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## NRCS PROGRAMS HIGHLIGHTED AT IBAPAH VALLEY OUTREACH EVENT

An outreach information event, tour and barbecue was held on Saturday, June 19, for producers and Goshute Tribal members in the Ibapah Valley. The objective was to meet during the weekend when more producers and tribe members could attend, gain more information about NRCS Farm Bill conservation programs, and build relationships between neighbors and resource professionals. Melissa Oppenheim, a council member of the Confederate Tribe of the Goshute Nation, said she appreciated the information delivered to her people and requested that NRCS come again to visit with the tribal council and the youth.

The pot luck barbecue provided an opportunity for community members to visit with old and new acquaintances. The meat and other non-food items were provided by the Shambip Conservation District.

An NRCS program followed the barbecue. NRCS Engineer Nathaniel Todea led a discussion of the traditional aspects of conservation using the sacred "circle" as an icon that helps bridge



understanding between cultures. Area I Resource Conservationist Dana Larsen described the benefits of the Farm Bill EQIP, WHIP, WRP, and easement programs. Management and Program Analyst Richard Vigil presented information on the SCAN (Soil Climate Analysis Network) site which was installed on Goshute Tribal land in March.

NRCS Soil Conservation Technician Milton Hooper, located in Ibapah, led a tour that included a look at a Juniper chaining and reseeding project that is showing great progress. The area is currently being rested from cattle grazing, but Tribal

members already have noted an increase in the Elk population.

The accompanying photos show Nathaniel Todea (top) giving his cultural presentation and Rancher Bart Parker (bottom, right) visiting with Milton Hooper and Dana Larsen on the range tour. For more information on work being done in Ibapah, contact [Milton Hooper](#) at 435-2234-1137.

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