

Grazing Response Index (GRI) Workshop

Training for grazing management specialists on the Grazing Response Index (GRI) method

The GRI is a science based tool developed in the United States, tested and promoted in central British Columbia, and recently tested in Saskatchewan and Manitoba. This tool facilitates decision making with a focus on achieving beneficial use of forage while maintaining vigorous plants. The tool is can be easily understood by producers to foster appropriate management of rangelands and assist industry and science communities to communicate about plant responses in rangeland environments.



When: October 21st , 2013

**Where: Cafeteria Board Room, Lethbridge Research Station,
Lethbridge, AB.**

Time: 8:30 AM – 5 PM

Cost: No charge.

Registration Contact: Kerry LaForge

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Guest Speaker: Dr. L. Roy Roath, Colorado State University

- Roy Roath has worked tirelessly to help land managers improve rangeland resources throughout the west and internationally since 1974 as a teacher, researcher and mentor to ranchers and conservationists interested in improving species diversity, watershed function, wildlife habitat and ranch profitability.

- He is a founding member of the Colorado Integrated Resource Management program and helped to develop a rancher cooperator model to demonstrate how ranchers could use a resource based approach to improve ranch profits.

- He has also developed the Grazing Response Index to help land managers plan and assess the effects of their grazing management actions on plant communities.

* Space is limited

*Supply your own lunch and snacks.

*We will be travelling out onto pastures, please ensure you have a truck or a vehicle with appropriate clearance, and proper clothing and footwear.

Grazing Response Index Workshop

An introduction for grazing management specialists to the Grazing Response Index (GRI) method

Includes a tutorial on forage plant physiology, growth and phenology

One day classroom and field workshop hosted by Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada (AAFC), Thompson Rivers University, and the Society for Range Management (SRM). (can we replace this entire statement with 3 logos at bottom? The first part is inferred by the when/where/time described below)



When: **October 22nd, 2013**

Where: **Semi-arid Agriculture Research Center (SPARC)**, Swift Current, SK.

Time: **8:30 AM – 12 PM** Classroom (L.B. Thompson Room)

12:45 PM – 5 PM Field (Auvergne-Wise Creek Pasture)

Cost: No charge.

Supply your own lunch and snacks.

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