



UTAH'S
**WATERSHED
RESTORATION**
INITIATIVE

Statewide Partners Conference
May 31, 2023 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Sevier County Fairgrounds, Richfield, UT
Agenda

Livestream: https://youtube.com/live/K4h_z2uFC7o

- 9:00 a.m. Meeting overview and introductions - Tyler Thompson – Watershed Program Director**
- 9:15 a.m. Welcome – Joel Ferry – Executive Director, Utah DNR**
- 9:20 a.m. Overview of WRI funding process. How WRI projects receive funding – Daniel Eddington**
- 9:40 a.m. Current Status of Utah Pinyon Jays with a look to the future – Scott Gibson**
- 10:00 a.m. Considerations in the use of herbicides for annual grass control – Kevin Gunnell**
- 10:20 a.m. Break**
- 10:40 a.m. Evaluating hydrologic changes associated with Pinyon-Juniper treatments and riparian restoration – Hugh Hurlow**
- 11:00 a.m. Wetland protections in Utah: Are they adequate to safeguard functions and values – Diane Menuz**
- 11:20 a.m. Forest regeneration and understory responses – Sam St Clair**
- 11:40 a.m. Immediate and long-term effects of wildfire on streamflow and chemistry – Ben Abbott**
- 12:00 a.m. Break for Lunch – Provided by WRI**
- 1:00 p.m. The role of aspen seedlings in post-fire recovery – Karen Mock**
- 1:20 p.m. Designing the target plant and a wildland transplanter for rapid plant-based sagebrush restoration – Scott Jensen**
- 1:40 p.m. How to use Wildlife Tracker for WRI projects – Blair Stringham**
- 2:00 p.m. How to use TNC's LCF data for WRI projects – Curtis Roundy/Dan Fletcher**
- 2:20 p.m. Break**
- 2:40 p.m. Low-Tech structures for meadow restoration – Jeremy Maestas (virtual presentation)**
- 3:00 p.m. Sagebrush seedling establishment on the Colorado Plateau – Kari Veblen**
- 3:20 p.m. Utah's Youth Corp collaboratives, new tools, changing capacity – Jake Deslauriers/Briget Eastep**
- 3:40 p.m. Wrap-up, final thoughts, Q&A**
- 4:00 p.m. Adjourn – travel safe**