**2016 NWFW Conference and Annual WERA 1014 Project Meeting**

**Hosted by Colorado State University**

**19 October (Jefferson County Extension Office, 15200 6th Ave # C, Golden, CO)**

   Morning

7:30 Registration, Coffee, Light Breakfast

8:30 Official CSU Welcome

* Gene Kelly: Deputy Director of the Agricultural Experiment Station and Associate Dean for Extension

8:45 Introductions

9:00 Presentation Session 1 (20 minutes per person)

* Representatives from 3 states

10:00 Break

10:15 Dr. Jason Ahola, CSU Department of Animal Sciences

* Can Beef be Produced Efficiently without the Use of Mature Cows? A look at the All Heifer, No Cow System

11:00 Presentation Session 2 (20 minutes per person)

* Representatives from 3 states

  12:00 Catered Lunch (Stellar Catering)

   Afternoon

1:00 Tour

* Goat Grazing for Weed Mitigation (Clear Creek Trail, Wheat Ridge, CO)
* Pasture Clipping Studies - Intensity and Frequency of Defoliation (Jennifer Cook and others)
* Paddock Paradise Track System for Horse Pasture Management

            4:30 Arrive back at Extension Office with time to return to motel

5:30 Happy Hour (240 Union-A Creative Grille, 240 Union Blvd. Lakewood, CO)

6:30 Dinner, also at 240 Union-A Creative Grille

**20 October (Arbor House, 14600 W 32nd Ave, Golden, CO)**

     Morning

8:00 Presentation Session 3 (20 minutes per person)

* Representatives from 4 States

9:20 Break

9:50 Dr. Troy Ocheltree, CSU Dept. of Forest and Rangeland Stewardship

* The Deep Roots of Grasses: Can’t Live With Them, Can’t Live Without Them

10:30 Presentation Session 4 (10 to 15 minutes per person)

* Representatives from CSU Extension, NRCS, or Seed Industry
  + From 6 to 8 people can present or we can use this time for open discussion of topics of interest

12:00 Catered Lunch (Qdoba)

  Afternoon

1:00 Seed Mix Discussion

* Advantages and disadvantages of mixes
* What species should not be included in mixes
* Possible development of educational materials to help producers make appropriate decisions regarding forage mixes

2:00 Break

2.15 WERA 1014 Reporting and Discussion

* Information needed for 2016 report
* Election of Chairperson and Secretary
* Location and host for 2017 meeting

  3:00 Adjourn

**Motel Information**

A block of rooms has been reserved at the Quality Inn and Suites Golden (Denver West - Federal Center), 11907 W 6th Ave, Golden, CO for the nights of October 18 and 19. A total of 28 rooms has been set aside, 8 singles with king beds and 20 doubles with queen beds. The negotiated price is $109 per night plus tax. To make your reservation, please call 303-231-9939 and tell the receptionist you are with the **CSU Forage Meeting** group to receive the above rate. Please make your reservation by **October 04, 2016**; otherwise, any unreserved rooms will be released back to the motel.

**Meeting Registration**

The registration fee for the meeting is $100 which includes meeting room rental, breaks, tour transportation, lunch both days, and dinner on Wednesday. You can either register by check using the accompanying form or by going to the following website: <http://events.egov.com/eventreg/CO/event.htm?name=northwewstforageworkersconferenceandwera1014>. When registering online, you can pay by credit card or electronic check. The state adds a small processing fee to cover the cost of these transactions. If you will only be attending one of the two days, there is an option to register for the day you will be able to attend: $70 for Wednesday or $30 for Thursday. Online registration ends October 12. If you miss the deadline and would still like to attend, please contact Joe Brummer.

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Jennifer Cook, Small Acreage Management Coordinator, is cohosting the meeting and can also answer questions. She can be contacted at 720-634-3927 (office),

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