

**FRRL Focus Group
Executive Committee Meeting
October 2-4, 2012**

Tuesday October 2 (Turf)

- 8:00 am Pick up at hotel
- 8:15 am Evans Research Farm, Millville
- Three wheatgrass species (Joe Robins)
 - New sprinkler system (Joe Robins)
 - Perennial ryegrass drought tolerance plans (Shaun Bushman)
- 9:00 am Travel to Greenville (Stop at Café Ibis for coffee/hot chocolate)
- 9:30 am Greenville Research Farm, North Logan
- NTEP plots (Paul Johnson):
- Creeping bentgrass putting green
 - Creeping bentgrass fairway
 - Fine fescue
 - Kentucky bluegrass (KBG)
 - Drought trial
 - Tall fescue
- KBG drought and salt lines —turf quality evaluation (Shaun Bushman)
KBG marker-identified hybrids and seed production (Shaun Bushman)
USGA salinity field experiment of perennial ryegrass, puccinellia, and KBG (Paul Johnson & Shaun Bushman)
Bella bluegrass study (Paul Johnson)
- 10:45 am Leave for Utah State University campus
- 11:00 am Tour the new USU AGRS building.
- Discussion of action items (Shaun Bushman, Discussion Leader)
- Use of molecular markers on *Poa* NTEP
 - TPI meeting and need or desire for report from FRRL
 - Partnering for seed release
 - Input on needs and priorities, and the funding landscape.
- 12:00 Lunch
- 1:30 pm Travel to Dillon, MT (as a group with other committee members)

Wednesday October 3 (Pasture & Range)

- 7:00-7:30 am Comfort Inn (hotel breakfast)
- 7:40 am Meet in lobby to go to U.S. Army Amory (meeting venue)
- 8:00-8:20 am Introductions, Instruction, and Guidance (Jack Staub)
- 8:20-8:40 am USDA, ARS and the NPA (NPA Area Director)
- 8:40-9:10 am The 2013 Farm Bill: Current Status (Arthur Douglas)
- 9:10-10:00 am The FRRL: Past and Present Accomplishments (Kevin Jensen)
- 10:00-10:15 am Break
- 10:00-10:30 am An Overview of Hagenbarth Livestock (Jim Hagenbarth)
- 10:30 am-2:00 pm Tour of Hargenbarth Livestock Operations (Jim Hagenbarth)
Lunch on the Range
- 2:00-2:45 pm The FRRL: Strategic Plan and the Future Projected Accomplishments
(Jack Staub)
- 2:45-3:00 pm Group Discussion: Thoughts on Engagement (Jack Staub)
- 3:00-3:15 pm Break
- 3:15-4:45 pm Group Discussion (Executive Committee)
- 4:45-6:00 pm Meeting Summary, Discussion and Assignments (Jack Staub)

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Contacts

Comfort Inn

Dillon MT

406-683-6831 (contact: Sarah)

450 North Interchange: Take Exit 63

Make your own reservations before September (\$77 per person)

Military Armory

Army National Guard (contact: Laura)

406-683-8773

1070 Mountain Highway 41 North

Dillon MT

Executive Committee Members

Brent Tanner (Rancher), Clark Willis (Rancher), Chase Hibbard (Rancher), Jim Hagenbarth (Rancher), Kevin Morris (Turfgrass Association), Paul Herrman (Seedsman), Warren Bell (Turfgrass & Native Plants Grower), Jim Briggs (NRCS), Mike Pellant (BLM), Paul Krabacker (BLM)



Dr. Joseph Robins explaining differences in stand establishment of native grasses having potential for low maintenance turf applications at the Evans Research Farm Logan Utah to members of the FRRL Focus Group Executive Committee and Dr. Larry Chandler, Director of the Northern Plains Area of the Agricultural Research Service.



FRRL Executive Committee member Mr. Brent Tanner, President of the Utah Cattleman's Association examining the new FRRL forage kochia release, Snowstorm, at a field trial at Dubois Idaho.



Mr. Jim Hagenbarth explaining the dynamics of his cattle operations to FRRL Executive Committee members as part of the Focus Group meeting.