Shrub research consortium formed

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The Forest Service's Intermountain Forest and Range Experiment Station, the Utah Division of Wildlife Resources, Brigham Young University, and Utah State University announce the formation of a Shrub Research Consortium. Formed to promote, support, and coordinate programs of research and associated graduate education, the consortium will be located at the Shrub Sciences Laboratory, 735 North 500 East, Provo, Utah 84601. Activities will relate to (1) improvement and development of shrub plant materials; (2) methods of seeding, planting, culturing, and managing shrubs in natural settings; and (3) assisting where feasible with publishing and disseminating research results.

Specific goals of the consortium are:

1. Develop a program consisting of statements of research needs and priorities and current studies aimed at meeting those needs. The consortium may determine and set objectives, priorities, and guidelines for studies, based on interpretation of need, available funds, capabilities of institutions and personnel, and other work underway within or outside the consortium. Principal areas of shrub research will include, but will not be limited to: ecology, genetics, pathology, entomology, soils, hydrology, wildlife habitat, and livestock grazing.

2. Encourage proposals to conduct research from both member and nonmember institutions desiring to participate and capable of contributing appropriately to solving problems selected for study.

3. Arrange for printing and distributing publications and reports.

4. Sponsor seminars, conferences, symposia, and other meetings to coordinate research on wildland shrubs and to disseminate research results.

Applications for membership from organizations involved in wildland shrub research are encouraged.

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