

**Session III. Managing for Wildlife
Elephant Mountain Wildlife Management Area (WMA)
Saturday and Sunday, September 21 and 22, 2024**

Please read Chapter V. Grasping Grasslands prior to this session.

Day 1: Saturday, September 21, 2024; 8:30 a.m. to evening

- 8:30 Meet at self-registration station; review of day's activities (Warren)
- 8:50 Herbicide application to control juniper and restore herb diversity for deer, pronghorn, and other species
- 12:00 Lunch
- 1:00 Bighorn Sheep Management
- 2:15 break
- 2:30 Aoudad Management
- 3:45 wrap up
- 4:00 free time: bighorn search, birding, plants, etc.
- 6:00 dinner (provided)
- 7:30 evening guest (dark skies)

***Please bring your lunch and water**

**** Dress appropriately (Appendix 1 in the Training Manual)**

Day 2: Sunday, September 22, 2024; 7:30 a.m. to noon

- 7:30 breakfast provided
- 9:00 Remove barbed wire from a fence segment to restore connectivity of habitat for bighorn sheep, deer, pronghorn, and other species
- 12:00 Lunch provided; return to big house, clean up, and head home.

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Elephant Mountain is a magical place of panoramic mountain views, with a chance to see bighorn sheep (if we are lucky) and other wildlife, as well as many plant species, including some rarer cacti. The night sky clarity and beauty is unmatched.

Overnight is optional, with dinner provided on Saturday and breakfast and lunch provided on Sunday. There is a bunkhouse, so you do not need camping gear, but you will need to bring your own bedding for the bunks (sheet, blanket, pillow). There is enough space for about 16 folks in the bunkhouse, so if some of you would like to camp, that will be great.

Most vehicles can drive to the bunkhouse and campground, but we will need high clearance vehicles (my Prius won't cut it) to go to the work sites (4-wheel drive is not needed).

You should wear durable clothing - long pants, sturdy shoes. We will be walking in open terrain, through brush in some areas. The terrain and distances will be mostly easy - gentle slopes, with some rocky areas and rutted roads. Please bring a flashlight for safe walking to the bunkhouse or around the campground at night.

What to Bring

Overnight Options

1. Bunk House
 - a. the bunk house has a women's side and men's side
 - b. you will need your own bedding and personal items you will need for staying overnight
 - c. bring a flashlight

2. Campground
 - a. the campground is located about 2 miles north of the big house; there are several sites with picnic tables and composting outhouses; you will need your own water.
 - b. bring tents, bedding, and personal items you will need for camping overnight.
 - c. bring a flashlight

Clothing, Tools

- sturdy shoes
- long pants (protection from brush)
- usual sun protection: sunscreen, hat, long-sleeved shirt
- water
- heavy leather work gloves
- also useful: binoculars, walking stick, I will have latex gloves for handling herbicides, if you are allergic to latex, please consider bringing your own gloves
- for overnight: bedding for bunks or camping gear, personal items