

## **Strategic Conservation Planning for Private Lands Workshop Session F**

**Purpose:** Sage-grouse conservation on private lands present a host of challenges and opportunities. Through cases studies and discussion of available resources, this workshop will explore many of the issues for private lands conservation. We will hear from private landowners from Utah, Washington State, and Saskatchewan. Then, workshop participants will have the opportunity to more interactively discuss several key challenges in small groups. The workshop ends with presentations from two organizations focused on helping landowners overcome many of these challenge and connect them with resources.

### **Date and Time (will be presented twice in one day):**

November 14, 2014

8:00 am            Concurrent Workshops

1:30 pm           Concurrent Workshops

**Format:** Presentations and facilitated discussion

**Organizer/Facilitator:** Lorien Belton, Utah State University

### **Introductions and Session Plan**

#### **Part 1: Case Studies: Highlighting Success, Challenges, and Opportunities**

##### **1. Jay Tanner, Utah**

Jay Tanner is a private landowner in northern Utah. He will speak to his experience with sage-grouse conservation efforts on private lands, the challenges and opportunities associated with conservation easements, and integrating private lands management with public lands management.

##### **2. Lee Hemner, Foster Creek Conservation District, Washington State**

Lee Hemner has been working since 1999 with the Foster Creek Conservation District on a complex, multi-stakeholder plan to help multiple local species, including greater sage-grouse. Their work includes a Habitat Conservation Plan, significant private/public interface challenges, and a need for adaptable approaches.

##### **3. Miles Anderson, Saskatchewan**

Miles Anderson is a rancher in Saskatchewan, on the U.S.–Canada border. He will share his experiences of operating near a protected area, and working on sage-grouse conservation at an international border.

## **Part 2: Small-group Discussion and Problem Solving:**

We will develop several key questions for small group discussion. Each group in the room will have the opportunity to discuss one of these topics.

- Strategic easement planning: overcoming challenges in landscape-level planning
- Split estate in areas with mineral or energy development
- Protecting landowners who do the right thing proactively
- Identification of coordination/information needs for achieving sage-grouse conservation goals

## **Part 3: Resources for Conservation on Private Land Conservation**

### **4. Rick Danvir, Western Landowner Alliance (Wyoming)**

Rick Danvir has been involved in the management of Utah and Wyoming sagebrush lands for wildlife and livestock for many years. He currently works for the Western Landowner Alliance. Rick will speak to some of unintended consequences of private lands conservation efforts.

### **5. Amos Eno, Resources First Foundation (Maine)**

Amos Eno is the President of Resources First Foundation. RFF provides a vast array of resources for private landowners on conservation topics, ranging from sage-grouse specific resources to information on estate and tax planning, as well as linkages to other conservation networks. Amos will introduce us to the resources available through RFF and other partner organizations. The RFF platform provides an opportunity to scale land owner engagement in conservation stewardship at the working group, county and state levels.

## **International Sage-grouse Forum (ISGF)**

[www.sage-grouseforum.org](http://www.sage-grouseforum.org)

*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 14<sup>th</sup>, 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](http://www.sage-grouseforum.org)