how forest restoration treatments on the Headquarters Ranch impacted the Wallow Fire. To be followed by tour and observations of treatment protocols.
- 1430 Depart X Diamond Ranch.
- 1500 Arrive at Brushy Knoll/Country Club Escape Route restoration treatment area.
- 1630 Depart for Hampton Inn with arrival at 1700.