



Western National Rangeland Career Development Event

Evanston, WY | Nov. 11-12, 2013

2013 Highlights

Congratulations to all the 2013 Western National Rangeland CDE participants! We had a great turnout this year with 15 chapters from across Idaho, Nevada, Utah and Wyoming. Learning from the pros during the skills training session on Monday afternoon gave teams a chance to sharpen their field skills in preparation for contest day. Monday evening events included the stocking rate problem, an outstanding homemade dinner, and the Rangeland Career Expo, held at the Machine Shop in Evanston—a beautifully renovated railroad building. A special thanks to the city of Evanston for donating use of the facility and to all our agency volunteers who made both the skills building session and the career expo such a huge success! A hearty thank-you to Evanston FFA advisor Brenden Ellis and his FFA chapter for preparing and hosting Monday's evening meal and Tuesday's breakfast and luncheon. The field event caught a wonderfully rare, warm November morning on Tuesday! We had four field rotations set up out in the hills northwest of Evanston on a private ranch owned by Shaun Sims, President of the Wyoming Association of Conservation Districts. We rounded out the morning events back at the Machine Shop in Evanston where students participated in the Rangeland Quiz Bowl. Awards were presented during the luncheon. Our sincere thanks to all the volunteers and sponsors who helped make the 2013 event a tremendous success! Without your time and help, none of this would be possible. —*The Event Organizers: Lovina Roselle, Rachel Mealor, Windy Kelley and John Tanaka.*



Top High Individual
Bret Mossman, Wasatch FFA



2nd High Individual
Bret Kindall
Cambridge FFA



3rd High Individual
Caleb Ball
West Jefferson FFA



4th High Individual
Mitch Royer
Cambridge FFA



5th High Individual
Hadlee Sullivan
West Jefferson FFA



First Place Team West Jefferson FFA, Idaho

Team Members

Caleb Ball
Jim Berrett
Riley Burtenshaw
Hadlee Sullivan
Reily Moss
Advisor
Donald Bird



Second Place Team—Cambridge FFA, Idaho
Team Members: Liza Hasak, Bret Kindall, Ryan Kindall, and Mitch Royer Advisor: Karl Dahle, Jodie Mink



Third Place Team—Wasatch FFA, Utah
Team Members: Lexi Foote, Bret Mossman, and Amber Rhodes Advisor: Malcolm Rose

Congratulations to all other 2013 chapter teams!

Bliss FFA, Idaho
Carbon FFA, Utah
Chief Washakie FFA, Wyoming
Churchill County FFA, Nevada
Gooding FFA, Idaho
Hagerman FFA, Idaho

Lincoln County FFA, Nevada
Long Valley FFA, Utah
Manti FFA, Utah
Ruby Mountain FFA, Nevada
Sierra Nevada FFA, Nevada
South Summit FFA, Nevada

Thank-you to our volunteers! John Tanaka, Windy Kelley, Rachel Mealor, Bree Lind, and Julia Workman (University of Wyoming); Eric Thacker, Allan Sulser, and Mindy Pratt (Utah State University); Lovina Roselle (University of Idaho); Joshua Corbett, Allison Flora, Shelby Irwin, and Heather Hoskovec (University of Idaho Range Club); Chris Aimone (Uinta County Weed and Pest); Amanda Preddice and Jeff Barnes (Natural Resource Conservation Service); Monte Hill (Uinta County Soil and Water Conservation District); Tate Chamberlain and Ty Carpenter (Wyoming State FFA)

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About this Event

The Western National Rangeland CDE is a premier range judging event that is uniquely designed to be relevant to issues faced by land managers on western rangelands. Rangeland landscapes dominate Western North America and yet most people who live near, or even on rangelands know little about the resources they provide or the principles of their management.

This hands-on event has a contemporary field component with five categories: 1) plant identification and ecological site description, 2) rangeland management, 3) habitat evaluation for domestic grazers, 4) habitat evaluation for wildlife, and 5) stocking rate and management recommendations. Students also participate in a rangeland career exploration activity involving direct interaction with professionals from several natural resource management agencies and organizations.

The goal of this event is to raise awareness about rangelands and introduce career opportunities to high school students. Connecting youth with rangeland professionals is a solid pathway to attracting students to career opportunities on the range and one approach to increasing the number of rangeland professionals ready to enter the workforce. Participants can also apply the knowledge they have gained to the areas in which they live, work, and recreate.



Rangeland Career Expo & Quiz Bowl

The Rangeland Career Exposition was attended by nine representatives from land and natural resource management agencies and academic institutions. This event showcases the breadth of career opportunities and raises awareness of available degree programs leading to a career in the rangeland profession. The room was buzzing with over sixty participants who were searching for answers at each booth to questions that would be presented in the Rangeland Quiz Bowl. This year, teams also rotated between a plant study session and a leadership building workshop hosted by Wyoming State FFA. A special thanks to Tate Chamberlain and Ty Carpenter, emcees of the

quiz bowl, and all the representatives listed below. These events are a fun, educational, and memorable way to educate these youth who will be the future managers of western rangelands.



John Tanaka and Bree Lind
University of Wyoming

Eric Thacker
Utah State University

Josh Corbett and Allison Flora
University of Idaho

Chris Aimone
Uinta County Weed and Pest

Amanda Preddice and Jeff Barnes
Natural Resource Conservation Service
(NRCS)

Monte Hill
Uinta County Soil and Water Conservation
District (SWCD)

Tate Chamberlain and Ty Carpenter
Wyoming State FFA



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