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## CASTLELAND RC&D HOLDS SUCCESSFUL GRAZING WORKSHOP

The Castleland RC&D Council recently hosted two grazing workshops with several partners and made it a worthwhile, practical, "hands-on" type workshop for ranchers, landowners, land managers, and environmentalists. One was held last Thursday in Castle Dale and the second on Friday in Monticello. A \$15 registration included lunch. Sponsors and partners were the Utah Grazingland Network, local Conservation Districts, Emery County Economic Development Council, Zions Bank, USU Extension, both Carbon & Emery County Farm Bureau, NRCS, UACD, and UDAF.



More than 30 persons from four counties attended the workshops where they received outstanding instruction on a variety of grazing topics. NRCS Range Specialist Dean Stacy gave a presentation on the growth stages of grasses and the timing of grazing. A visionary concept of combining grazing allotments was presented by Bill Hopkin with UDAF. Mike Peel with the Agriculture Research Service (shown in accompanying photo) spoke about new salt

tolerant alfalfa varieties and rangeland plants. Jim Keys with USU Extension presented information on scoring livestock body condition. Ray Petersen, Emery County public lands director, discussed land use planning and how to protect grazing allotments under wilderness designation laws.

BLM and Forest Service employees also attended the workshops. For more information contact RC&D Coordinator Wayne Urie [wayne.urie@ut.usda.gov](mailto:wayne.urie@ut.usda.gov).

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