



Agricultural Research Service

Pasture, Forage, and Rangeland Systems Customer/Stakeholder Workshop Denver, Colorado

Monday, March 14, 2011		
2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.	Clear Creek	CEAP Planning Meeting Ev Byington
7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.		Planning and Orientation Meeting for Steering Committee & Facilitators Ev Byington
7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.	Pre Function A	Early Registration Ellen Buckley & Colette Wood, Coordinators
Tuesday, March 15, 2011		
7:00 a.m. to 8:00 a.m.	Pre Function A	Registration Ellen Buckley & Colette Wood, Coordinators
7:00 a.m. to 8:00 a.m.	Ballroom CD	Continental Breakfast
Workshop Opening		
8:00 a.m. to 8:15 a.m.	Ballroom CD	Welcome & Introductions Ev Byington & Jeff Steiner ARS National Program Leaders, Pasture, Forage and Rangeland Systems & USDA Biomass Regional Centers
8:15 a.m. to 8:30 a.m.		Area Office Welcome Mickey McGuire Associate Area Director, ARS Northern Plains
8:30 a.m. to 8:45 a.m.		Purpose & Expected Outcomes of Meeting & Overview of National Priorities & Increased Emphasis on Collaboration Mickey McGuire
8:45 a.m. to 9:15 a.m.		Securing Energy through Strategic Partnerships Kevin Kephart North Central Sun Grant Center, South Dakota State University
ARS Activities in Pasture, Forage, and Rangeland Systems		
9:15 a.m. to 9:40 a.m.	Ballroom B	Future of Livestock Improvement Research Mark Boggess ARS National Program Leader, Food Animal Production

9:40 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.		Climate Change Issues & Needs Ev Byington
10:00 a.m. to 10:20 a.m.	Pre Function A	Break
10:20 a.m. to 10:35 a.m.	Ballroom B	Overview of National Program and linkages to other National Programs Ev Byington
10:35 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.	Ballroom B	Results of Retrospective Assessment Panel Jim Dobrowolski USDA/NIFA
11:00 a.m. to 11:45 a.m.	Ballroom B	CEAP Overview Mark Weltz & Leonard Jolley ARS & NRCS
11:45 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	Ballroom B	Charge to Breakout Session I Ev Byington (2-track breakout session: Eastern track and Western track and within each track several breakout sessions)
12:00 p.m. to 1:15 p.m.	Ballroom CD	Workshop Luncheon Speaker on Global Food Security including US lands in production Ev Byington
Customer Focus Sessions		
1:30p.m. to 3:00 p.m.	Breakout Rooms: Clear Creek Grays Peak Platte River Big Thompson	Breakout Session I: <i>Identify problems and opportunities associated with Economic Viability, Environmental Sustainability, and Rural Communities</i>
(labels on name badges match colors indicated here)		
3:00 p.m. to 3:20 p.m.	Big Thompson Foyer	Break
3:15 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.	Breakout Rooms: Clear Creek Grays Peak Platte River Big Thompson	Breakout Session II: <i>Identify possible solutions to problems and options for developing opportunities and where appropriate convert to Research Strategies and Activities</i>
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4:30 p.m. to 5:15 p.m.	Ballroom B	Eastern Breakout Session Reports & Charge to Breakout Session III
4:30 p.m. to 5:15 p.m.	Ballroom CD	Western Breakout Session Reports & Charge to Breakout Session III
5:15 p.m. to 6:45 p.m.	Pre Function A	Reception
7:15 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.	Platte River	ARS Steering Committee and Facilitators Debriefing (Eastern and Western) (with Customer volunteers)

Wednesday Morning, March 16, 2011		
7:00 a.m. to 8:00 a.m.	Ballroom CD	Continental Breakfast
8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. (labels on name badges Match colors indicated here)	Breakout Rooms: Clear Creek Grays Peak Platte River Big Thompson	Breakout Session III: <i>Review, Refine, and Prioritize from previous day sessions and Identify possible collaborations</i>
10:00 a.m. to 10:20 a.m.	Big Thompson Foyer	Break
10:20 a.m. to 11:45 a.m.	Ballroom B	Joint Breakout Session Reports of Eastern and Western Groups, Discussions, and Prioritization
11:45 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.	Ballroom B	Vote on Priorities
12:00 p.m.	Ballroom B	Next Steps and Customer Adjournment Ev Byington

We wish you safe travels and thank you for contributing to the future of ARS research in Pasture, Forage, and Rangeland Systems

Wednesday Afternoon, March 16, 2011

Developing Action Plan

12:00 p.m. to 1:15 p.m.		Lunch on your own
1:30 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.	Ballroom B	ARS Discuss Workshop Results and Synthesize Customer Problems, Desired Products, Identify Need for Shifts in Priorities, and Organization of Breakout Sessions Ev Byington
3:00 p.m. to 3:20 p.m.	Big Thompson Foyer	Break
3:20 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. (labels on name badges Match colors indicated here)	Clear Creek Grays Peak Platte River	Breakout Session IV: Identify Research Components and Writing Teams for Action Plan; Begin Identifying Problem Areas
4:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.	Ballroom B	Discuss Proposed Changes to Action Plan and Develop a Working Draft Action Plan Ev Byington

Thursday Morning, March 17, 2011

Research Planning Sessions

7:00 a.m. to 8:00 a.m.	Pre Function A	Continental Breakfast
8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.	Ballroom B	<i>Breakout Groups Organized around Component/Problem Areas, Develop Draft Outputs for the next Action</i> Ev Byington
10:00 a.m. to 10:20 a.m.	Pre Function A	Break
10:20 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. (labels on name badges Match colors indicated here)	Clear Creek Grays Peak Platte River	<i>Breakout Session V: ARS Writing Teams Finalize Problem Areas; Begin Development of Measures of Research Progress</i>
11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.	Ballroom B	<i>Component Writing Teams Report-out & Finalize writing assignments and dates</i>

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