

BOTR Final Meeting for Project Producer Partners, Nov 2024

Final call - Questions/Responses

- **How satisfied are you with the overall outcome of the project?**
 - Learning new things, being part of cutting-edge data collection
- **How well did the project meet its initial goals and objectives?**
 - Easy to participate, unsure what goals were, what will the outcomes be
- **Which part of the project did you find most engaging or valuable?**
 - Bee data was interesting, important that we are trying new things, saw some cool results
 - Forced us to really get serious about intensive grazing, bale grazing; held us accountable which provided some great results, Malou A.
 - Great results from Lily as well re bale grazing; only part of the pasture that looks good
 - So awesome to have the elec fencing supplies (solar cart) as an incentive
- **Were there any aspects of the project that could have been improved?**
 - Communication could have been better, unsure of monitoring, how much useful information will come from it?
 - Bale grazing is a hard concept to get folks to understand/appreciate
- **What suggestions do you have for future projects similar to this one?**
 - Something with Elliot with High Country Ag Marketing, Whitehall would like to do an elec fence demo sometime soon, Lily
 - Could we organize one last field day in the spring to provide a little **plant ID** for the species to watch out for and an overview of **bee species ID** and general categories to be mindful of going forward
- **What did you appreciate most about your experience on this project?**
 - Learning about the bees, being with Sarah in the field
- **What could have been done differently to enhance your experience on this project?**
 - Reports were nice to have, didn't spend much time digging into details
 - What were the results of the flowering plant monitoring, when should the ranchers be looking for these in the future [June - September]
- **If you were to recommend this project to someone else, what would you highlight about it?**
 - Creative experimentation & innovative approach, relationship to other investigations and opportunities like Audubon etc.
 - Spurline - lots of questions about seed mixes
 - Peer networking, visiting with one another, getting out on other folks places

Project Deliverables and Quality:

- **How satisfied are you with the quality and completeness of the project deliverables?**
 - **Rancher reports could have been a bit simpler, not so detailed;** possibly begin with an executive summary or abbreviated version of results; ranchers haven't had time to digest the reports
 - **Is there a simple bee classification ranchers** could use themselves to track bee populations into the future
- **Which aspects of the project deliverables exceeded your expectations?**
 - The most conservative producer in the valley was actually interested in and asking about the project; trying some alternative fencing

Communication and Collaboration:

- **How effective was communication between team members throughout the project?**
 - Michael could have been more clear, what was he monitoring, did he provide any results?
- **Did you feel adequately informed about project updates and decisions?**
 - Somewhat, could have been better

Requests for Team:

- ☐ All lists of seeds for plant ID
- ☐ Zoom: Final bee species ID, report (Sarah)...**simple bee classification for ranchers?**
- ☐ Final BOTR report