

Adaptive Grazing Management Stakeholder Meeting – Draft Agenda
Tuesday, April 26, 2016
Shortgrass Steppe Research and Education Center, Nunn, CO

- 9:00 – 9:10 Introductions and Updates to Stakeholder Group Membership (Derner)
- Introduction of new CPER technician Melissa Johnston
 - Update on CSU Extension Representative
- 9:10 – 9:25 Overview of Stakeholder Interviews (Wilmer)
- 9:25 – 11:00 Facilitated Discussion: Project review, roles of stakeholders and uncertainties in how the system works
Recommendations for data presentation/working with data/learning opportunities
Issues pertaining to meeting facilitation, “playing the game” and group dynamics
Ecological learning with specific focus on “Speed of rotation” questionnaire/discussion
- 11:00 – 11:20 Recap of Decisions made at January 2016 meeting (Augustine)
- Drafted grazing sequence and triggers for moving cattle between pastures
 - Ridgeline, Elm, South, Crossroads, Hilltank, Highway, Snowfence, Headquarters (10 days at end of grazing season)
 - Rest: Saltflat and Nighthawk
 - Triggers:
 - VOR of 450 lbs/acre for Loamy
 - VOR of 500 lbs/acre for mixed
 - VOR of 550 lbs/acre for Sandy
 - NOTE: if 75% or less of normal precipitation by June 15, then thresholds moved to drought threshold levels of:
 - VOR of 300 lbs/acre for Loamy
 - VOR of 400 lbs/acre for mixed
 - VOR of 450 lbs/acre for Sandy
 - Increase stocking rate by 5%
 - Photomonitoring points – need written protocol using GrassSnap App (Nick & Melissa)
 - Proposed refinements to animal behavior triggers (CPER crew)
- 11:20 – 11:30 Seasonal weather/climate predictions (Derner)
- Outlooks for precipitation and temperature
 - Drought outlook
- 11:30 – 12:00 Forage Calculator scenarios – update with drought runs (Augustine)
- 12:00 – 1:00 Lunch
- 1:00 – 2:30 Finalize plans for 2016 Grazing Season
- Comments/questions/discussion based on “Speed of Rotation” questionnaire

Any proposed modifications to the January meeting draft plan

Thresholds

Sequence

Stocking rate

Open time for stakeholder feedback on project operations moving forward (future opportunities for group learning, and engagement with project scientists)

2:30 – 4:00 Optional field visit to Ridgeline and Elm