

# PROPOSED AGENDA for the 1<sup>st</sup> MEETING OF *BROMUS* REE-net

Please direct comments or questions on this agenda to Matt Germino ([germmatt@isu.edu](mailto:germmatt@isu.edu), 208-221-4638).  
(Timing and content of agenda likely to be fine tuned)

This is the first meeting of the USDA AFRI project “*Exotic Bromus grasses in agroecosystems of the western US: REE-net synthesis of current and future invasions, impacts, and management*”

Meeting time: **Feb 23-24**, 2010 (Tues, Weds) 9:00-5:30 on Tues, 8:30- 5:00 on Weds.

Meeting place: **Utah Dept of Natural Resources**, Salt Lake City, close to airport (see map). This is across the street from the Quality Inn, next to McDonald’s. Enter bldg from Temple St and sign in, the attendant will direct you from there. Parking is behind the building.

Hotel: A block of rooms at the **Hampton Inn & Suites** has been reserved and *already paid for* by the grant, for each participant (except where employer’s rule prohibit).

Transportation: Most flights are now purchased by Murdock Travel of Pocatello and we will also bring paperwork to the meeting to fill out for personal reimbursements for driving mileage or other travel expenses. The hotel shuttle and several members of Matt G’s lab will be on hand to transport participants between the airport, hotel, and meeting location. If you fly-in on Monday night, the Hampton Inn shuttle can transport you to the hotel. **If you fly-in on Tues or Weds AM:** we will be waiting for you with a white ISU van, outside the baggage claim area for your airline - **look for the “REE-net” sign** and call Catherine Reinhardt (cell #336-408-3383) if the vehicle is not there.

Food: Hampton Inn includes a breakfast buffet, and caterers will provide us lunches on Tues & Weds at the meeting location, and dinner on Tuesday night. Please let Catherine ([reincath@isu.edu](mailto:reincath@isu.edu)) know any special diet needs, and we will provide a vegetarian option (we’ll provide at least 2 food options always). The ISU van will also be on hand to make a trip or two into town to coffee shops etc.

Contact info: Matt Germino cell# 208-221-4638.  
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Hampton Inn and Suites at SLC airport: #801-394-9400

Telecom Options will be provided to those who can’t be present, please coordinate the hours and style (eg. Skype? Phone, IP on weds) you wish to connect with Catherine.

## MEETING OBJECTIVES:

- Review project objectives
- Share information on participants research
- Demonstrate website and database and obtain feedback from participants
- Discuss information gaps and needed syntheses
- Obtain agreement on focal areas for project
- Obtain agreement on group products
- Develop linked working groups
- Determine action items
- Determine meeting frequency and develop agenda for next meeting

## **TUESDAY – February 23**

**9:00 Project Goals and Meeting Objectives**, Matt G, Cini B, Jeanne C

**Need and Expectations for *Bromus* REEnet**, Michael Bowers, AFRI Program director

### **Information Sharing - Poster session (with refreshments)**

Each participant should bring a poster (e.g., 3x4') that shows one of their research or extension projects, and a list of other *Bromus* projects or focus topics in which they are involved. We also will have a poster from each of the major constituent groups listed in the proposal. Each presenter will have several minutes to introduce themselves, their poster, and any preliminary ideas they might have for *Bromus* REEnet to the entire group. Posters will remain up to help in identifying how each participant might fall into different subgroups within Bromus REEnet. If you would like us to print and hang your poster, please email it to Catherine ([reincath@isu.edu](mailto:reincath@isu.edu)) especially if you will not be present on Tuesday.

**12:00 LUNCH**

**1:00 *Bromus* REEnet Website Development and Use** – Introduction and discussion,  
Sean Finn and Linda Schueck, USGS SRFS.  
***Bromus* Database Development and Use** – Introduction and discussion,  
Sheryl Atkinson and Cini Brown, CSU.

**2:00 Discussion of Information Gaps and Needed Syntheses**

**Obtain Agreement on Focal Areas for Project**

**3:30 BREAK**

**4:00 Discussion of Group Products** - Website, database, syntheses, symposia, proposals, whitepapers to research or management programs

**Develop Subgroups, their Foci and Composition** - Brainstorming session, solidifying concepts on subgroup structure and relationships

**5:30 Break for dinner, transport to hotel, and on to dinner at a SLC restaurant (TBD), 7 PM**

## **WEDNESDAY – February 24**

**8:30 Subgroup breakout session:** determine leads, objectives, identify external participants, develop activities. What are anticipated products, how will they be documented, how and who will track documentation (eg. metadata) of projects, and what other support will be required?

**10:30 BREAK**

**11:00 Reconvene, subgroups present work plans and discuss linkages to whole group**

**12:00 LUNCH**

**1:00 Subgroup breakout session:** review web-based resources and their relevance to subgroup directions, do a trial search for web resources on a subgroup question (Science and *Bromus* locators, existing bibliographies, USGS land treatment database, etc.)

**2:30 Reconvene, subgroups** present on web-based and other resources for their project. Produce a table synthesizing exist web resources related to *Bromus* REEnet.

**3:00 BREAK**

**3:30 Agree on action items,** produce a blueprint for relationships of website, database, subgroups, and foci, to be posted on *Bromus* REEnet website

**Determine meeting frequency and style, and develop agenda for next meeting**

**5:00 ADJOURN**

**OTHER:** We will also have 1) maps of historic and future *Bromus* distributions hanging for you to mark up (ie. true/false presences) to help us envision if a “*Bromus* locator” is a worthwhile addition to the project, 2) a USGS SRFS poster on their science and locator and *Bromus* resources in it, and 3) a poster on the forthcoming USGS land treatment database.

**CHECKLIST FOR MEETING:** 1) Please at least glance through the proposal to remind yourself of the starting point for *Bromus* REEnet, 2) Please bring a poster on your current or previous *Bromus* activities, or email us a pdf or ppt of the poster to print for you, and 3) make sure telecom arrangements are made for you if you cannot be present.

List of participants and availabilities on Tues/Weds

<b>Participants</b>	<b>Affiliation</b>	<b>Availability</b>
Jay Arnone	Desert Research Institute	Weds only, tele tues?
Sheryl Atkinson	Colorado State Univ	Full
Julie Beckstead	Gonzaga Univ	Weds only, tele tues?
Jayne Belnap	USGS Moab	Full
Bethany Bradley	Princeton Univ	Full
Matt Brooks	USGS Yosemite	Full
Cini Brown	Colorado State Univ	Full
Mark Brunson	Utah State Univ	Tues only, tele weds?
Jeanne Chambers	USFS Reno	Full
Carla D'Antonio	Univ California Santa Barb	Full
Maria Fernandez-Gimenez	Colorado State Univ	Tues only by tele
Marshal Frasier	Colorado State Univ	Tues only, tele weds?
Matt Germino	Idaho State Univ	Full
Stuart Hardegree	ARS Boise	Full
Jeremy James	ARS Burns	Full
Beth Leger	Univ Nevada Reno	Tele in both days
Dick Mack	Washington St Univ	Tele?
Jim MacMahon	Utah State Univ	Weds only. Tele tues?
Tom Monaco	ARS Logan	Full
Steve Novak	Boise State Univ	Full
Mike Pellant	BLM Boise	Full
Dave Pyke	USGS Corvallis	Full
Kristina Schierenbeck	California State U Chico	Full
Eugene Schupp	Utah State Univ	Full
Roger Sheley	ARS Burns	Full
John Stark	Utah State Univ	Full

*Also in attendance:*

Michael Bowers, Prgm Lead	USDA CSREES AFRI	Full
Amber Hoover, student	Idaho State Univ	Full
Sean Finn	USGS SRFS	Full
Catherine Reinhardt, asst	Idaho State Univ	Full
Cyndi Salo	Rangeland Ecol consultant	Full
Linda Schueck	USGS SRFS	Full
Brenda Smith	ARS Burns, outreach	Full

