Adding Value to Your Small Ruminant Enterprise: Get Paid to Manage Public and Private Lands with Browsing and Grazing Livestock

This workshop is for goat and sheep farmers looking to tap into the emerging market for the use of managed browsing/grazing for cost-effective, ecological land management for the control of invasive species, and, the restoration of our severely degraded woodland, savannah and prairie lands in every corner of the state.

March 10th 2018 – 10:00 to 3:00 PM
Cokato City Hall, 255 Broadway Ave So, Cokato MN

Cost is $15.00. Pay on-line: tinyurl.com/ruminantenterprise --or at the door.
This session is targeted to goat and sheep farmers.

Please RSVP by registering or by contacting
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9:30 - Doors open
10:00 - Welcome and Introductions
10:15 - Goat Browsing: Science and Practical Implementation

Cherrie Nolden, Ph.D. Candidate, Animal Sciences, UW-Madison, will discuss her extensive brush management research results, including ecological changes, animal health, forage preferences, and breed differences, including the practical considerations for brush management implementation with sheep, which can be applied for invasive plant management just as easily as goats.

11:15 - Discussion of current and future projects & topics in the use of livestock for managing landscapes with business owners, public land managers and agency professionals.

12:30 - Break for Lunch (provided) and Networking
1:30 - Three livestock for-hire business owners will share their experiences: how they got started, determining costs, equipment needs, and other aspects of livestock-based land management enterprises.

☞ Jake Langeslag from Goat Dispatch, Faribault, MN / http://goatdispatch.com
☞ Kyle Johnson from Diversity Landworks, Inc., LaCresent, MN / www.diversitylandworks.com
☞ Allysse Sorensen from The Munch Bunch, St Croix Falls, WI / www.munchbunchgoats.com

3:00 Adjourn

An event of the Ecological Service Livestock Network

www.sfa-mn.org/ecological-service-livestock-network ...to develop business models and facilitate research to advance the art and science of profitable livestock-based, land management businesses for managing lands in ways that restore ecological functionality and reduce our dependence on fossil fuel-based solutions.