

Third Gunnison Sage-Grouse Summit
Lifestyles and Livelihoods – Everyone Plays a Role
April 11 – 13, 2011
Fred Field Western Heritage Center
Gunnison, Colorado

Friday, April 8: **Special Pre-event Presentation**
Gunnison Sage-grouse Ecology and Conservation
Dr. Patrick Magee, Western State College, Sisk-a-dee, and Friends of the Library
Gunnison County Library (307 N. Wisconsin Street)
6:30 – 8:00 p.m.

Saturday, April 9: **Pre-festival Gunnison Sage-grouse Viewing**
Gunnison Sage-grouse Viewing with Sisk-a-dee
Waunita Watchable Wildlife Site, 5 a.m.
Must make reservations, free, space limited
Contact Sisk-a-dee at 970-641-3959 or www.siskadee.org

Saturday, April 9: **Gunnison Sage-grouse Festival, 9:30 AM – 3 PM**

Scheduled Activities

9:30 AM

- Sage Grouse 10K Run and 5K Run/Walk - registration begins
For more information and to register check out the Gunnison Trails website, http://gunnisontrails.com/?page_id=292
- K-12 Art Mural
- Kids Corner with Face Painting, Crafts and Games
- Sage-grouse Video by Cornell University
- Agency and Partner Booths
- Commercial Outdoor Vendors
- Music
- Art Fair

11:00 AM

- Sage Grouse 10K Run and 5K Run/Walk - Start Time (Dave Wiens, Gunnison Trails, organizer)

12:00 noon

- Free Lunch (Chili and Cornbread)

12:30 PM

- Race/Walk Awards Ceremony & Door Prizes
- Gunnison Sage-grouse Naming Contest Award Winners

1:00 PM

- Easter Egg Hunt

2:00 PM

- Festival Ends

Sunday, April 10: Lek viewing option, private cars (see www.siskadee.org for details)

Monday, April 11: Lek viewing option, private cars (see www.siskadee.org for details)

Gunnison Sage-grouse Summit

Monday, April 11: **Gunnison Sage-Grouse Summit, 6 – 8 PM**

5 PM – Registration

6 PM – *Gunnison Sage-grouse and the Public*

Welcome: Dr. Patrick Magee, Western State College and Sisk-a-dee

Theme: Toward a science-based policy in public land use to conserve wildlife and habitat. Includes a gathering of public land users and leaders from various user groups that work cooperatively with agencies.

6:10 PM— Keynote Address

The American West as Living Space

Dr. Rick Knight, College of Natural Resources, Colorado State University

6:45 – 8 PM— Historical Perspective Discussion

Featuring Roland McCook, Ute tribal leader

Dr. Patrick Magee as William Hornaday

Allen Moores, Gunnison native

Cliff Coghill, retired CDOW District Wildlife Manager

Dr. Rick Knight, moderator

Sage-grouse video by Cornell University, Vendors, Snacks

Tuesday, April 12: **Gunnison Sage-Grouse Summit, 9 AM – 4:20 PM**

8 AM—Registration

8:45 AM—Welcome: Patrick Magee, Western State College and Sisk-a-dee

9 AM—*Session I: Gunnison Sage-Grouse Population Research and Management*

Ken Stahlnecker, National Park Service, moderator

9:00 Update on Species Protection Status

Al Pfister, US Fish and Wildlife Service

9:20 Update on Population Monitoring

Brandon Diamond, Colorado Division of Wildlife

9:40 Population Persistence in Light of Low Genetic Variation, Population Augmentation and Captive Rearing

Lief Wiechman, Colorado State University

10:00 BREAK

Snacks provided

10:20 Demography and Dispersal of Gunnison Sage-grouse

Dr. Mike Phillips, Colorado Division of Wildlife

10:40 Curecanti National Recreation Area Gunnison Sage-grouse Nest Survival

Dr. Tom Stanley, US Geological Survey

11:00 Panel Discussion: Perspectives on Gunnison Sage-Grouse Conservation Successes

Leigh Robertson, Coordinator, San Miguel Gunnison Sage-grouse Working Group

Dr. Terry Messmer, Utah State University
Russ Japuntich, Bureau of Land Management, Gunnison Field Office
Megan Mueller, Center for Native Ecosystems
Dr. Patrick Magee, moderator

Noon—Lunch provided for all participants

Locally-raised beef from Greg Peterson and Kathleen Curry, Pete and Mae Peterson, served by Gunnison Valley Cattlewomen

1 PM—Session II: Gunnison Sage-Grouse Conservation and Public Land Use

John Scott, Natural Resources Conservation Service, moderator

- 1:00 Effect of Human Noise on Lekking Gunnison Sage-grouse,
Tyler Hicks, M.S. Candidate, Washington State University – Vancouver and Western State College
- 1:20 Gunnison Climate Working Group Update
Dave Gann, The Nature Conservancy
- 1:40 Nest Success in the Gunnison Basin
Amy Davis, Ph.D. candidate, Colorado State University
- 2:00 Factors Affecting Gunnison Sage-grouse Conservation in Utah
Dr. Terry Messmer, Utah State University
- 2:20 Characteristics of Gunnison Sage-Grouse Habitat in Dry Mountain Loam and Mountain Loam Ecological Sites of the Gunnison Basin
Mary Williams, Post Doctoral Research Assoc., U. Wyoming
- 2:40 **BREAK**
- 3:00 Candidate Conservation Agreements with Assurances (CCAA) Update
Nate Seward, Colorado Division of Wildlife
- 3:20 Candidate Conservation Agreements (CCA) Update
John Toolen, Bureau of Land Management
- 3:40 Molecular Tagging on Gunnison Sage-grouse
Dr. Sara Oyler-McCance, US Geological Survey and University of Denver
- 4:00 Energy and Sage-Grouse on BLM Lands in the Gunnison Basin
Brian St. George, Bureau of Land Management, Gunnison Field Office
- 4:20 **Happy Hour**, Gunnison Brewery Sage Hen Stout

5:30-6:30 Dinner Buffet

Tuesday Evening, 7-9 pm, Public Session

- 6:40 **Welcome:** John Scott, Natural Resources Conservation Service
- 6:50 **Presentation of Gunnison Sage-Grouse Stewardship Award for 2010**
- 7:00 **Keynote Address**
We All Play a Role: Connections Between Research and Management of Gunnison Sage-Grouse
Dr. Tom Remington, Director, Colorado Division of Wildlife
- 7:30 **Travel Management Update**
John Murphy, USDA Forest Service
Brian St. George, Bureau of Land Management
Jim Cochran, Gunnison County

- 8:00 **Public Land Users Panel:**
Greg Peterson, Gunnison Rancher
Allen Moores, Gunnison Sportsman
TBA, Motorized user representative
Dave Wiens, Gunnison Trails
Arden Anderson, Black Canyon Audubon Society
John Scott, moderator

Food and Drinks, Poster Session, Cornell video, Artists and Vendors

Wednesday, April 13: Professional Conference, 9 AM – Noon

Session III: Sagebrush Restoration and Management

- Russ Japuntich, Bureau of Land Management, moderator
- 9:00 Sagebrush Restoration in Southwest Colorado
Jim Garner, Colorado Division of Wildlife
- 9:20 Responses of Sagebrush Obligate Species to Restoration Efforts
Amy Seglund, Colorado Division of Wildlife
- 9:40 Identifying Greater Sage-grouse habitat using multilevel analyses across northwest Colorado
Dr. Mindy Rice, Colorado Division of Wildlife
- 10:00 **BREAK**
Snacks provided
- 10:20 Good Fences Make Good Neighbors – or Do They? Impacts of Elevated Structures on Sage-Grouse
Dr. Jack Connelly, Idaho Fish and Game
- 10:40 Gunnison Sage-Grouse Habitat Use and Movement Study: The Crawford Population
Doug Ouren, US Geological Survey
- 11:00 Historical and recent fire in sagebrush ecosystems
Dr. William Baker, University of Wyoming
- 11:20 Modeling Management Priorities for Sagebrush habitats
Dr. Cameron Aldridge, Colorado State University and US Geological Survey
- 11:40 **Closing Statement—Looking Toward the Future**
Dr. Jack Connelly, Idaho Fish and Game

- Wednesday, April 13: 1 PM Field trip to Gunnison Sage-grouse habitat, Miller Ranch, new CDOW State Wildlife Area — J Wenum (CDOW), coordinator**
(Tentative – road conditions permitting)