



## **Public Lands / Range conference Set for Jan. 30-31 in St. George**

Public land permittees and others are invited to attend this conference held at the St. George *Holiday Inn Resort Hotel*. The biennial conference is sponsored by the Utah Farm Bureau and USU Extension. Conference topics include: best land management practices, wildfire restoration efforts, water politics and best grazing practices.

Conference attendees will be privileged to hear from Kathleen Clarke (invited), as she addresses the collaborative responses to Utah's rangeland fires of 2007. Commissioner Leonard Blackham, Utah Department of Agriculture and Food, will also speak to Utah's Grazing Improvement Program (GIP).

Additionally, speakers will address issues such as livestock theft, forest health challenges, GPS uses on farm and ranch land, Safe harbor agreements, and the ongoing issue of cheatgrass and range fires.

Contact Peggy Estrada at 801-233-3011 or Matt Hargreaves to register and reserve your hotel needs. Registration at the door will be \$40.

Attendees should also consider registering to attend the Utah Bankers Association Ag Outlook Conference which is held directly following the Public Lands Conference, also at the St. George Holiday Inn Hotel. Those interested in attending that conference should contact Dorene Cheney at the Utah Bankers Association at 801-328-8124.

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### **About the Utah Farm Bureau**

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