

# SAVE THE DATE

## **NCCN-Sponsored Workshop for Local Area Working Groups May 8-9 (8am-5pm) • Elko, NV • Elko Convention Center**

The Nevada Collaboration Conservation Network (NCCN) is excited to invite you and other members of your local area working group, Conservation District, or conservation based organization to a 2-day workshop regarding the benefits of collaboration and community based conservation across the Great Basin Region.

Our primary focus for this workshop is to have representatives: (1) from existing local (community-based) work groups, (2) individuals who might assist with the development of new groups (i.e., Conservation District reps and others), and (3) active NCCN members.

### ***May Workshop Objectives***

- Demonstrate the benefits of collaboration and community-based conservation within NV and the Great Basin to inspire NV public land users and stakeholders, increase engagement in sagebrush conservation, and learn from ongoing efforts.
- Build relationships, share information, and help network the various local area working groups (LAWGs), local work groups (LWGs) and community-based organizations (CBOs) currently operating across Nevada, as well as new groups that may form in the future
- Understand the existing situation regarding the various local (community-based) work groups operating in Nevada – what phase of development are they in, how they operate, what have they accomplished, what barriers do they face, and how can NCCN help support these efforts?

In addition to learning from the various local community-based work groups that are currently operating in Nevada, we will also have an opportunity to learn about a similar effort that is underway in Utah from Dr. Terry Messimer, Director of the Utah Community-Based Conservation Program, Jay Tanner (rancher/permittee) and Calee Lott (SEA Coordinator, USU Extension) from the Sagebrush Ecosystem Alliance.

The Utah Community-Based Conservation Program which is a cooperative effort supported by Utah State University Extension, the Jack H. Berryman institute, private landowners and industry to provide administrative and research support to 11 adaptive resources management local work groups throughout Utah. The Sagebrush Ecosystem Alliance (SEA) is designed to create collaborative conservation by increasing communication between permit holders and agency personnel while implementing conservation and habitat improvement projects.

### ***To RSVP for the May Workshop***

- Contact Chris Rose at [crose@blm.gov](mailto:crose@blm.gov) or 775-861-6480 to be added no later than April 6, 2018
- Participation will be limited to approximately 40 participants.
- Attendees will be confirmed in mid-April.
- At that time, additional details regarding the workshop, including location and a topical agenda, will also be provided.

The NCCN is a state-wide network that promotes collaborative conservation efforts, with emphasis on sagebrush ecosystem conservation and management. The NCCN is focused on standing-up, supporting and incentivizing community-based conservation efforts.