

How Are You Getting By? Sustainable Practices from the Hungarian Puszta to the American West

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On Saturday morning of the 2011 Cowboy Poetry Gathering, , NNSG put on a sustainable practices forum. Participants include Agnes Kemecei, Manager, Heritage Breed Animal Park, Hortobágy Non-Profit and Imre Juhasz, also from Hungary; Harvey and Tom Barnes, ranchers, Jiggs, Nevada; and Agee Smith and McKenzie and Jason Molsbee, Cottonwood Ranch, O'Neil Basin, Nevada. The facilitator was Gareth Fisher, graduate student in Range Management at U.C. Berkeley. The discussion centered on threats to ranch sustainability and methods panel members have used to counter these threats. The audience was about 90 people.

Afterwards, a lunch put together by Doug Clarke was offered so participants could meet and talk to the panel members. Over 100 people ate Hungarian goulash, American stew, lentil soup, cheese and bread along with Leta Collord's cookies. The lunch was finished off with shots of apricot brandy.