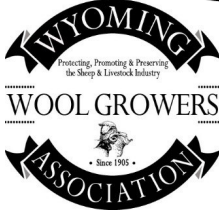

Wyoming Natural Resource Rendezvous Convention & Trade Show



December 5-8, 2022
Ramkota Hotel & Conference Center
Casper, Wyoming

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Convention Agenda

Monday, December 5

10:00 a.m.	Registration Opens	
10:00-11:45, 1:30-3:30	WSGA Officers Meeting	<i>Alcova</i>
10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.	WACD Board of Directors Meeting	<i>Quality Inn</i>
12:00 p.m. - 1:30 p.m.	Make It with Wool Luncheon & Fashion Show	<i>Ballrooms</i>
1:00 - 2:00 p.m.	WCDEA Executive Committee Meeting	<i>Wyoming Theatre</i>
1:30 - 5:30pm	Wyoming Stock Growers Land Trust Board Meeting	<i>Teton</i>
1:30 - 3:00 p.m.	WWGA Officers Meeting	<i>Remington</i>
1:30 - 3:30 p.m.	Wyoming CattleWomen Meeting	<i>Natrona</i>
2:00 - 5:00 p.m.	WCDEA Meeting	<i>Wyoming Theatre</i>
2:00 - 4:00 p.m.	WWGA Wool Auxiliary	<i>Pathfinder</i>
2:00 - 5:00 p.m.	WNRF Board Meeting	<i>Central Ballroom</i>
3:30 - 5:30pm	WSGA Young Producers Assembly	<i>Remington</i>
6:00 - 8:00 p.m.	Opening Reception	<i>Ballrooms</i>

Tuesday, December 6

6:00 a.m.	Continental Breakfast provided by Ramkota	<i>Remington</i>
7:00 a.m.	Registration Opens	
7:00 a.m.	Joint Leadership Breakfast (WACD, WWGA, WSGLT, WSGA, WNRF)	<i>Teton</i>
8:30 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.	Progressive Resource Manager Forum Four tracks – WWGA, WSGA, WACD, Similar Topics See page 8	

12:30 p.m.	<p>Luncheon <i>Ballrooms</i> Welcome --Todd Heward, WACD President --Mike Curuchet, WWGA President --David Kane—WSGA President</p> <p>Luncheon Speaker: First Lady Jennie Gordon</p>
2:00 p.m.	<p>Opening General Session <i>Ballrooms</i></p> <p>Farm Credit Services of America - Sponsor Remarks</p> <p>USDA --Robert Bonnie Undersecretary for Farm Production & Conservation --Astrid Martinez Director, Conservation Planning & Technical Assistance, NRCS</p>
3:30 p.m.	<p>Break – <i>Please visit our Trade Show Vendors</i></p>
3:45 p.m.	<p>Cont. Opening General Session <i>Ballrooms</i> DC Updates --Sigrid Johannes, Associate Director, Government Affairs & Federal Lands, PLC & NCBA --Ray Ledgerwood, NACD</p> <p>Wyoming Collaborative for Healthy Soils Overview --Liana Boggs Lynch, Ph.D., University of Wyoming</p> <p>UW Update --Barbara Rasco, Dean, College of Agriculture</p> <p>GrowinG Internship Program --John Hewlett, UW College of Agriculture</p> <p>UW Ranch Camp --UW Extension</p>
6:00 p.m.	<p>Social, Banquet and Entertainment <i>Ballrooms</i> Cowboy Music and Poetry of the American West --Brenn Hill & Andy Nelson</p>

Wednesday, December 7

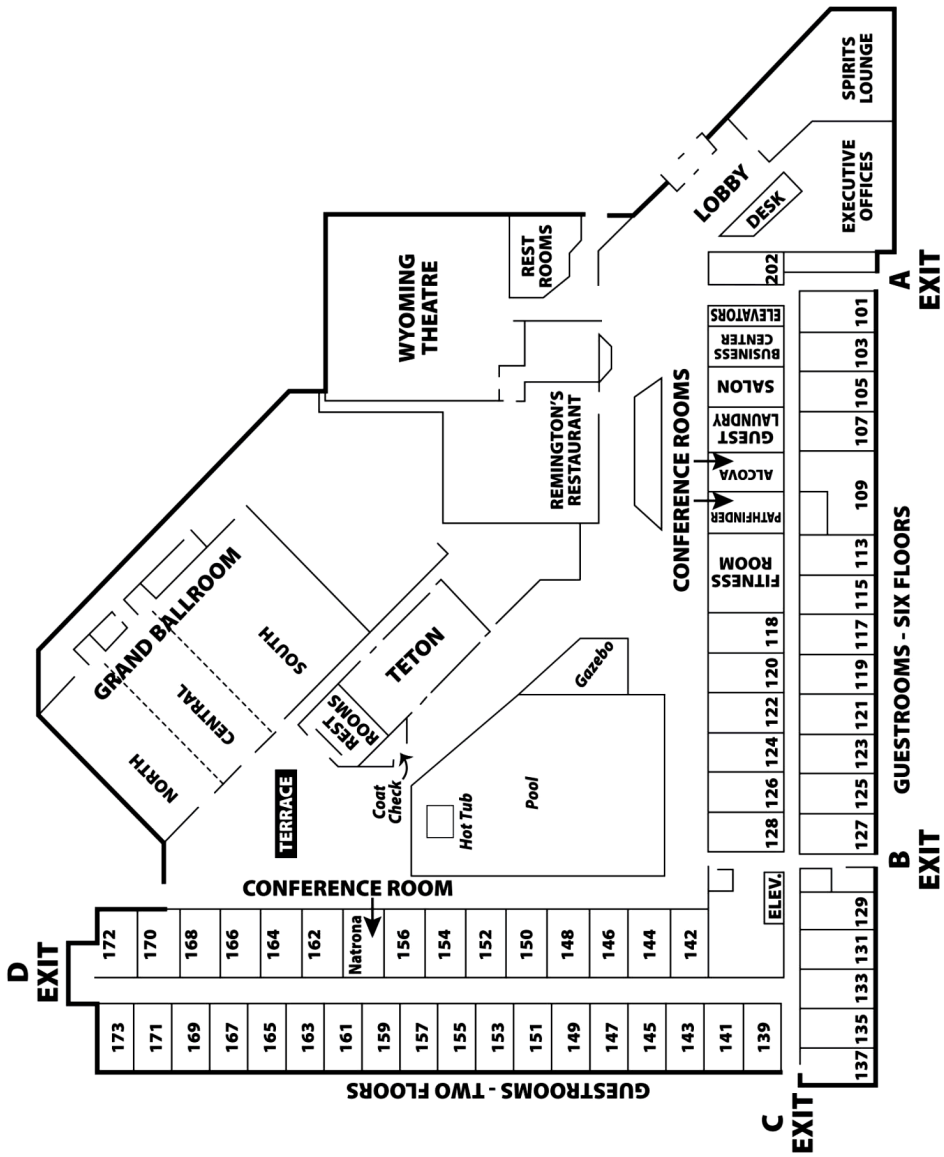
6:15 a.m.	WSGA Officers, Past Presidents & Committee Chairs	<i>Teton</i>
6:30 a.m.	Breakfast Buffet	<i>Ballrooms</i>
7:00 a.m.	Registration Opens	
7:45 a.m.	General Session Congressional Delegation Newly Elected State Leadership	<i>Ballrooms</i>
9:15 - 11:00 a.m.	Committee Meetings WSGA/WACD/WWGA Joint Federal Lands WSGA Ag Finance and Tax WSGA Promotion & Enhancement WACD District Operations & Education WWGA Ram Sale	<i>Wyoming Theatre</i> <i>Teton</i> <i>Natrona</i> <i>North Ballroom</i> <i>Pathfinder</i>
11:30 a.m.	Awards Luncheon Access Yes Program - Wyoming Game & Fish Law Enforcement Officers - Wyoming Livestock Board WACD Awards	<i>Ballrooms</i>
1:45 - 3:30 p.m.	Committee Meetings WSGA/WACD/WWGA Joint Water WSGA Private & State Lands WSGA Livestock Health & Production WACD Conservation Forestry WWGA Ewe Sale	<i>Wyoming Theatre</i> <i>North Ballroom</i> <i>Teton</i> <i>Natrona</i> <i>Pathfinder</i>
3:45 - 5:00 p.m.	Committee Meetings WSGA/WACD/WWGA Joint Wildlife WSGA Brand WSGA Marketing, Transportation & Labor WWGA Policy	<i>Wyoming Theatre</i> <i>North Ballroom</i> <i>Teton</i> <i>Pathfinder</i>
6:00 - 9:00 p.m.	Reception Buffet and Live & Silent Auction Reception Speaker: Governor Mark Gordon Joint Auction Raffle Drawings	<i>Ballrooms</i>

Thursday, December 8

6:00 a.m.	WSGA Resolutions Committee	<i>Teton</i>
7:00 a.m.	Registration Opens	
7:00 a.m.	Legislative Breakfast Key Legislators (<i>invited</i>)	<i>Ballrooms</i>
9:00 - 11:00 a.m.	WSGA Business Meeting	<i>South Ballroom</i>
9:00 - 11:00 a.m.	WACD Business Meeting	<i>Wyoming Theatre</i>
9:00 - 11:00 a.m.	WWGA Business Meeting	<i>Teton</i>
11:00 a.m.	Convention Adjourns	

Thank you for attending!





PROGRESSIVE RESOURCE MANAGER FORUM

8:30-9:15

Concurrent Sessions:

WSGA	WACD	WWGA	SIMILAR TOPICS
Session 1 Title: “Adjusting Herd Size in Response to Drought—Downsizing & Re-building	Session 2 Title: GIS Needs and Future Opportunities for Conservation Districts	Session 3 Title: Grazing Science—“Time” for Growth	Session 4 Title: Ranching & Wildlife—Challenges & Opportunities
Wyoming Theatre	North Ballroom	Natrona	Teton
Moderator: Pat Cullen, WSGA	Moderator: Russ Dwyer, WACD Board	Moderator: Brian Sebade, UW Sustainable Management of Rangeland Resources extension educator- NE WY	Moderator: Jack Berger, WSGA
Speakers & Topics: Panel: John Ritten, Moderator Niels Hansen, Producer David Kane, Producer	Speakers & Topics: Justin Lovka, PE, The Nature Conservancy, Wyoming Office Cathy Rosenthal, District Manager, Lower Wind River CD; Triston Rice, WACD Watershed Coordinator	Speakers & Topics: Matt Goble, UT Sheep Producer and Instructor, Snow College Evan Helle, Montana Sheep Producer.	Speakers & Topics: Arthur Middleton, PH.D., Senior Advisor for Wildlife & Conservation, USDA

9:30-10:15

Concurrent Sessions:

WSGA	WACD	WWGA	SIMILAR TOPICS
Session 1 Title: “Telling Our Story”	Session 2 Title: New EPA PFAS Regulations: What You Need to Know	Session 3 Title: Adding Value to the Wyoming Wool clip for Future Generations	Session 4 Title “The Wyoming Collaborative for Healthy Soils”:
Wyoming Theatre	North Ballroom	Natrona	Teton
Moderator: Darla Griffin, WSGA	Moderator: Levi Clark, WACD Board Member	Moderator: Micah Most, UW Extension Educator, Johnson County	Moderator: David Kane, WSGA
Speakers & Topics: Kacy Atkinson, Beef Industry Trailblazer	Speakers & Topics: Laurel Morrow, Wyoming Department of Environmental Quality	Speakers & Topics: Ben Hostetler, Operations Manager, Mountain Meadow Wool	Speakers & Topics: Max Neumeyer, Helen Silver & Natalie Allio, Ground Up Consulting

10:30-11:15

Concurrent Sessions:

WSGA	WACD	WWGA	SIMILAR TOPICS
Session 1 Title: “ Managing the Beef Herd During High Input Costs”	Session 2 Title: Carbon Capture and Sequestration Opportunities in Wyoming	Session 3 Title: Current Lamb Research at the University of Wyoming	Session 4 Title: Colorado River—Water Supply and Management Challenges
Wyoming Theatre	North Ballroom	Natrona	Teton
Moderator: Leif Hanson, WSGA	Moderator: Dave Adams, WACD Board Member	Moderator: Hudson Hill, UW Extension Educator, Lincoln County	Moderator: Will Hudson, WSGA
Speakers & Topics: Brian Lee, UW SAREC	Speakers & Topics: Scott Prestidge, Tallgrass Energy	Speakers & Topics: Cody Gifford, Assistant Professor- Meat Science, University of Wyoming	Speakers & Topics: Chris Brown, Office of Wyoming Attorney General

11:30-12:15

Concurrent Sessions:

WSGA	WACD	WWGA	SIMILAR TOPICS
Session 1 Title: “Managing for Efficiency in the Cow Herd”	Session 2 Title: Soil Health Practices for the Future	Session 3 Title: Incorporating Technology and EIDs into your Sheep Operation	Session 4 Title: “Understanding Selective Grazing and Grazing Management”
Wyoming Theatre	North Ballroom	Natrona	Teton
Moderator: Kahla Mills	Moderator: Coke Landers, WACD Board Member	Moderator: Alison Crane, WWGA Executive Director	Moderator: Sage Askin
Speakers & Topics: Shelby Rosasco, PHD Extension Beef Specialist, University of Wyoming	Speakers & Topics: Jimmy Emmons, Soil Health Mentoring Coordinator, Oklahoma Conservation Commission	Speakers & Topics: Presenter- Courtney Newman, UW Graduate Student Panel- Regan Smith, WY Producer & WWGA Past President. Weston Borchert, WY Producer and Shearer.	Speakers & Topics: Derek Scasta, UW Extension

Speaker Biographies



Sigrid Johannes

Sigrid Johannes works as the Associate Director for the Public Lands Council and NCBA Natural Resources. In addition to staffing PLC's Grazing, Wildlife, and Industry Issues committees, she works on legislative and regulatory actions impacting ESA listed species, depredation and predator species management, wild horses and burros, wildlife migration, range improvements, preference, and other issues. Previously, she served on the NCBA communications team, where she got hooked on addressing the unique challenges – and strengths – that come with federal lands grazing. After graduating from the College of Charleston in South Carolina, Sigrid did communications work for the U.S. Senate Joint Economic Committee and U.S. Representative Abigail Spanberger. She is originally from Washington, D.C.



Robert Bonnie

Robert Bonnie is the Under Secretary for Farm Production and Conservation at USDA. This is his second stint at USDA, having served as Under Secretary for Natural Resources and Environment and as a Senior Advisor to Secretary Vilsack during the Obama Administration. Prior to returning to USDA, Bonnie taught and researched natural resource policy at Duke University. He also worked with the Bipartisan Policy Center to establish the Farm and Forest Carbon Solutions Initiative. Bonnie has degrees in forestry and environmental management, grew up on a farm in Kentucky and now lives with his wife in Loudoun County, Virginia.



Barbara Rasco

Dr. Barbara Rasco is internationally recognized for her expertise in food law, processing and food quality. She recently served as the Director of the joint Washington State University (WSU) & University of Idaho School of Food Science. Dr. Rasco also has substantial experience in the private sector and with economic development programs across the rural West. Dr. Rasco received a BSE (Engineering, University of Pennsylvania), PhD (Food Science, University of Massachusetts) and JD (Seattle University) and is licensed to practice law. Her research is in food microbiology, food quality (safety and nutritional properties), and process design. She taught in food science, nutrition, and natural resources at WSU and the University of Washington. Dr. Rasco has worked extensively in agricultural and food sectors in both small and large scale operations in the US and in 37 countries improving food security and safety, reducing non-tariff trade barriers and creating jobs. Dr. Rasco is a Fellow with the Institute of Food Technologists and recipient of their Elizabeth Fleming Stier Award for humanitarian service. She is recognized by the Washington State Bar Association for her 25 years *pro bono* service. Barbara has served as Dean of the College of Agriculture and Natural Resources since July 1st, 2019.

Speaker Biographies



David "TEX" Taylor

Tex Taylor is a Professor Emeritus in the Department of Agricultural and Applied Economics at the University of Wyoming. He grew up on a cattle and wheat ranch in southern Montana. He received his B.S. and M.S. in Agricultural Economics from Montana State University and his PHD in Agricultural and Resource Economics from Colorado State University. He started work at the University of Wyoming in December 1975, working on a 6-month research project evaluating the economic impact of federal grazing in the Big Horn Basin. Forty-seven years later, including a three-year stint as University Extension Agent in Teton County, he is still at the University of Wyoming where he is currently semiretired. During his time at the University, Tex has worked extensively on the economic contributions of natural resources such as livestock grazing, mineral production, timber, and recreation to regional economies in Wyoming and the West. Often this work has been associated with policy decisions regarding the management of public lands. In these efforts he has worked with the general public, industry, local government officials, state agencies, and federal management agencies. Since his retirement, he has been working with the Sustainable Rangelands Roundtable on economic issues related to sustainable rangelands.



Ray Ledgerwood

Ray Ledgerwood is a native of eastern Washington and worked on his family's wheat and cattle operation in Pomeroy, Washington. He graduated from Washington State University - Bachelor of Science Degree in Agricultural Mechanization and minor in Business Administration. Ray has six years experience working as the Eastern Field Representative for the Washington State Conservation Commission, serving fourteen Conservation Districts in eleven eastern Washington counties. Primary duties included assisting the Districts with: program planning, fiscal and legal questions, training, information, and communication needs. He also has six years working as the Pacific Region Representative for the National Association of Conservation Districts serving seven western states and the territories of Guam, the Mariana Islands and American Samoa. For thirteen years, he worked part-time as Program Facilitator and Regional Manager Coordinator for the Washington State Conservation Commission – duties included planning, training, and program delivery assistance for conservation districts and the state association, facilitation assistance to NRCS State Staff, Local Work Groups, NRCS District Conservationists for program implementation, coordination of field staff. Ray currently owns Board Works by Ledgerwood, a sole proprietorship specializing in practical and effective workshops and presentations for improving your organization and realizing the potential of its leaders.



Astrid Martínez

Martínez's NRCS career spans positions as a soil scientist, soil conservationist, state soil scientist, acting national Hispanic Emphasis program manager for the Civil Rights Division, acting Arizona state conservationist, acting Southeast Region regional conservationist and Wyoming State Conservationist (2012-2022). Ms. Martínez is currently co-chair for the NRCS Chief's National Civil Rights Advisory Committee, serves on the Regional Tribal Conservation Advisory Council (RTCAC) for the West Region and it is the NRCS Liaison for the National Association for Conservation Districts Diversity, Equality and Inclusion Task Force and Special Committee. She has mentored many employees and is a devoted mom and aunt to seven nieces and nephews.

