

Brand Committee:

Committee Chair: Dustin Cushman
WSGA Summer Meeting 2009 – Gillette, WY

Welcome by committee chair

Lee Romsa from the Wyoming Livestock Board –

- Romsa outlined the number of astray/abandoned animals. There are steadily increasing numbers of horses that fall into this category. Many times it is more expensive to provide care for those horses than what those animals are worth at sale.
- Discussion of trends in annual brand inspection numbers, this has been a downward trend for the past nine years.
- Both of these things indicate a potential negative impact fiscally on the future of the brand program.
- Due to statewide financial cuts two brand inspection positions were eliminated.
- Discussion of WyLB budget and brand inspector cuts

Pete Obermueller from Cynthia Lummis' office – National Animal Identification System

- The house ag committee has been discussing this. Currently Cynthia Lummis' office feels they are receiving unsatisfactory answers from USDA officials.
- Discussion of NAIS
- Listening sessions are currently taking place across the country

No policies are currently expiring

The directive will expire without discussion