

FRRL Retreat 2011
USU Bear Lake Extension Center
January 24-25

January 24

Arrival: ~5:00 pm

Dinner: ~5:30 pm

Seminar: ~7:00 pm Dr. Doug Lemon, President of the USU Research Foundation

Title: The universe and earth's energy: What is new in research at USU

January 25

Breakfast: 7:45-9:00 am

Meeting:

Morning Session (9:00 am-noon)

Points of Engagement (Jack)

Scientist Presentations (15 minutes/scientists; powerpoints and/or handouts)

1. Research Highlights (2-5 minutes)
2. Important aspects of my research that must be retained in the next OSQR
3. Present and possible research connections for the next OSQR

Note: I need to have information ahead of time for increased precision in recording your thoughts. I would like to have such by January 20.

Lunch (12:00-12:45 pm)

Continued Scientist Interaction (12:45-5:00 pm)

Discussions of the shape of the next OSQR (12:45-4:45 pm)

Objective: Identify definable research areas (5-7) that could be used by Focus Group representatives at the National ARS Clientele meeting in March/April 2011.

Scientists will be encouraged: a. To bring up what is wrong with what we are doing now and how do we get to a better point in the future, and; b. To determine what ideas from our Focus Group could be translated into 3-5 definable products in the next OSQR.

Discussion should focus in what we have learned from our Focus Group interactions and how that relates to the three problem areas (below) that we have previously defined.

- I. Current plant materials are unable to meet the needs of changing climates and growing environments.
- II. Invasive plants, wildfires, and disturbances contribute to desertification and loss of rangeland function.
- III. Current forage production systems do not meet maximum productivity potentials for rangeland and pasture growing environments.

Closing remarks (Jack; 4:45-5:00 pm)

Adjourn



Dr. Kevin Jensen discussing viewpoints regarding the development of our strategic plan for 2012-2017 and our thoughts regarding the National Consumer Group meeting that will occur in Denver, March, 2011.



Dr. Doug Johnson expressing opinions to the FRRL scientists during a discussion at the annual scientist retreat at Bear Lake, Utah.