

International Sage-grouse Forum (ISGF)
(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 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 C. Title – SGI Science to Solutions: Sage-grouse Conservation Through Sustainable Ranching www.sagegrouseinitiative.com

Date and Time: Thursday, November 13, 2014

3:30 pm **Concurrent Workshops**

- (C) SGI Science to Solutions: **Sage-grouse Conservation Through Sustainable Ranching**
(*Tim Griffiths, Dave Naugle, Jeremy Maestas*)

Date and Time: Friday, November 14

10:30 am **Concurrent Workshops)**

- (Repeat, C) SGI Science to Solutions: **Sage-grouse Conservation Through Sustainable Ranching** (*Tim Griffiths, Dave Naugle, Jeremy Maestas*)

Audience: Landowners, NRCS personnel, Farm Bureau, Conservation Districts, land trusts, BLM partners and others

Purpose: To engage partners in SGI conservation practices and show new producers how to get involved. Workshop familiarizes audience with SGI approach, conservation practices, supporting science and resulting outcomes.

Content organizers: Dave Naugle, Tim Griffith, Jeremy Maestas

Facilitator: Tim Griffiths, SGI National Coordinator

Speakers:

Tim Griffiths **Sage Grouse Initiative National Coordinator, NRCS, Bozeman, Montana.** Tim provides leadership and resources to conserve sage grouse populations and to sustain healthy rangelands and rural ways of life that support them. He grew up in Klamath Basin in southern Oregon, obtained his degree in Wildlife Science from Oregon State University, and has spent his entire career working to achieve fish and wildlife conservation through sustainable agriculture and to reduce regulatory burdens associated with the Endangered Species Act. In 2011, Tim received the Secretary of Agriculture Honor Award for his work on the agency's major sage grouse conservation initiative.

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCMK6XEERrmsumkbMFe6kCg>

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Dave Naugle, Sage Grouse Initiative Science Advisor & Professor, Wildlife Biology Program, University of Montana, Missoula. Dave is a professor in the Wildlife Biology Program at the University of Montana in Missoula. He teaches courses in wildlife habitat and conservation on campus and his applied science includes all aspects of sage-grouse ecology and management. Examples include his evaluations of energy development impacts on sage-grouse populations, the topic of his edited book with Island Press, and his work with sage-grouse and West Nile virus, an exotic disease that is now endemic throughout the West. Currently, Dave serves as USDA Science Advisor to the NRCS Sage Grouse Initiative where he directs science-based evaluations that quantify the biological response of sage-grouse to conservation to assess program effectiveness and adaptively improve field delivery. Dave's leadership has helped bring unprecedented resources to conserve sage-grouse and to sustain healthy rangelands and the rural ways of life that support them. [Watch a brief youtube video about Dr. Naugle.](#)

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Through a unique partnership between NRCS and the Intermountain West Joint Venture (IWJV), Jeremy provides technical leadership for SGI's conservation delivery efforts and the Strategic Watershed Action Team (SWAT) partnership. He brings a broad western perspective having lived and worked across the Intermountain West – from Nevada, Colorado, Utah, to Oregon – where he has been helping maintain and restore working landscapes for wildlife. Jeremy has been a wildlife biologist for NRCS since 2002, most recently as the Oregon State Biologist, providing vision and leadership for Farm Bill conservation programs delivery on private lands. He holds B.S. and M.S. degrees in Wildlife Biology from Colorado State University.

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- SGI Overview
- Updates on easement programs
- Conifer removal
- Fence marking and removal
- Grazing management
- Predictability