

Utah Association of County Agriculture Agents Summer Tour

Triple C Events Center, Panguitch, Utah
June 22-23, 2011

Wednesday, June 22

10:00 AM -- In-service Training: Meet at Brian Head Peak 11,300 ft elevation, above timberline. Training includes overview of the country and vegetation/wild flower identification with Dr. Jim Bowns, lifetime range scientist and taxonomist of southern Utah. Travel to Panguitch with stops along the way. For most everyone, the easiest way to get to Brian Head Peak is to exit off I-15 at Parowan, go south on Main street, turn east on center street which turns into Hwy 143. About 15 miles up the canyon, past all the ski resorts and condos, but before you get to the fork in the road which goes to Cedar Breaks, is a dirt road that goes east. Travel on the dirt road approximately 2.5 miles and you'll be on top of Brian Head Peak, miss the peak and you'll be at the bottom of a cliff. The dirt road is usually in pretty good shape so vehicles without a lot of clearance should do fine. See attached map.

12:00 Noon – Lunch sponsored by Western Region Sustainable Agriculture Research and Education Foundation

1:00 PM – Agent Presentations (TBA) Triple C Events Center, 940 N. Main, Panguitch, Utah

4:00 PM -- UACAA Meeting (Send agenda items to Ron Paterson, UACAA Secretary)

5:30 PM – Dinner hosted by Garfield County 4-H Clubs, sponsored by Western Region Sustainable Agriculture Research and Education Foundation

6:30 PM – Evening at Bryce Canyon

Thursday, June 23

6:00 AM – Trophy mule deer viewing/hot air balloon lift off

8:00 AM – Breakfast at the Alton Town Park sponsored by Western Region Sustainable Agriculture Research and Education Foundation

9:00 AM -- Tour

1. Utah's first open pit coal mine
2. ATV trail head native plant demonstration/4-H service project
3. Panguitch Agriculture Experiment Farm
 - a) ARS research plots: winter survivability and forb inter-seeded pasture
 - b) USU Riparian Project

1:30 PM Adjourn/Lunch on your own



Dr. Jensen of the FRRL providing information on his orchard grass cold tolerant breeding populations.



Dr. Jensen discussing how samples of each plant of a breeding population is harvested by a mini-harvester which collects a sample for biomass and forage quality analysis.



Happy beef cattle grazing on a pasture of 'Cache' meadow brome which was released by the FRRL in 2004 for improved yield and forage quality.