

CALL FOR PAPERS
FOURTH NATIONAL CONFERENCE ON GRAZING LANDS (4NCGL)
Dec. 13 - 16, 2009
John Ascuaga's Nugget Hotel & Casino, 1100 Nugget Avenue, Sparks, NV 89431

You are invited to be part of the *Fourth National Conference on Grazing Lands (4NCGL)*. The conference is being hosted by the Grazing Lands Conservation Initiative (GLCI), the Society for Range Management (SRM), and a number of other sponsoring organizations. The conference objective is **“To Heighten Awareness of the Economic and Environmental Benefits of Grazing Lands,”** and its theme is **“Grazing Lands – A Winning Hand,”** in keeping with Reno – Sparks location. The target audience includes producers, academics, consumers, government agency officials, conservationists, environmentalists, urban based resource interests, grazing land managers, landowners, and others interested in effective natural resources management. Cooperators are expected to come from the public sector (natural resource agencies and entities), and from the private sector (agricultural and natural resource entities, the farming and livestock industry, and environmental conservation organizations).

The conference is designed to provide a forum for discussions and exchange of information, technology transfer, identification of research and program needs, marketing of products, services, and other benefits of grazing. It will generally be organized into four “tracks,” (1) western grazing lands, (2) central grazing lands, (3) eastern grazing lands, and 4) dairy grazing land management. The conference sponsors are accepting abstracts for oral and poster papers in the following categories within each track:

- Issues concerning the agricultural – urban interface.
- Successful "cutting edge" management technologies for grazing practices.
- Economic/marketing implications of grazing.
- Public Policy implications of grazing.
- The optimizing of grazing land health for environmental and social benefits.

Abstract submissions should indicate both the track and category where the abstract best fits. Farmers and ranchers are particularly encouraged to present. Poster boards will be provided for poster paper presenters.

All accepted papers and poster abstracts are eligible for publication in the conference proceedings. To submit your abstract, prepare a 400 word, or less, description of your presentation, and indicate oral or poster. Instructions for electronic abstract submission will be available in January 2009 on the GLCI Web site, <http://www.glci.org>. **Abstract deadline is May 1st, 2009. We prefer abstracts be submitted electronically.** If you cannot submit electronically, submit by fax or mail. Include your name, address, phone and fax numbers, and e-mail address with your abstract and **mail, fax or e-mail to John W. Peterson, 4NCGL Conference Manager, 9304 Lundy Court, Burke, VA 22015-3431. John's telephone no. is (703) 455-4387 or 6886, cell phone (703) 505-1782, fax (703) 455-6888, e-mail jwpeterson@cox.net.** Abstracts will not be returned.

Notification of accepted abstracts will start in June 2009. If your oral abstract is accepted, your full paper is due September 1, 2009. Maximum length of final manuscripts is 6000 words, about 9 pages. **Volunteer presenters are responsible for providing their own conference travel, registration and other expenses.**

Join us at the Nugget in Sparks, NV in 2009!