



Western National Rangeland Career Development Event

Brigham City, Utah—Nov. 7-8, 2011

Congratulations to all the 2011 Western National Rangeland CDE participants! We had a great showing this year with 16 high ranking chapters from four western states. We started out on Monday afternoon with a skills training session out at Antelope Island State Park. A special thanks to all the agency volunteers who made training a huge success! The evening events included the stocking rate problem followed by a great homemade dinner hosted by Box Elder FFA and a fun night hosted by Utah FFA. The weather held out for the field event on Tuesday morning and the sun brought some welcome warmth midway. We rounded out the afternoon at the Bear Lake Migratory Bird Refuge Visitor's Center with the Rangeland Career Expo. Here students rotated through 11 booths to learn more about career opportunities and search for clues to questions that followed in the Rangeland Quiz Bowl. Awards were presented at a luncheon at Maddox Ranch House that came with a hot meal and great view of the surrounding landscape. Thanks to the efforts of all the volunteers who made this event a success! —*The Event Organizers, Mindy Pratt & Lovina Roselle*



*Top High Individual
Clint Clifford, Hagerman FFA*



*2nd High Individual
Tanner Fannesbeck
Rigby FFA*



*3rd High Individual
Mark Nebeker
Kuna FFA*



*4th High Individual
Maggie Brown
Gooding FFA*



*5th High Individual
Seth Peterson
Chief Washakie FFA*



*First Place Team
Hagerman FFA, Idaho*

Team Members
Xavier Strict
Clint Clifford
Landon Goolsby
Austin DeWolfe

Advisor
Daniel Knapp



*Second Place Team—Kuna FFA, Idaho
Team Members: Maggie Reynolds, Mark Nebeker
Henry Wilson, Chris Ball Advisor: Shawn Dygert*



*Third Place Team—Rigby FFA, Idaho
Team Members: Tanner Fannesbeck, Josh Haymore
Scott Monson, Jessica Zachek Advisor: Jon Hogge*

Congratulations to all the 2011 participating teams!

Carbon FFA, Utah
Chief Washakie FFA, Wyoming
Gooding FFA, Idaho
Long Valley FFA, Utah
Manila FFA, Utah
Manti FFA, Utah

Richfield FFA, Utah
Sky View FFA, Utah
Ten Sleep FFA, Wyoming
Wells FFA, Nevada
Wendell FFA, Idaho

A special thank-you to our volunteers! John Pratt (Utah DWR, retired); Susie Pratt; George Cook (NRCS, retired); Dana Truman (BLM); Jeff Barnes (NRCS); Shane Green (NRCS); Jolene Rose (Utah State Parks); Wayne Burrell (Box Elder FFA); Kathi Stopher (USFWS); Brett Evans (Utah FFA Executive Secretary); Conner White, Allison Flora, Joe Hale (University of Idaho Range Club)

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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 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 11 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 as 70 participants searched for answers for questions that followed in the Rangeland Quiz Bowl. A special thanks to Shane Green, emcee 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.



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