

Conservation the Idaho Way

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IDAHO SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION COMMISSION

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VOLUNTARY CONSERVATION PROGRESS, INNOVATIONS, OPPORTUNITIES SHOWCASED IN THE OWYHEES OCTOBER 23-24

The Idaho Rangeland Resource Commission invites conservation partners to attend the Owyhee Research & Restoration Roundup October 23-24th. The Roundup will explore connections between ground-breaking research, restoration, and range management.



MARSING, Idaho – The first-ever Owyhee Research and Restoration Roundup, will be held Oct. 23-24 in Marsing. Conservation partners, including the Owyhee Initiative, The Nature Conservancy, the University of Idaho Rangeland Center, Owyhee County Extension, and the Idaho Rangeland Resource Commission have teamed up to showcase where science meets “boots-on-the-ground” restoration efforts.

The two-day program will showcase ground-breaking research projects underway in the Owyhee region and highlight innovations applied on private and public rangeland through restoration and conservation efforts. Ranchers and land managers are invited to learn about conservation projects and available funding options.

Cost to attend the forum and field tour is \$25 (\$15 single day) and includes lunch. Ranchers, landowners and the general public are welcome to attend; students

will be admitted at no charge if pre-registered. Register by Oct. 20 at www.owyheeroundup.org.

On Wednesday, Oct. 23, a forum will be held from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the American Legion Community Hall in Marsing. A diverse speaker lineup will present key findings on research projects, including the changing role of fire in the Owyhees, sage-grouse studies and trends, redband trout restoration, and the economics of rangeland restoration.

A field tour on Thursday, Oct. 24 will give participants a first-hand look at a few local research, restoration and conservation projects.

There will be three stops on the tour:

- John Romero’s ranch to view restoration projects and discuss sage-grouse census techniques.

- Reynolds Creek Watershed projects highlighted by researchers of the Agricultural Research Service.

- Owyhee County Commissioner Jerry Hoagland’s ranch to view sage-grouse and redband trout restoration projects with Trout Unlimited and discuss juniper control techniques with Dave Bunker.

Full program and registration at <http://owyheeroundup.org> or contact Owyhee County Extension, 208-896-4104.

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