



Resilient Ranch Round-up

Thursday, January 17th ~ 8:30 am - 4:30 pm
Pre-conference Range School - The Resilient Ranch (I)

Co-sponsored by the US Forest Service & The Quivira Coalition
Marriott Pyramid, Albuquerque, NM

As part of The Quivira Coalition's 2008 Annual Conference, this pre-conference seminar will address strategies that can lead to economic and ecologically resilient ranches. These strategies will assist ranchers and other landowners in meeting current and upcoming environmental and business challenges.

Morning session:

“Ranching for Profit: Building a Sustainable Business”

Instructor **Dave Pratt**, Ranch Management Consultants, Inc. (www.ranchmanagement.com), is one of the most sought after speakers on sustainable agriculture and profitable ranching in the world. He has taught the Ranching for Profit School in the United States, Canada, Mexico, Australia and Africa. Participants will learn about the seven habits of highly effective ranchers and how to build a sustainable ranching business.

Afternoon session:

“Drought, the New Normal? Managing a Ranch in Drier Times”

Instructor **Kirk Gadzia**, Resource Management Services, LLC (www.resourcemanagementservices.com) has over 20 years experience as an educator and consultant in the field of Holistic Management®.

Scientists predict that the Southwest is going to become drier in the decades to come. Some say that this pattern is already in place. ***We can't change the amount of rainfall. However, we can make whatever rainfall we do receive more effective.*** Therefore, if we want to continue ranching, we must adapt our management, people, land and livestock strategies to meet this challenge.

Pre-conference seminar cost: \$25.00/person

Register on-line at www.quiviracoalition.org or call 505-820-2544 Ext. 5#.

The Quivira Coalition's 7th Annual Conference

Building Resilience: Creating Hope in an Age of Consequences

Thursday - Saturday, January 17-19, 2008

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Although no one knows what the decades ahead will bring precisely, there are enough indicators to say that the 21st century will be a lot different than the 20th. Whether the concern is climate change, rising energy costs, potential food and water shortages, or something else, the challenges ahead are daunting. One response is to build resilience, which the dictionary defines as "the ability to recover from or adjust easily to misfortune or change." In this Conference we feature stories of resilience and hope. Speakers will explore both the nature of the challenges ahead, as well as how individual and communities have already responded.

Ranching related presentations include:

"Pastoralism in Transition: from Traditional Approaches to Commercial Opportunities"

Maasai Herders John Kamanga and Joseph Ole Munge from Kenya, Africa - The future of Maasai cattle herding will be a modified past with wildlife playing an important role.

Resilient Ranch (II), Todd Graham, Aerescene Land Logic, Bozeman, MT

"Targeting Your Rangeland Health Objectives in Drier Times" ~ Learn how ranchers are making their land more resilient even during dry times. Hear success stories of improved land health, how it was monitored, and the implications for management.

"Carbon Sequestration on Rangelands: Financial Benefits for Landowners" ~ The Chicago Climate Exchange recently introduced a carbon sequestration program for managed rangelands. What does this mean financially for Western landowners? What must a rancher do to qualify for the program?

"Shepherds' Know-How Faced with Globalization and Nature Conservation: a French Experience."

Michel Meuret, Director of Research, National Institute for Agricultural Research, Avignon, France. Michel will discuss Europe's social dynamics and land use changes, the renewal of agricultural and environmental policies, herding schools and grazing circuits.

"Sheep Is Life" (<http://www.navajolifeway.org>)

Navajo shepherders **Roy Kady, Colleen Biakeddy, and Jay Begay, Jr.** with **Gay Chanler**, Slow Food USA, will present this program that honors the role that sheep play in the philosophy and daily life of diverse traditional and indigenous cultures. The hardy Churro heritage breed, brought to the New World by the Spaniards 400 years ago, provides wool for the Navajo's remarkable weaving and meat to sustain the Navajo as well as Pueblo and Hispanic peoples.

Resilient Ranch (III), "Finally, Ranchers Can Get PAID for Conservation"

A new transferable income tax credit in New Mexico can provide landowners with a direct cash payment for a permanent conservation easement on their land. Speakers include: **Sid Goodloe**, rancher, Co-Founder of the Southern Rockies Agricultural Land Trust, **Lynne Sherrod**, rancher, Western Policy Director for the Land Trust Alliance, **Kevin Shea**, Appraiser with Conservation Tax Credit Transfer, LLC and **Ernie Atencio** (Moderator), Executive Director of the Taos Land Trust.

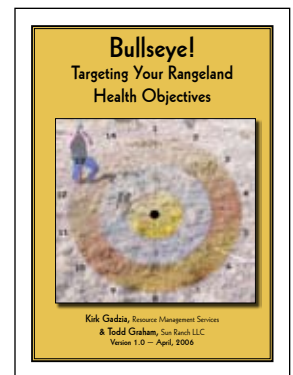


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