



Western Rangelands Partnership

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Agenda for 7th Annual Meeting, March 16-18, 2008 Tucson, Arizona

Sunday, March 16th InnSuites, Buckley Room

6:00 pm Opening Reception

Monday, March 17th InnSuites, Gold Room

8:00 am Welcome, Overview, and Introductions, Carla Casler, Vice Chair

8:30 am Chair of Western Rangelands Partnership Address, Karen Launchbaugh

8:50 am Rangelands West Website Status, Holly Hartmann

Collaborations & Opportunities

9:10 am ***Content Development Capabilities with Forestandrange.org:*** Kelley Zophy, Coordinator, National Learning Center for Private Forest and Range Landowners

9:40 am ***Developing Synergies with ARS with a Focus on Monitoring and Assessment:*** Jeff Herrick, Research Scientist, USDA-ARS Jornada Experimental Range

10:10 am Break with refreshments

10:30 am State Reports: *Arizona* – Jeanne Pfander; *Nebraska* – Dana Boden; *Idaho* – Karen Launchbaugh

11:10 am Hot Topic Content Development, Julie Conley

11:30 am AgNIC report Mike Haddock

noon Lunch -- Speaker - Gauri Salokhe - ***Building International Information Systems Using Common Standards -- The Global Forest Information Service (GFIS) Example*** 1:00 to 1:30 pm.

1:30 pm Free Web Tools: Google Analytics for statistics, Google Groups, Anne Thwaites

2:00 pm State Sites: Challenges & Opportunities—what can you accomplish with your site?

3:00 pm Break with Refreshments

3:15 pm Topic Groups and Prioritizing Breakout Session -- Finding ways to serve your clients.

- 4:15 pm Adjourn
- 4:30 pm Vans leave InnSuites for reception with Western Agricultural Experiment Station
Directors and Cooperative Extension Directors
- 5:00 pm Reception for AES and CES Directors Meeting, Embassy Suites - Paloma
- 5:30 pm Western Rangelands Partnership presentation to AES & CES meeting – Karen
Launchbaugh, Chair, Western Rangelands Partnership
- 5:45 pm Buffet dinner and networking
- 7:30 pm vans depart Embassy Suites, return to InnSuites

Tuesday, March 18th U of A Campus, Student Union, Tucson Room

- 7:30 am Vans leave for campus
- 8:00 am How do we change, evolve, adapt to the New West and to new technologies? Holly
Hartmann
- Break and refreshments included

UA Libraries Staff Lounge, Main Library, 5th Floor

- 11:30 am Lunch -- Speaker - Barron Orr, *New Web-based Tools for Communication and
Mapping*, 12:30-1 pm.

UA Libraries, Main Library, A313-A314

- 1:00 pm Topic Groups meet
- 2:00 pm Groups Report
- 2:30 pm Break
- 2:45 pm Business Meeting :
 Proposed Charter & Bylaws
 Review Committees and charges
 Breakout sessions for committees to define action Items
- 4:45 pm Raffle
- 5:00 pm Vans return to InnSuites

Dutch Treat at local restaurant (El Charro?)