

An interagency group (BLM, NRCS, USGS, ARS) is hosting a 3.5 day course covering the rangeland assessment protocol described in "Interpreting Indicators of Rangeland Health". The course also includes a 1/2-day introduction to quantitative methods used to support the qualitative indicators. The protocol is currently being applied by the BLM, NRCS other federal and state agencies, NGOs and private consultants. The course includes revisions to the originally published protocol (Version 3.0: <http://www.ftw.nrcs.usda.gov/glti/pubs.html>) as described in <http://fresc.usgs.gov/products/papers/rha.pdf> and in Pyke et al., 2002.

Participants in past courses have included agency professionals, public and private land managers, consultants, university professors and advanced undergraduate and graduate students.

There is no registration fee. Participants are responsible for travel to Ely, meals and lodging.

For registration (on a space-available basis), please contact Julie Decker (Julie\_Decker@tc.blm.gov -- 602-906-5507). We are tentatively planning to repeat the course in late spring or early summer.

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Course: Interpreting and Measuring Indicators of Rangeland Health

Date: June 22-25, 2004

Location: Holiday Inn, 1501 Aultman, Ely, NV

Instructors: the 4 co-authors of the protocol (Mike Pellant, Pat Shaver, Dave Pyke and Jeff Herrick)

Pyke, D.A., J.E. Herrick, P. Shaver, M. Pellant. 2002. Rangeland health attributes and indicators for qualitative assessment. *Journal of Range Management* 55:584-597.