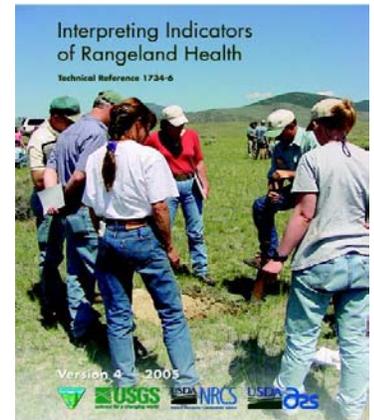


Interpreting and Measuring Indicators of Rangeland Health

May 3-6 2011: Las Vegas, NV
June 21-24 2011: Redmond, OR



What

Participants in this 3.5 day course will learn how to apply the "Interpreting Indicators of Rangeland Health" qualitative evaluation protocol and learn how to quantify selected indicators.

Why

The protocol is widely applied by individuals and agencies to provide early warning of potential degradation, opportunities for recovery and to help design monitoring programs. The quantitative indicators can also be used as baseline for monitoring.

Who

- Individuals with little or no experience with the protocols.
- Individuals who would like to improve their ability to consistently apply the protocols.
- Anyone who is interested in learning how to objectively evaluate rangelands.

Schedule

Each day's activities assume knowledge of the previous day. Consequently, participants are asked to commit to being present throughout the course.

Tuesday and Wednesday 8-5: Classroom/field instruction and exercises including ecological site ID and quantitative methods

Thursday 8-5: Field application of the IIRH protocol

Friday 8-12: Interpretation and application at the landscape scale.

Instructors

Fee Busby (USU) ~ Jeff Herrick (ARS) ~ Mike Pellant (BLM) ~ David Pyke (USGS)
Pat Shaver and Jeff Printz (NRCS)

Cost

This course is being held tuition free for the purpose of encouraging the use of this Rangeland Health Assessment tool by BLM and other federal and state agencies. Participants are responsible for their own travel expenses, including transportation to the classroom, meals and lodging. We will carpool to field sites.

Manuals, training videos and additional materials

http://usda-ars.nmsu.edu/Monit_Assess/monitoring_main.php

Registration and Logistics

Locations	Las Vegas, NV	Redmond, OR
Dates	May 3 (8AM) - May 6 (11AM)	June 21 (8AM) - June 24 (11AM)
Sponsor	BLM National Training Center	
Registration	<p>Note: If you have trouble registering contact Course Coordinator, Don Washco at 602-906-5535 or Mark Harner, at 602-906-5553.</p> <p>BLM or other DOI employees: Go to http://www.doi.gov/doilearn/index.cfm Go to course catalogue, search for "<i>interpreting indicators</i>". Then click on the "Details" button at the bottom of the page. The next screen will have a button "Submit Request" which will give you the opportunity to walk thru a wizard in order to request the <u>Course</u>. Once that is completed, an automated email should be sent to your supervisor. Once your supervisor takes care of that electronic approval in DOI Learn, you will need to go back in and select the <u>Class</u> of your choice (Las Vegas or Bend).</p> <p>NON DOI/Private Sector: Fill out the form found here: https://gm2.geolearning.com/geonext/doi/requestaccount.geo for Purpose, say: "To take the Classroom Course 1730-37 Interpreting and Measuring Indicators of Rangeland Health" for Username, you can make one up (no spaces)...maybe firstinitiallastname (i.e. sclaus) <u>Important Last Step:</u> and then email don_washco@blm.gov to advise him that you have requested an account so he can expedite the processing. If you don't email him, you will not get registered - the process is broken!!</p>	
Class Approval	<p>There are various class registration statuses used by DOI LEARN. They are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Registered: You have been accepted for the class. Waitlist: The class is full and you have been placed on a waitlist. You will be notified if a space opens up on the roster. Preference will be given to federal employee participation if classes are full. 	
Hotels	Hotel information will be sent to all approved class attendees	
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