

2020 Rangelands Partnership Annual Meeting Agenda Online – March 30-31, 2020



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Monday, March 30: [Join the Virtual Meeting](#)

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10:00 am **Welcome** – Retta Bruegger, CSU, RP Chair

- Meeting Logistics and Zoom Tools
- [Bingo \(Corrected Link\)](#)
- Introduction of the Rangelands Partnership – Barb Hutchinson, AZ

10:20 am **Lightning Round Report Discussion** [Retta, Facilitator] – Please view all the state “video” reports prior to the meeting (available [in Box \(under Lightning Round Reports\)](#) and [on the Member Site](#)). We are planning for a lively discussion so be prepared to comment on your peer’s presentations, i.e. a highlight, common themes, question, etc. We may want to pull up websites or other web resources to look at them together.

- Alaska – Jodee Kuden
- Arizona – Ashley Hall, Andrew Briske, Joshua Grace, Ashley Wright
- California – Leslie Roche and Susan Marshall
- Colorado – Retta Bruegger
- Hawaii – Mark Thorne
- Idaho – April Hulet and Jeremy Kenyon
- Kansas – Livia Olsen and Walt Fick
- Nebraska – Mitch Stephenson
- Nevada – Amy Shannon
- New Mexico – Alex Benitez
- North Dakota – Miranda Meehan and Nicole Juve
- Oklahoma – Laura Goodman and Allison Thompson
- Oregon – Yvette Gibson
- South Dakota – Krista Ehlert and Nancy Marshall
- Texas – Carolyn Jackson
- Utah – Beth Burritt
- Washington – Tip Hudson
- Wyoming – Derek Scasta and David Kruger
- Teaching Clearinghouse and HEC Tools – Karen Launchbaugh
- Conservation Effects Assessment Project (CEAP) – Lori Metz, Grazing Lands
- USFS – Judith Dyess, Assistant Director of Rangeland Management

- 11:50 am **Welcome from WERA** – Barbara Petty, Dean & Director of Extension, UIdaho
- 12:00 pm **Break (30 minutes)** – Times listed are PDT/MST
- 12:30 pm **What’s New in Arizona Cooperative Extension** – Jeff Silvertooth, Associate Dean and Director, Extension and Economic Development, University of Arizona
- 12:45 pm **Action group updates from 2019-2020 year** [Livia, Facilitator]
- Marketing & Social Media – Amber Dalke, AZ ([Newsletter Sign-Up](#))
 - Collections & Content Management – Jodee, Jeanne Pfander, AZ, and Nicole
 - Partnership Sustainability – Barb
 - Action Groups Planning ([Join an Action Group](#))
- 1:30 pm **Communication with Purpose: Science for Society Panel** – Theresa Crimmins ([USA National Phenology Network](#)); Elise Gornish (UA Cooperative Extension Specialist in Ecological Restoration); Rosemary Brandt (UA CALS Media Relations)
- 2:30 pm **Break (15 minutes)** – Times listed are PDT/MST
- 2:45 pm **Introducing the Natural Resource Users Law & Policy Center (NRULPC)** – George Ruyle, Co-Director, NRULPC & Professor & Range Extension Specialist (The Kemper and Ethel Marley Endowed Chair for Sustainable Rangeland Stewardship)
- 3:00 pm **NRULPC/Law School Clinic Program** – Priya Sundareshan, Director of the Natural Resource Use and Management Clinic
- 3:15 pm **RREA Strategic Plan Webinar Project Update** – Mark
- 3:30 pm **Adjourn**

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- 10:00 am **Welcome Back and Logistics for the Day** [Retta and Livia]
Special Guest(s): Gerald (Jerry) Perry, Associate Dean, The University of Arizona Libraries
- 10:10 am **RP Business Meeting** [Retta and Livia, Facilitators]
- Report from the Chair, Review of 2019 Meeting Notes – Retta
 - Administrative Update on WERA – Barbara
 - Secretary Report – Krista

- Treasurer Report – Jeremy
 - Transition to 2020/2021 Executive Team
 - Announcement of Location for 2021 Meeting & Discussion of Dates
 - Annual Meeting Travel Awards and Support for Officers – Retta
 - NIFA Partnership Award Application Update – Barb
 - Other Business
- 11:00 am **Rangelands Gateway** [Sarah Noelle, AZ, Facilitator]
- Explore the Website and Topic Format – Kim Daly and Matt Rahr, AZ
 - [DLIOs and State Site Content Update User Guides](#) – Sheila Merrigan, AZ
- 12:00 pm **Break (30 minutes) – Times listed are PDT/MST**
- 12:30 pm **Action Group Work** [Retta, Facilitator]
- Marketing and Social Media – Amber
 - Collections and Collections Management – Jodee
 - Partnership Sustainability & Membership – Barb and Mark
 - Any others identified on first day discussion
- 1:15 pm **Action Group Reports: Progress and Next Steps** [Krista, Facilitator]
- 1:30 pm **Socio-Ecological Systems – Emphasizing the Human Dimension (Special Keynote first presented at SRM)** – Leslie, CA
- [Recording of Karen Launchbaugh’s SRM Keynote](#)
- 2:00 pm **International Range Activities/Discussion** [Barb, Facilitator]
- International Year of Rangelands and Pastoralists Progress
 - International Land Coalition/Global Rangelands Initiative – a New Role for the RP
 - International Rangelands Congress – IYRP Panel and Proposed Resolutions
 - North America Rangelands Paper (status) – Anne Gondor, UA Research Specialist
- 2:15 pm **Break (15 minutes) – Times listed are PDT/MST**
- 2:30 pm **Conservation Innovation Grant (CIG) Grazingland Information System** [Jason Karl, ID, Facilitator]
- Introduction
 - Mobile App Development
 - Group Work
- 3:45 pm **RP Focus and Next Steps for 2020-2021** [Livia, Facilitator]
- 4:00 pm **Closing Session, Wrap-up, Adjourn** [Livia, Krista]
- [Meeting Evaluation](#)

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Speaker Bios:



Theresa Crimmins is the Associate Director for the USA National Phenology Network. In this role, Theresa works to support the growth and use of phenology data and resources curated by the USA-NPN, involvement in *Nature's Notebook*, and a broader appreciation of phenology among scientists and non-scientists alike. Theresa also maintains an active research career, including over 60 peer-reviewed publications. She has written for *Scientific American* and the *Arizona Daily Star*, and she has appeared in the PBS productions *SciGirls* and *American Spring Live*.



Dr. Elise Gornish is a Cooperative Extension Specialist in Ecological Restoration at the University of Arizona. Her research and outreach program focuses on plant management in arid systems. Key points in her presentation include: (1) You cannot communicate well if you do not listen; (2) Your stakeholders generally know more than you do – lets them tell you the type of information they need and the format in which they want that information; and (3) Tips on how to connect with stakeholders.



Rosemary Brandt is the Media Relations Manager for the UArizona College of Agriculture and Life Sciences. With experience in both public and commercial broadcasting, as well as academic publishing, she is skilled in publicity strategy, marketing, and fundraising. Her presentation will focus on: What makes a story newsworthy?; Best practices for working with your university communications team; and Building relationships and tips for working with the media.



Dr. George Ruyle is a professor and Extension Specialist in the CALS School of Natural Resources and the Environment. He also holds the Marley Endowed Chair for Sustainable Rangeland Stewardship. Professor Ruyle is an internationally renowned expert on appropriate and rational long-term natural resource use specializing in the sustainability of socio-ecological agricultural systems. Stewardship of Public Lands Video:

<https://youtu.be/rJufvPRpduY>



Priyanka Sundareshan is the Director of the Natural Resource Use and Management Clinic. She is an alum of the James E. Rogers College of Law and the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. In addition to her law degree, Priya has a Masters in Agricultural & Resource Economics from the University of Arizona. She worked in Washington, D.C. for private, non-profit, and governmental organizations on environmental, energy, and administrative law issues. Priya is a native Tucsonan.



Dr. Leslie Roche is Assistant Cooperative Extension specialist in Rangeland Science and Management in the Department of Plant Sciences at UC Davis. Her research and extension program is at the intersection of agricultural, environmental, and social aspects of ranching and livestock production on California's rangelands and pasturelands. She completed her Ph.D. in ecology at UC Davis and was a USDA-NIFA Postdoctoral Fellow in the Department of Plant Sciences before joining the faculty in 2015.

Jason Karl is associate professor of Rangeland Ecology and Harold F. and Ruth M. Heady Endowed Chair of Rangeland Ecology in the Department of Forestry, Rangeland, and Fire Sciences in the College of Natural Resources at the University of Idaho. He holds a Ph.D. in Fisheries and Wildlife with specialization in Environmental Science and Public Policy from Michigan State University. Prior to coming to the UI, Dr. Karl spent 8 years as a Research Scientist for the USDA Agricultural Research Service in southern New Mexico and 8 years as an Ecologist with the Idaho Chapter of The Nature Conservancy. Jason's research focuses on rangeland assessment and monitoring and the use of information in rangeland management decision making.

