**W1198: Socio-Economic Sustainability of Operations and Communities that Rely on Rangelands**

**Schedule of Events**

**Location: Las Cruces, NM**

**Dates: October 15-17, 2025**

**Organizing Committee:**

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**Hotels:**

**Courtyard by Marriott at NMSU,** 456 E University Ave, Las Cruces, NM 88005, (575) 526-1722

<https://www.marriott.com/en-us/hotels/lrucy-courtyard-las-cruces-at-nmsu/overview/>

**Holiday Inn Express & Suites**, 2635 S Valley Dr, Las Cruces, NM 88005, (575) 527-9947

<https://www.ihg.com/holidayinnexpress/hotels/us/en/las-cruces/lrusv/hoteldetail>

**Hilton Garden Inn,** 2550 Don Roser Dr, Las Cruces, NM 88011, (575) 522-0900

<https://www.hilton.com/en/hotels/lrulcgi-hilton-garden-inn-las-cruces/>

**Meeting Location**

Gerald Thomas Hall, NMSU, Room 375

940 College Dr, Las Cruces, NM 88003

**Oct 15 – Welcome** Travel and arrival.

2:00 – Introductions and orientation to meeting goals

4:00 – Research updates

Optional dinner to meet with participants.

**Oct 16 – Meeting Day 1**

8:00 – Optional breakfast and coffee, location TBD

9:00 – Solidification of research thrusts and goals, of research roles, personnel requirements, and recruitment targets

12:00 – Optional lunch, location TBD

1:00 – Continued discussion of research thrusts and goals, defining of research roles, personnel requirements, and recruitment targets, USDA NIFA Updates

4:00 – Summation of day’s topics, and preparation for day 2

5:00 – Optional dinner and conversation, location TBD

**Oct 17 – Meeting Day 2**

8:00 – Optional breakfast and coffee

9:30 – Reminder of day goals

9:45 – Proposal outline definition followed by writing breakout sessions

12:00 – Discussion of grant opportunities and grant writing methods and goals, discussion of target outlets for funding

1:00 – Closing, summation, and preparation for next meeting

1:30 – Optional lunch, location TBD

**Oct 18**

Farewells and Travel for those unable to catch an evening flight on the 17th