Overview
This half-day workshop on the morning of July 17, 2016 is designed to outline the applications of five evaluation tools or assessment concepts that are currently available and in use, or under construction, that are related to rangeland soil health.

A portion of the workshop will elicit different approaches, from the participants, to consolidate the pertinent portions of these five tools and concepts that would point to an estimate of soil health that must be accurate, cost effective and could be employed with a minimum of training needs.

The five evaluation tools or assessment concepts that will be described by presenters and then considered in group context are:

A) Rangeland Health Assessment
B) Rangeland Soil Health
C) Ecological Sites and Ecological Site Descriptions
D) ESD State and Transition Models
E) Rangeland Reference Sheets

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AGENDA

NRCS Workshop
July 17, 2016 | TCU Place, Saskatoon, SK

8:00 am  Welcome, Introductions, and Purpose of the Workshop

8:10 am  Rangeland Health Assessment – Purpose, Utility, and Basic Methodologies
          Gene Fults, Rangeland Management Specialist, Western USA, and
          Sid Brantly, Rangeland Management Specialist, USA

8:40 am  Rangeland Soil Health – Attributes of Significance
          Dr. Kenneth E. Spaeth, Rangeland Hydrologist, USA

9:10 am  Ecological Site Descriptions – State and Transition Models
          Dr. Joel Brown [remote presentation], Range Scientist and Director
          of Ecological Site Institute
          Charles Stanley, Rangeland Management Specialist Specializing in
          Prescribed Fire, USA
          Sid Brantly, Rangeland Management Specialist, USA

9:40 am  Rangeland reference Sheets – Purpose and Methodologies
          Gene Fults, Rangeland Management Specialist, Western USA

10:10 am BREAK

10:40 am Discussion and Group Dynamics Session to Explore Using the Components of Rangeland Health Assessment, Ecological Site Descriptions, and Rangeland Reference Sheets in order to Characterize Rangeland Soil Health

11:30 am Participatory Monitoring and Assessment of Land Degradation in Rangelands
          Dr. Vivian Onyango, FAO

12:00 Noon  End of Workshop

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