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TRAINING OPPORTUNITY FOR WHOLE FARM PLANNING

NRCS State Conservationist Dave Brown is passing along this training opportunity for NRCS employees in Utah (and interested partners) who may wish to participate in this whole farm planning distance learning program for agricultural educators provided by Holistic Management International through a grant from Western SARE. NRCS employees must obtain supervisor approval to apply and may do so on government time, if selected. There are 35 openings for this training.

What?

Holistic Management International has been teaching whole farm planning for almost 30 years. In this WSARE PDP-funded program you will learn how to facilitate whole farm planning effectively with the producers you serve. Experience practical outcome-based education that allows you and your educator community to use the knowledge, skills, processes and tools effectively with your diverse audiences and unique work settings and conditions.

Be a part of a Western community of whole farm planning trainers that can make a real difference in sustainable agriculture in the West. This program is all distance learning so there is no travel and you can fit in most of the training on your time schedule

When & How?

Application for this program is due December 1st. To apply for or learn more about this program, email Ann Adams at anna@holisticmanagement.org (505-842-5252 x105). You will be notified of selection by December 15th. To learn more about the program you can go to: http://mysare.sare.org/MySare/ProjectReport.aspx?do=viewRept&pn=EW13-021&t=2&y=2013.

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You and your learning community of other educators will complete 3 online, interactive courses from the list of the following 5 courses. Each course will take 10-16 hours of your time. You will be learning from not only whole farm planning trainers but from each other as you share your expertise.

- On Farm Goal Setting/Decision Making
- Whole Farm Financial Planning
- Holistic Grazing Planning
- Holistic Land Planning
- Biological Monitoring/Natural Resource Diagnosis and Analysis

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You will deepen your learning and application of this content into your key areas of expertise and learn from others with monthly webinars/virtual classrooms and teleconferences. You will also be responsible for helping at least 2 producers use this planning process and will share your work with your educator community.

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