

MINUTES
SENATE AGRICULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

DATE: Tuesday, February 10, 2015

TIME: 8:00 A.M.

PLACE: Room WW53

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chairman Rice, Vice Chairman Bayer, Senators Brackett, Patrick, Souza, Lee, Den Hartog, Ward-Engelking and Burgoyne

ABSENT/ EXCUSED: None

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CONVENED: **Vice Chairman Bayer** called meeting to order at 8:01 a.m.

MINUTE APPROVAL: **Senator Lee** moved to approve the Minutes of January 27, 2015. **Senator Den Hartog** seconded the motion. The motion carried by **voice vote**.

CONFIRMATION VOTE: Vote on the gubernatorial appointment of Celia Gould of Buhl, Idaho as the Director of the Idaho State Department of Agriculture.

MOTION: **Senator Brackett** moved to send the gubernatorial appointment of Celia Gould to the Idaho State Department of Agriculture to the floor with recommendation that she be confirmed by the Senate. **Senator Souza** seconded the motion. The motion carried by **voice vote**.

PRESENTATION: **Idaho Rangeland Resource Commission (IRRC)**, **Gretchen Hyde**, Executive Director, stated the IRRC has been active for 18 years and has conducted education and outreach with an assessment that is levied against Idaho ranchers and public and private lands. The IRCC consists of five members who are all ranchers. The Commission focuses on education, outreach, public relations and research.

Care and Share is an outreach program in collaboration with the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) and the Idaho State Forest Service (ISFS) that educates recreational users about livestock on public lands. The purpose of the program is to minimize the impact of negative interaction between livestock and recreational users which is becoming more common with the increased population of the State.

Ms. Hyde began the presentation by stating that the IRRC was established in 1997, and at that time they conducted a public opinion poll. In 2014 IRRC conducted another statewide survey to determine the public's knowledge and approval of public land uses. **Ms. Hyde** explained the aspects of this survey (see attachment 1).

Ms. Hyde stated that IRRC's biggest campaign has been through "Life on the Range" which is a public relations education outreach campaign. They have over 35 videos on the IRRC website. The Committee watched a video that had just been created called "John Peavy and the Flat Rock Ranch".

ADJOURNED: There being no further business, **Vice Chairman Bayer** adjourned the meeting at 8:43 a.m.

Senator Rice
Chair

Carol Deis
Secretary