



INVASIVE SPECIES

Rangeland Internship Program

Wyoming Stock Growers Association

This internship is designed to offer beginning agriculturalists and range specialists real-world and hands-on experience implementing the educational tools already gained. This paid internship will last for three months during the summer where interns will work, learn, and gain valuable insight from mentoring ranchers from across the state of Wyoming. A stipend of \$1,800 will be given at the end of each month with room and board supplied by the mentoring ranch and the possibility of 1-3 credit hours. Students are responsible for working with their advisor/professor to obtain credit hours. Sophomore, Junior, Senior or Grad students majoring in any natural resource related field are encouraged to apply for this opportunity.

Program Goals

The internship program seeks to bring an on-the-ground focus to actions that halt the expansion of invasive plant species and recover native rangeland habitats. The program will accomplish this in three ways: 1) Identify and provide additional workforce to landowners who have demonstrated a commitment to control and eradication of invasive species; 2) Provide practical experience in addressing invasive species issues to college students engaged in rangeland management disciplines; 3) Publicize these efforts in a manner that motivates other landowners to commit to invasive species eradication.

The selected interns will be required to engage in daily ranch work with a focus on those activities that impact the management of the vegetative resource including invasive species. These activities may include direct control actions on invasives and the management of livestock under systems that foster strengthening native vegetation while discouraging the spread of invasives.

The mentor ranchers will be required to commit to a protocol that includes engaging the interns in both the physical activities and the decision making that relates to managing a healthy rangeland and eradicating or controlling the spread of invasives.

The interns will be required to submit weekly reports to WSGA outlining their learning experiences, in particular those related to invasive species management. These reports will be posted on the WSGA's blog and social media pages. Interns will also be required to attend the WSGA Environmental Stewardship Tour and to participate in any additional activities related to invasives management that may occur during the term of the internship.

To apply:

Please fill out this form if you are interested in mentoring an intern for the current year and send to:
Wyoming Stock Growers Assn. Attn: Rangeland Internship Program, P.O. Box 206, Cheyenne, WY
82003 or info@wysga.org

Rangeland Internship Program Mentor Application

Please Print or Type

Date: _____ Ranch/Operation Name: _____

Mentor(s) /Operator(s) Names:

Main Contact: _____ Phone Number: _____

Address: _____ Zip Code: _____

Email address: _____

Driving directions to the operation:

Name and number of person to be contacted in case of emergency:

Describe your operation:

What natural resource practices of managing a healthy rangeland and eradicating or controlling the spread of invasive species do you implement on your ranch that the Rangeland Internship Program intern(s) will benefit from for the duration of the internship? :

Please give an estimated start date that works for your operation to start the internship. (We ask no dates later than June 1st):

- **Please note that the program duration is 3 months.**

Please detail the housing situation for intern(s) for the duration of the internship:

Please list the items that intern(s) will be responsible to bring on their own or is recommended for the internship (ex: saddle, towels, hiking boots, etc.)

Availability of access to washer and dryer for the duration of the internship: **YES / NO**

Availability of internet access (Intern(s) will be required to email weekly work/learning summaries to Olivia Sanchez at the end of each week.): **YES / NO**

Do you understand that this internship's sole purpose is to educate student intern(s) in various aspects of resource management relating to livestock, resource and land management and that while ranch related work will happen it will not overtake the learning experience for the 3 month period. **YES / NO**

I certify that the information contained in this application is true and correct. I acknowledge that if I am unable to take the intern(s) for any reason and/or create a learning environment, I must inform the Wyoming Stock Growers Association office at (307) 638-3942.

Signature

Date

Please send to:

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