

WERA1017 Annual meeting UWyo Sheridan Research & Extension Center
Sheridan, WY Sept. 15 & 16, 2026
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Sept. 15th (Tuesday) Meeting Location: Watt Building at UWyo Sheridan Research & Extension Center, 1090 Dome Loop, Sheridan, Wyoming 82801 Phone: (307) 673-2856

7:35 a.m. Pick-up at Fairfield and/or Ramada Plaza hotels

7:45 a.m. Depart from hotels

8:00 a.m. Arrival at ShR&E Center

Coffee, tea and registration – no cost thanks to the ShR&E Center

8:15 a.m. Call Meeting to order

Attendee Introductions

Review “old” WERA1017 Objectives and what is required to close out the old project.

8:45 a.m. Remote- Administrative update from Dr. Bret Hess

9:15 a.m. Each state represented at the meeting, gives a report on programming in a “High, Low, and Buffalo” format (**5 min. each**). Eleven states have at least one person attending so far (17AUG2026) and they will present first, followed by any states or territories participating remotely, that want to present.

10:00 a.m. Break

10:15 Remote or In-person **NIFA Updates (Dr. Nandula or Dr. Byamukama)**

10:30 a.m. State Program reports (continued)

11:00 a.m. New WERA1017 5-year project objectives discussion.

12:00 p.m. Lunch

1:00 p.m. Chose 3 interstate collaborations for new WERA1017 from the list of ideas sent in by the states prior to the meeting.

Collaboration Candidate 1: Discuss the Don't Pack a Pest for Academic Travelers program (<https://seagrant.oregonstate.edu/dont-pack-pest-academic-travelers>) facilitated by Dr. Farrar.

Collaboration Candidate 2: TBD

Collaboration Candidate 3: TBD

3:00 to 3:15 p.m. Break

3:30 p.m. Finish selection of 3 collaborations and propose a topic for at least one regional IPM outreach or educational resource. Finally, discuss how WERA1017 members are going to do quarterly updates and improve the group's communications.

4:30 p.m. Wednesday Field Trip Instructions

5:00 p.m. Meeting Adjourns and shuttle back to hotels

Approximate time 6:30 p.m. Free Pizza courtesy of ShR&E Center at the Blacktooth Brewery, 312 Broadway – the beverages are on your own

Sept. 16th (Wednesday Morning – Field Trips)

8:15 a.m. Meet at designated pick-up location at hotel(s)

8:30 a.m. Depart from pick-up location

8:45 a.m. Arrival

9:00 a.m. Tour 1 – Alfalfa weevil IPM

9:45 a.m. Tour 2 – Invasive Annual Grasses IPM

11:00 a.m. Tour 3 - TBD

12:00 p.m. Drop-off back at hotel

Lunch (not included) Recommended restaurants:

- The Pony- American
- Cowboy Café- classic diner (the best pie)
- McGregor's Steakhouse- American
- Warehouse Gastropub- upscale
- Las Delicias- Mexican
- Rib and Chop- Steakhouse
- Himalayan Kitchen- Indian
- El Rodeo- (taco bus) Mexican foodtruck

- Java Moon station- Café/bakery
- Midtown Café- sandwiches and coffee
- Pad Thai- Thai
- Frackleton's- dinner only- upscale