

International Sage-grouse Forum (ISGF)

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Conservation Through Science, Management and Community Involvement

Purpose: To enhance sage-grouse conservation through science, management and community involvement. At no time in the recorded annals of wildlife management, have so many devoted so much to the management and conservation of a single species – the Greater Sage-grouse. The species is indicative of the health of the sagebrush ecosystem on which many depend. The ISGF will highlight the magnitude and resolve of on-going range wide partnerships, and identify opportunities to further advance species conservation through science, management, and local community involvement.

When: November 13-14, 2014. The Forum will begin at 8:00 am, Thursday, November 13 and conclude at 4:00pm, Friday November 14th, 2014

Where: Radisson Inn Downtown, 215 West South Temple, Salt Lake City, UT. 84101, US
A block of rooms has been reserved under Sage-grouse Forum.

Who: Landowners, local sage-grouse working group members, federal, state, and private sage-grouse conservation partners, industry, elected officials, county and community planners.

Registration: to register for the ISGF go to www.sage-grouseforum.org
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Workshop Session A. Basic Sage-Grouse Biology and Management

Purpose: To provide basic information on sage-grouse biology and ecology for those attending the conference that need this background information to understand other topics being discussed during this Forum. Life cycle, seasonal habitat use, habitat characteristics and requirements, population dynamics, and threats to sage-grouse populations will be discussed.

Date and Time: November 13, 2014

3:30 pm Concurrent Workshops

- (A) Basic Sage-Grouse Biology and Ecology

Format: Short presentations followed by facilitated discussion

Facilitator: Dr. David Dahlgren, Utah State University

Speakers:

1. Sage-Grouse Life-Cycle, Seasonal Habitats, and Movements – Christian Hagen – 20 minutes
2. Sage-Grouse Population Dynamics – Christian Hagen – 10 minutes
3. Sage-Grouse Jurisdiction: Federal Efforts to Address Threats – Pat Deibert – 10-15 minutes
4. Sage-Grouse Jurisdiction: State Agency Efforts to Address Threats – Jason Robinson – 10-15 minutes

Christian Hagen, PhD, is an Associate Professor, Department of Fisheries and Wildlife, Oregon State University. Christian has been working on native grouse research and conservation, including greater sage-grouse and lesser prairie-chicken, for many years. Christian received a PhD from Kansas State University working on lesser prairie-chicken ecology.

Pat Deibert, PhD, is the National Sage-Grouse Coordinator for the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS), and has worked as a sage-grouse biologist for the USFWS from nearly the beginning of the greater sage-grouse issue in the West. Pat received a doctorate from the University of Wyoming working on sage-grouse ecology.

Jason Robinson, is the Upland Game Coordinator, Utah Division of Wildlife Resources (UDWR). Jason completed a graduate degree (MS) at Utah State University on greater sage-grouse ecology in Utah's West Desert, and has been the lead in sage-grouse conservation for the UDWR for many years.