

MINUTES  
**HOUSE EDUCATION COMMITTEE**

**DATE:** Thursday, March 08, 2018

**TIME:** 9:00 A.M.

**PLACE:** Room EW41

**MEMBERS:** Chairman VanOrden, Vice Chairman McDonald, Representatives Shepherd, Boyle, Clow, Mendive, Kerby, Cheatham, Amador, DeMordaunt, Moon, Syme, Ehardt, McCrostie, Toone, Gannon(5)

**ABSENT/  
EXCUSED:** Chairman VanOrden, Vice Chairman McDonald, Representative(s) Boyle, DeMordaunt, Gannon(5)

**GUESTS:** Jack Russell, Michelle Fauli, Wyatt, Brenden Billing, Eagle High School; Gretchen Hyde, Idaho Rangeland and Resources Commission; Michael Eusterman; Mark Eusterman; Harold Ott, Idaho Association of Rural School Administrators; Gidion Tolman, Division of Financial Management; Clark Corbin, Idaho Education News

**Chairman Mendive** called the meeting to order at 8:05 a.m.

**Gretchen Hyde**, executive director of the Idaho Rangeland and Resources Commission, gave a presentation on the Care Share Land Stewardship Education Program and education materials provided by the Commission to teachers and schools in Idaho. The material fits into the education performance standards and provides students hands-on learning opportunities, said Ms. Hyde. The objective of the education program is to help students learn to be stewards of the land. Teachers can download resources from the Commission website or request materials from the director. Ms. Hyde said eighty percent of range lands are public lands, and twenty percent are privately owned. The Idaho Rangeland and Resources Commission is legislatively mandated and is staffed by one full-time employee and one part-time employee. Funding for the Commission comes from grazing fees, Rangeland license plate fees, and grants. The Commission used the money from one grant to fund a traveling trailer which comes to schools. She spoke about the Future Farmers Association student organization in Idaho, Utah, Wyoming, Nevada and Oregon. Because the Commission has so few staff, partnerships are key, and a collaborative spirit makes the Commission work, said Ms. Hyde.

In response to questions from the committee, **Ms. Hyde** said committees develop the education programs, and it is mostly teachers who drive the creation of the education materials. The Commission promotes multiple use of range land, said Ms. Hyde, and it works with many organizations, agencies and other stakeholders. The stakeholders recognize multiple use is important, she added.

**ADJOURN:** There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting was adjourned at 9:31 a.m.

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Representative Mendive  
Chair

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Jenifer Cavaness-Williams  
Secretary