



## Young Farmers & Ranchers Conference

### *Learning from the Past to Build the Future*

Agenda

January 20-21, 2023

Sublette County Library in Pinedale, WY  
Conference updates at [www.wyfb.org](http://www.wyfb.org)

### **Friday, January 20, 2023**

9:00AM Registration / Check-In at the Sublette County Library in Pinedale

9:35AM Depart for Mountain Man Museum

9:30AM-12:15PM **Mountain Man Museum Tour and Service Project**

*Lunch provided for tour attendees*

**Museum (9:45AM-10:45AM):** *In the 1820s and 1830s, young men based out of St. Louis came to the wild and mysterious Rocky Mountains to trap beaver to supply the high fashion hat industry. A thousand miles from home, they were the first non-natives to live year-round in the mountains. These mountain men led lives of adventure, danger, freedom and self-reliance in a world dominated by buffalo culture Plains Indians. The newcomers adopted much of the lifestyle of their native trading partners and many married into tribes. Once each year a supply caravan would come from St. Louis meeting trappers at a designated place for rendezvous. The Museum of the Mountain Man, located where 6 of the 16 rendezvous were held, is dedicated to telling the stories of the mountain men, Plains Indians and the rendezvous era.*

**Service Project (11:00AM-12:15PM):** *Serving by doing. In this community service project, participants will assist the local MESA therapeutic riding program get ready for the coming year by cleaning tack. MESA Therapeutic Horsemanship is a non-profit organization aimed at providing equine-related activities to individuals with physical and cognitive disabilities or who have emotional/behavioral challenges within Sublette County, Wyoming.*

12:00PM Registration / Check-In

12:30PM **Welcome**

WyFB Young Farmer & Rancher Committee

12:45PM **The Places You Can Go With YF&R**

Kyle and Jessica Wade, American Farm Bureau Federation YF&R Committee Members

*It's amazing where Farm Bureau's YF&R program can take you! See how the Young Farmers and Ranchers program can be such a benefit to you and your ranch or farm. Kyle and Jessica tell their story of how their personal growth and ranch changed for the better through YF&R.*

1:30PM **The Cattle Market, Your Bottom Line & Profitability in 2023**

ShayLe Stewart, Livestock Market Analyst DTN/Progressive Farmer

*In today's market environment, it's not enough to just understand the cattle market and its behavior. To truly be profitable and weather the test of time, cattlemen must be able to discern where their ranches excel, and where their blind spots lay. Stewart will present a 2023 market outlook, as well as present a deep-dive workshop on profitability so that ranchers are empowered to control their ranch and bottom line in the years ahead.*

3:30PM      **Networking Break**

4:00PM      **Green River Drift Panel Discussion**

Mike Henn, Sublette County Conservation District Manager

Gary Hayward, U.S. Forest Service Range Management Specialist

Coke Landers, Green River Drift Permittee and Upper Green River Cattle Association President

*The Green River Drift continues to play a significant role in the development of the ranches in the Upper Green River Valley, specifically of the Upper Green River Cattle Association member ranches, and is a representative example of a stock drift trail. With 99 miles of trail and spurs, the Drift has been an essential corridor between seasonal grazing lands for ranches in the Upper Green River Valley for over one hundred years. The Drift showcases how a stock drive works and its significance within the ranching industry. It also highlights the relationship between federal agencies and ranchers through the use of public land for grazing. The trail has been continuously used since the 1890s to get the cattle from what are now the BLM allotments at the south end of the trail to what are now the United States Forest Service allotments at the north. The Drift crosses BLM managed property, State of Wyoming property, private property, and United States Forest Service managed property. The trail also makes use of some county roads. Lawsuits have threatened the Drift several times. Find out how ranchers, local and government agencies work together to assure the continuance of the Drift.*

5:30PM      **Social and Dinner**

## **Saturday, January 21, 2023**

7:00AM      **Breakfast provided at Library**

8:00AM      **Ask in Earnest: Candid and Compassionate Conversations about Suicide for the Farm and Ranch Community**

Darla Tyler-McSherry

*The single most important concept Darla will share with others is-- ask in earnest to help prevent suicide in farming and ranching. This presentation provides a brief overview of the latest data, examines factors that put farmers at higher risk, includes discussion on stigma and its' role in suicide, and identifies practical, everyday strategies that can be implemented on the farm to help improve mental health, help alleviate depression, and reduce the risk of suicide.*

9:30AM      **Networking Break**

9:50AM      **Building a Successful (Cooperative) Monitoring Program**

Shari Meeks, Sublette County Conservation District Range Program Manager

*We will look at Sublette County Conservation District monitoring projects. Shari will share tips on what all needs to be completed in a monitoring program and how to get set up with a monitoring program.*

10:50AM      **Inflation, Recession, and the Rancher/Farmer**

Dr. Roger Cryan, American Farm Bureau Federation Chief Economist

*A series of decisions by the Federal Reserve Bank has led to inflation and (probably) recession. Dr. Cryan will discuss this and how farmers and ranchers may be affected.*

12:20PM      **Networking Lunch**

1:30PM      **Green River Update and Opportunity**  
Mel Fegler, Wyoming State Engineer's Office River Basin Coordinator  
Kristi Hansen, University of Wyoming Ag Economics Department

*The Green River basin is vital to its agricultural community. With uncertain hydrology predicted the basin will face challenges in the coming years. Being informed to prepare for these challenges will be the best management strategy farmers and ranchers can depend on. This talk will walk participants through the current status of the Green River basin, Law of the River obligations as headwaters to the Colorado River, with existing and up and coming tools available, and funding opportunities.*

3:00PM      **Beef and Bitcoin; Transacting in a Peer-to-Peer Network**  
Jason Wrich, Cattle Rancher

*Jason Wrich is a first-generation cattle rancher. Introduced to Bitcoin in 2017, Wrich accepts it as payment for beef and is passionate about helping anyone interested in learning more. His presentation will include an introduction to the Bitcoin Network onboarding anyone who is interested.*

4:00PM      **Sublette Social Sip and Paint Session**

6:00PM      **Dinner with Cash Bar**

