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Deadline for the May 2006 SRM Member Resource News

Remember to get your position announcements, columns, section announcements, agency information, etc. in by the 15th of April for the May issue of the newsletter.
Send to Patty Rich at prich@rangelands.org

A Look at SRM's Mission

By Allen Rasmussen Second Vice President

I would like to start by saying I am humbled by the honor of being voted in as second VP. I am also very fortunate that I will be able to learn from and work with John Tanaka, Dennis Phillippi and the entire Board of Directors to help meet SRM's mission.

I think it is good to look at our mission and why we belong to an organization. **The Mission of the Society for Range Management is to promote and enhance the stewardship of rangelands to meet human needs based on science and sound policy.**

To help us meet this mission, we started having our executive board go back to Washington, DC once a year. The executive committee of John Tanaka, Dennis Phillippi, Jason Campbell and myself just finished this year's trip. We were able to meet with numerous Congressional staff, agency personnel as well as other professional societies and interest groups. Our first objective was making sure they understood what rangelands are and how their proper stewardship helps everyone. Because of efforts started several years ago by our past boards, this was fairly simple. Our second objective was to raise the awareness of several issues that have been identified as important for our profession and meet our mission. We were able to have good discussions with these groups about the need to use science to develop sound policy, and specifically addressed the need to finish the soil survey and the associated ecological site descriptions to ensure our rangelands are managed and conserved appropriately. We were also able to highlight our policy position on the changes being discussed concerning the Endangered Species Act, to the role of monitoring in the management of our rangelands and the need to continue to adopt science-based management strategies. In addition we were able to open a dialogue with these staff personnel about our certification program and how it may be helpful in adapting the new workforce that is anticipated, as well as adapting to the new technologies that are currently being developed. This discussion was important to help highlight the importance of our meetings (annual and section) to provide current and relevant continuing education for all natural resource managers. It also led to discussions about increasing the importance of research directed to rangelands since they occupy almost 50% of our land resource base.

I would like to thank Deen Boe, who has just retired as our Washington liaison for the exceptional job he has done in positioning the Society for Range Management to be a full partner with other professional societies to promote the management and conservation of our natural resources in Washington, DC. For the second year, SRM participated with American Fisheries Society, Ecological Society of America, Society of American Foresters, and The Wildlife Society in a joint briefing to Congressional Staff in Washington, DC. Last year the briefing discussed "invasive species" and this year the topic was "recovery following natural disasters." SRM has had a speaker at both of these briefing. The topic SRM addressed this year was rangeland recovery following wildfires. This joint briefing program, that Deen has helped initiate, is a tremendous step in helping us partner with other societies and provide science based information to policy makers in DC about rangelands. He has established a strong precedence we will need to work hard to continue. These activities are a tremendous opportunity to stress the educational and management needs of our rangelands. We were fortunate to have had someone of Deen's talents and dedication work with us.

Young Professionals Conclave Meeting Summary

2006 Annual SRM Conference, Vancouver, BC

On February 14, 2006, the Young Professionals Conclave (YPC) held its first symposium, luncheon, and business meeting during the Society for Rangeland Management (SRM) Annual Meeting at Vancouver, British Columbia. The symposium included panel discussions addressing how to balance the needs of career and family, and on how to make time for both field and paper work. Karen Launchbaugh, the SRM Board of Directors YPC Representative, provided an overview of SRM, after which representatives from the Advisory Council and various committees and Headquarters staff explained the purpose and function of their respective groups.

The YPC inaugural officers were announced during the YPC luncheon, which followed the symposium, and was attended by over 40 young professionals. The officers are as follows: Steph Sever (President), Jason Hohlt (President Elect), Brian Thrift (Treasurer), and Summer Schulz (Recorder). During the business meeting, held concurrently with the luncheon, SRM Executive Vice President, Jason Campbell, addressed the group, expressing support and encouragement for the YPC. Lesley Radtke, Director of Membership for SRM, spoke to the group about membership and asked that luncheon attendees complete a membership survey. All attendees introduced themselves and many signed up to help with YPC organizational committees, including elections/nominations, website design, membership, and planning for Reno.

Several ideas to facilitate interaction among young professionals were discussed, including an on-line informational bulletin board that would enable the exchange of information concerning employment, educational opportunities, and reference materials. The need to have YPC representatives at the Section-level was also emphasized. SRM members who are interested in becoming involved with YPC, at any level, are encouraged to contact Steph Sever (ssever@montana.edu) and/or Summer Schulz (summer_schulz@blm.gov).

The YPC organizational committee and officers would like to express their strong appreciation to Bob Welling (Ridley Block) and Lisa Malabad (DuPont) for sponsoring the luncheon and refreshments during the symposium, and to Dennis Phillippi for his active role in bringing this group to fruition.

American Scientific Societies Weigh in on Endangered Species Debate

This spring, it is anticipated that the U.S. Senate will consider changes to the Endangered Species Act (ESA). Many of the proposed changes involve scientific issues and how science, research, and scientists advance the conservation of endangered plants and animals.

On February 27, six scientific organizations issued a statement on science and the ESA. Representing over 25,000 scientists and natural resource managers in the United States, the multi-society statement is intended to provide scientific guidance to Members of Congress and their staff as they develop, amend, and vote on legislation related to the ESA.

The professional societies are the Ecological Society of America, the Society for Conservation Biology—North America, The Wildlife Society, the Society for Range Management, the American Fisheries Society, and the Entomological Society of America.

“The recommendations we offer policy makers come from member experts of several scientific societies experienced in both theory and practice of species management,” says Nancy Grimm, of Arizona State University and President of the Ecological Society of America. “Our combined memberships feature outstanding independent experts who not only have the scientific training pertinent to understanding management of endangered species, but who also have very creative ideas about how we might better achieve the goals of the Act.”

The statement offers a list of important recommendations to Congress including:

- Dedicate funding to surveys and genetic analysis so that we can learn how to save the most poorly known and rare plants in America;
- Federal agencies already use the best scientific data, but creation of an independent science advisory committee could help enhance the scientific basis for the most important agency decisions;
- Many of America’s plants and animals are not being protected by the ESA and are going extinct. Agencies need to adopt better scientific criteria to decide when species are endangered and use those criteria to protect disappearing species more quickly.
- Science should play a lead role in planning how to recover plants and animals, and agencies need greater flexibility to amend recovery plans when new information becomes available.
- The United States needs more accountability in endangered species management—agencies should be required to produce better reports documenting the status of wildlife recovery efforts.
- Many species are so endangered that they cannot recover without more high quality habitat. Congress could improve the odds that many endangered plants and animals would recover if there were tools to protect such essential, unoccupied habitat and to help re-establish species within such habitat.

The societies agree that all of the above recommendations are moot if the law continues to be hamstrung by lack of funding. According to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, more than 200 endangered plants animals received \$500 or less in recovery funding in 2004.

The full statement is available at: www.rangelands.org

“Bridging the Gap”

by Dennis Phillippi, First Vice President

To improve communications and dialogue, I believe it is necessary to have a forum to do so. In Vancouver and throughout last year, I sensed a need for this to occur. With this in mind, this column may be one way to begin the process.

Hopefully, this column can be a monthly *MRN* feature where the board can discuss various issues in a professional manner in hopes of “bridging the gap” and for elevating the level of understanding among members. It won’t necessarily cause total agreement, but it should help all of us to understand why the decision etc. was made, and provide a higher degree of awareness and understanding.

Some topics that come to mind are: young professionals, membership, committees, Advisory Council, Board of Directors, Executive Committee, Headquarter staff functionality, accountability, and responsibility. Annual meeting location, the budgeting process, revenue generation, outreach, summer meetings, section representation at the national level, section activities, and cooperative conservation. I am certain other topics can be identified by you and other members, and please do so.

To start the process, I will begin by discussing membership and specifically the Young Professionals Conclave and revenue generation.

Membership and the Young Professionals Conclave:

During the Fort Worth meeting in 2005, approximately 40 young professionals (young professionals defined as those that are new to a job in the range profession, those that have graduated from college and are now working in the range profession and those that are still “young at heart”) gathered to discuss their future in the profession and SRM. The meeting and discussions were not only timely but very appropriate. Several needs were identified and addressed and the group left the two hour meeting full of inspiration and enthusiasm. This energy led to the first ever SRM Young Professionals Conclave organized functions which occurred at the Vancouver meeting. A symposium, luncheon and election of officers all were accomplished during this meeting. The group left the meeting with a strong feeling of accomplishment and a direction for the future. In one years time, the Young Professionals Conclave membership has grown from 40 to 120.

This activity is important for membership retention and we encourage sections and all of our members to support the Young Professionals Conclave in hopes of “Bridging the Gap”.

Revenue Generation:

Traditionally, SRM relies on operating revenue from membership dues, the annual meeting and publications. In Vancouver, the board decided to look at other means of revenue generation as a way of supplementing the budget. With this in mind, the board decided to look at sponsoring workshops/symposia in addition to the annual meeting. After discussions regarding the recent release of the Sage Grouse Management Issue Document, it became apparent that some of our members weren’t in total agreement with the SRM Issue Paper. Based on these comments, the board decided to sponsor a workshop to address the sage grouse management issue. The Colorado and Utah Sections agreed to team with the Headquarter staff to pull the workshop together. The workshop date will be in September 2006 (exact date is being determined) and will be held in and around Park City, Utah.

It is our hope that this workshop will be the first of many timely and appropriate workshops sponsored by SRM. With these kinds of activities, it is also our hope that better understanding of the issues can be provided, more communication will occur, more exposure to SRM will result, and more revenue will be generated. All or even part of these goals will help “Bridge the Gap(s)” that currently exists.

SRM Honor Awards Nominations

After a number of people catching me in the hallway in Vancouver, and a number of emails received since then, I will attempt to answer your questions regarding SRM Honor Awards and, in specific, the Fellow Award.

There seems to be some confusion about the first tiebreaker used by the committee – “*In the event of a tie, the first tiebreaker is previous receipt of section awards.*” This rule was put into place after it was felt that too many nominations were received from sections wanting the SRM Awards Committee to recognize section work, thus using section awards as a tiebreaker would encourage sections to recognize their own, and the SRM Awards Committee would then, correctly, only be considering nominations based upon Society level work and contributions.

The committee does recognize that not all sections have an active awards program to recognize their members; however it is not the SRM Award Committees role to recognize section work. Thus, this category is only used IF there is a tie vote (actually, a tie vote doesn’t happen very often). Since this tiebreaker was put in place, there seems to be a misunder-

standing upon the part of sections – not having received a section award **does not** mean you cannot nominate someone for an SRM award. Remember, it is only a tiebreaker not a disqualifier. There are a number of SRM members who are very active at the Society level, but may not be as active at the section level. ***If this is your situation, I encourage you to submit a nomination packet for this person.***

There has been some concern that no Fellow award has been given for two years. *“The title of Fellow is conferred upon members of the Society for Range Management in recognition of exceptional service to the Society and its programs in advancing the science and art of range-related resource management. This high honor is granted in the belief that special recognition should be given for exceptional and dedicated service to the Society.”* The Fellow Award is limited to a maximum of 0.1% of the membership annually.

If you will recall the SRM Awards Program, it was indicated that no “suitable” applications were received (it is also indicated in the Awards Citation Booklet). It is not that applications were not received, they were just submitted for the wrong category, and were thus disqualified from consideration for the Fellow Award. Remember, it is service to the Society, **not contributions to the profession** (which is Outstanding Achievement).

The situation on the Fellow Award was reviewed with the SRM Board of Directors, through our Board contact Kris Havstad. We even asked for advice if we should reopen the nominations process last year to try and get some suitable nominations. The decision was to stick to the original time frame, and if no awards were presented in a given category, so be it.

The Awards Committee works to contact Sections each spring – the Section President and Awards Committee Chair (if known), right after the SRM Annual Meeting, to remind them of the Honor Awards Process and the deadline of April 30th. However, it is ultimately up to the Sections to nominate folks for SRM Awards. (If you are not aware of it, by committee rule, members of the SRM Awards committee cannot nominate folks for an award, nor shall they be eligible for an award while they are a committee member.)

If you have any questions on the Awards Committee process, please don't hesitate to ask.

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Educational Information Website

Past President Angela Williams noticed that there was a lot of interest for educational material at the Annual Meeting by some of the outside representatives. She stated that she mentioned a cartoon book to one of them. We thought we would share the web site with the membership. Check out http://www.swcs.org/en/publications/cartoon_booklets/

MRN Production Editor's New Phone

As of March 13, 2006 the Production Editor for *MRN*, Patty Rich, has a new phone and fax number. It is 806-935-0249. The email address is the same prich@rangelands.org

Award Nominations Due

April 30, 2006

The Society for Range Management awards program recognizes members and non-members who have made outstanding contributions to the science and art of good range management. Now is the time to begin preparing nominations for individuals who deserve recognition.

The Society Awards are:

Frederic G. Renner Award—The premier Society award requires SRM membership and sustained accomplishments, eminence, and contributions to the Society during the last 10 years. Receives plaque and honorarium.

W.R. Chapline Research Award—For SRM members to recognize the exceptional accomplishments in range science and related disciplines. Recipients of this award also receive a plaque and honorarium from the fund established by W.R. Chapline in 1986.

W.R. Chapline Land Stewardship Award—For SRM members to recognize exceptional landowners, managers, administrators, and counselors in the field of range management and supporting disciplines. Recipients of this award also receive a plaque and honorarium from the fund established by W.R. Chapline in 1986.

Fellow Award—Requires SRM membership, continuous for at least 10 years, in recognition of service and contributions to the Society.

Outstanding Achievement Award—Does not require SRM membership. Awarded for outstanding achievement (eminently noteworthy) in any range management related area. Organizations (e.g., agencies, commodity groups) are not eligible for this award. However, teams whose accomplishments are individually inseparable may be nominated.

Outstanding Young Range Professional Award—For SRM members who have not reached their 35th birthday prior to January 1 of the year the award is conferred, and show outstanding potential and promise in their range management careers.

Sustained Lifetime Achievement Award—Designed to recognize SRM members for long-term contributions to SRM and range management. Requires tangible evidence of outstanding lifetime contributions to the art and science of range management and continued SRM involvement at both the Section and Society levels.

Special and Distinguished Service Award—Does not require SRM membership and is given for outstanding accomplishment in any range-related area. This award is granted only in special circumstances to recognize truly exemplary service to the profession of range management and is not meant to be an alternative to the Outstanding Achievement Award.

Nominations are limited to five typewritten pages utilizing the format below. Ten copies of the nomination must be submitted to the Denver office on or before **April 30, 2006**.

Detailed explanations of criteria and background of each award is included in the Awards Committee Handbook, available from your Section Award Committee Chair, Section President, or SRM Awards Committee Chair or committee members.

Please submit nomination in the proper category according to the criteria for the award. Major accomplishments germane to the specific award criteria should be emphasized in the nomination, especially in the justification statement.

Sections are encouraged to identify individuals that deserve an award and prepare the nomination. Please take some time to identify individuals that deserve an award. Then, prepare the nomination. Remember, for an award to be received, a nomination has to be submitted. Contact the Denver office or any member of the SRM Awards Committee for more information.

Format of Nominations for SRM Honor Awards

Nomination of _____ for the _____ Award.

1. Nominee
 - a. Date and place of birth
 - b. Address
 - c. Occupation, profession, employer
 - d. Phone number
 - e. Member of SRM? _____
If so, for _____ years.
2. Nominator
 - a. Name
 - b. Address
 - c. Phone Number
3. Nominee's education, training awards
4. Nominee's activities in the Society for Range Management
5. Nominee's professional contributions to range management
6. Nominee's activities/membership in other organizations
7. Other pertinent bibliographic information about nominee
8. Justification statement from nominator

Position Announcement

Range Management Outreach Coordinator in Animal and Range Sciences (65% extension, 35% research). Full-time position in the Department of Animal and Range Sciences, South Dakota State University, Brookings, South Dakota. Support of extension and research in rangeland management and range livestock production. Serve as South Dakota. Cooperative Extension liaison to South Dakota. Grasslands Coalition, NRCS and grassland programs of wildlife organizations and agencies in South Dakota., including assembly and distribution of newsletter and development and maintenance of website for the South Dakota. Grasslands Coalition. Incumbent will be expected to contribute to planning and conducting state-wide range extension programming, range education programs for youth, annual South Dakota. Grazing School, annual South Dakota. Grasslands Coalition tour, and assist with applied research and demonstration projects. Develop, coordinate and maintain extension education materials related to range management and range livestock production. Qualifications include an earned M.S. degree (or B.S. with two years of related experience) completed by appointment date in Range Science, Animal Science or closely related field with emphasis in range management or range livestock production. Knowledge of range management, including plant identification skill, required. Must be familiar with livestock handling procedures. For full list of qualifications, visit jobs.sdstate.edu. Applicants should submit letter of application, resume, and academic transcripts and arrange to have three letters of professional reference sent to: Dr. Bob Thaler, Interim Head, Department of Animal and Range Sciences, SDSU, Box 2170, Brookings, SD 57007-0392, Phone: 605-688-5166, Fax: 605-688-6170, Robert.thaler@sdstate.edu. Deadline: **May 1, 2006**. AA/EEO employer.

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County Director/Natural Resources Advisor, Inyo and Mono Counties University of California Cooperative Extension

The Univ. of California Div. of Agriculture and Natural Resources, seeks a skilled leader to develop and extend research-based knowledge in the Eastern Sierra Nevada, based in Bishop, California. Inyo and Mono Counties span the lowest (Death Valley) and highest (Mount Whitney) points in the lower 48 United States and comprise one of the most ecologically diverse regions of North America. Ecosystems extend from hyperarid deserts to alpine environments of the White Mountains and the High Sierras, including Yosemite and Death Valley National Parks, as well as many wilderness and recreational areas. Issues include water quality and supply, public lands grazing and forestry, restoration/management of wetland, desert scrub, shrublands, forests, and aquatic wildlife habitats, invasive weeds, wildland fire, urban/ag/wildland interface, urban horticulture, sustainable agriculture, recreation impacts, and many others. Working closely with county officials, landowners, land management agencies, conservation groups, university scientists, and others, the successful candidate will initiate and coordinate applied, problem-solving research and extension programs. Minimum qualifications include: 1) a Masters degree in a discipline of natural resources, soil, plant, or agricultural sciences and 2) project management and supervisory experience. It is desirable that the successful candidate demonstrate the ability to acquire grants and publish research results.

Beginning salary will be in the UC Coop Ext Associate to Full Title Advisor rank (DOQ). See CE Advisor salary scale <http://www.ucop.edu/acadadv/acadpers/tab0506/table33.pdf>. Full position vacancy announcement & required academic application available at <http://ucanr.org/jobs.shtml>, or contact Academic Recruiter, UC Coop Ext, ANR No. Coast & Mtn Region, One Shields Avenue, Davis, CA 95616; email pdtise@ucdavis.edu. Screening of applications will begin May 30, 2006 and will continue until the position is filled. Refer to position #ANCM 05-01. AA/EOE

Green River Valley Land Trust (WY), Stewardship Coordinator

– The Green River Valley Land Trust seeks a full-time Stewardship Coordinator to administer all aspects of its Stewardship Program. Responsibilities include fostering working relationships with conserved property and other landowners through annual easement monitoring and property enhancement projects, preparing Resource Inventories for conservation projects, maintaining GRVLT's organizational and transactional records, and managing GRVLT's GIS system. Qualifications include bachelor's or advanced degree in natural science, range management, ecology, biology or related field, appropriate field and computer skills, excellent organization and communication skills, initiative and self-direction, and a positive attitude and commitment to GRVLT's mission. Competitive salary and benefits. EOE. Visit grvlandtrust.org for full position description and application instructions (no phone calls, please). Applications accepted until June 15. Position open until filled.

Member Corner

The following is an excerpt from a letter received from one of our members from Santa Fe, New Mexico.

Dear Society for Range Management Headquarters Staff:

I would like to congratulate you on a great meeting at Vancouver. It was a very stimulating meeting at a nice location. The session on the effectiveness of grazing systems on Thursday afternoon was a fantastic closing. I look forward to further debate in the future.

Finally, I would like to express my appreciation to the Society for Range Management for recognizing my efforts via the Outstanding Achievement Award for Stewardship. I have worked for numerous years to get those working in range management in New Mexico recognition via the New Mexico Section's award's program. I now have renewed commitment.

Sincerely,

P. Robert Alexander

Lost Resources

Life member **Albert Van Ryswyk** passed away. He has been a member since 1958.

2007 Silent Auction

A Silent Auction is planned for the 2007 meeting in Reno, Nevada! Proceeds of the silent auction benefit the Endowment Fund, which is essential to the long-term financial stability of the SRM organization. Silent auction merchandise are donations of SRM members and supporters. Any reasonable item is acceptable and welcome! Show off your creative skills by donating a product of your special craft: woodwork, leatherwork, needlework, artwork, etc. All donations are tax deductible. For more information about the silent auction, contact Stan Tixier at edenutstix@netutah.net

Toni Strauss, Endowment Board member

The Nebraska Range Shortcourse

The 15th offering of the Nebraska Range Shortcourse is scheduled for June 18 to 23, 2006, on the campus of Chadron State College in northwestern Nebraska. The week-long course focuses on the principles of rangeland ecology and management and the efficient use of rangeland resources for a variety of purposes. Each morning, 3 or 4 classroom sessions about 1 hour long will be presented by experts in such areas as soils, plant physiology, ecology, prescribed burning, conservation issues, and multiple use. Afternoon field trips include plant identification, measurement techniques, rangeland assessment, and a ranch tour. Participants commonly include federal agency personnel (i.e., NRCS and USFS), university and college students, personnel of the Cooperative Extension Service and Natural Resources Districts, high school teachers, ranchers, and many others. The registration fee of \$195 includes all materials that will be used for the shortcourse (notebook and other reference material), transportation for field trips, and some instructor expenses. Arrangements have been made for participants to obtain housing and meals at Chadron State College. CEU credits will be available for the SRM "Certified Professional in Rangeland Management". Registration deadline is May 15, 2006. Please visit the shortcourse Website for details: <http://agronomy.unl.edu/rangeshortcourse/index.htm>. Contact Walt Schacht if you have questions (wschacht@unl.edu; 402-472-0205).

Thank You Note

The Program Committee for the Vancouver SRM meeting would like to say a big thank you to all the sponsors of the many symposia and workshops that were presented at the 59th Annual Meeting. These well managed sessions provided knowledgeable speakers and excellent presentations on a wide variety of timely topics. Again, thank you for all your hard work and time on these exceptional sessions.

SRM Publications

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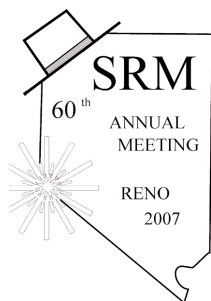
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**Society for Range Management
60th Annual Meeting & Trade Show
February 10-16, 2007
John Ascuaga's Nugget
Reno, Nevada**

CALL FOR PAPERS AND POSTERS ABSTRACTS

This is the first announcement and call for paper and poster abstracts for the 60th Annual Meeting of the Society for Range Management, to be held February 10–16, 2007 in Reno, Nevada. The theme of the meeting is “Managed Rangelands: Traditions and Transitions.” Technical sessions and symposia will present timely information representing a diversity of disciplines and issues that apply to both the science and management of rangeland resources today and in the future. We welcome submission of papers and posters that are applicable to rangeland resource sciences and issues at national or international levels.

CONTEMPORARY ISSUES

Global Change
Biodiversity and Conservation Biology
Invasive Species - Science and Management
Fire Ecology
Hydrological Processes and Modeling
Riparian Areas and Wetlands
Ecological Restoration
Social Change and Natural Resources

ECOLOGY AND ECOSYSTEM INTERACTIONS

Ecological Processes and Ecosystem Models
Carbon Sequestration
Soil Formation Processes – Including Microphytic Crusts
Soil Erosion Processes – Including Sub-Surface Piping
Nutrient Cycling
Plant-Animal Interactions
Non-traditional Rangeland Organisms: Birds, Insects,
and Pathogens
Threatened and Endangered Species

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Wildlife Habitat Management

ANIMAL PRODUCTION SYSTEMS

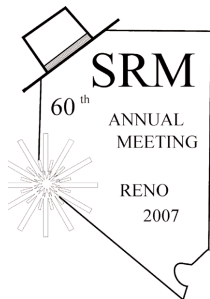
Forecasting Herbage Production
Nutritional Behavior and Herbivores
Animal Population Management in Rangeland Ecosystems
Grazing Management
Livestock-Wildlife Interactions
Changing Livestock Production Environment

SOCIO-ECONOMICS

Enterprise Diversification: Wildlife, Recreation, etc.
NEPA and Alternative Natural Resource
Management Instruments
Public Perception, Aesthetics and Ethics
Land Subdivision and New Land Users
Public Land Use and Management
Collaborative Resource Management
Open Space Conservation

Abstracts submissions can be either oral or poster presentations. Poster presentations will be centrally located within the area where technical sessions are to be held. All paper and poster abstracts are to be submitted no later than September 1, 2006. Instructions for submission of abstracts on-line will be available by May 1, 2006 at <http://www.rangelands.org>.

For questions, please contact Sherman Swanson (775-784-4057 or swanson@cabnr.unr.edu) or Ben Bruce (775-784-1624 or bbruce@unr.nevada.edu).



Request for Symposium, Workshop and Forum Proposals

Society for Range Management

60th Annual Meeting

February 10–16, 2007

Reno, Nevada

This is the first announcement and call for symposium, workshops, and forum proposals for the 60th Annual Meeting of the Society for Range Management, to be held February 10–16, 2007 in Reno, Nevada. The theme of the meeting is “Managed Rangelands: Traditions and Transitions.” We welcome submission of topics that are applicable to rangeland resource sciences and issues at national or international levels.

Symposium proposals must be submitted to Kent McAdoo (mcadook@unce.unr.edu) by June 1, 2006. Once a proposal has been accepted, speakers must submit their abstracts no later than September 1, 2006 via the SRM web site (www.rangelands.org). For questions please contact: Kent McAdoo (775-738-1251; mcadook@unce.unr.edu) or Karen Prentice (775-289-1828; karen_prentice@nv.blm.gov), symposium planning committee co-chairs.

Please use the form below or supply the same information. **Deadline for proposal submission is June 1, 2006.**

Check one: <input type="checkbox"/> Symposium <input type="checkbox"/> Workshop <input type="checkbox"/> Forum		
Length (hours): <input type="checkbox"/> 4 <input type="checkbox"/> 6 <input type="checkbox"/> 8		
Title of Event:		
Objective:		
Organizer:	Phone:	Published record?
Name:	Fax:	<input type="checkbox"/> Proceedings
Title:	Email	<input type="checkbox"/> Summary
Partnership Organization(s): (List with contacts)		
Send proposal to:		
Kent McAdoo, University of Nevada Cooperative Extension 701 Walnut Street Elko, NV 89801 (775) 738-1251 FAX (775) 753-7843 EMAIL: mcadook@unce.unr.edu		
Audio/Visual Equipment Needs:		

Membership Stats

SRM welcomes its new members. Following is a list of new members, their section and recruiter for through February 15, 2006 to March 16, 2006.

<u>Member</u>	<u>Section</u>	<u>Recruited By</u>	<u>Member</u>	<u>Section</u>	<u>Recruited By</u>
Adam Forbes	Cal-Pac	Ken Fulgham	Chris Mayer	NV	Shirley Johnson
Matt Custer	CO	Cindy Lair	Cheryl Probert	NV	Eric Walker
Yvette Hensen	CO		Dirac Twidwell	OK	
Marilyn Owns Medicine	IM		Wayne Choquette	PNW	
Tom Toman	IM		Chris Wellman	PNW	Vic Wright
Michael Gerverich	IM	Loretta Metz	James Manuel	PNW	Phil Youwe
Rodrigo Pachero-Rivera	MX		Mark Dyer	PNW	Aric Johnson
Reyna Rojas Garcia	MX		Scott Barr	PNW	Norm McLure
Rufino Sandoval-Garcia	MX		Travis Olson	SD	
Karen Jones	NC	Roger Staff	Douglas Myhae	SD	
Matthew Bunger	NC	Roger Staff	Michael Bosch	SD	
Barbara Frase	NC	Roger Staff	Shawn Harwood	SD	
Mo Khamouna	NE		Melissa Staples	SD	Sandy Smart
Michelle Parde	NE	Neal Bryan	Mindy Kirkpatrick	SD	Sandy Smart
Noe Marymor	NE		Becky Alexander	SD	
Dath Mita	NGP		Matthew Hubers	SD	
Krista Brag	NGP	Don Kirby	Thomas Buman	SO	
Renae Rush	NGP		Katy Coffee	TX	
Rose Stoneberg	NGP		Jason Carroll	TX	
Jason Holt	NGP		Deborah Collins	UT	James Stewart
Randall Gaebe	NGP		John Reese	UT	
Doug Cram	NM		Kathe Santini	UT	
Eric Justice	NM	Nick Havlik	Seth Kennedy	WY	
Michael Montero	NV		James Ozenberger	WY	
Ken Mitchell	NV		Troy Gerhardt	WY	
David Anderson	NV				

Paying Dues Before the Expiration Date

Here is some important information for paying your dues well “before” your expiration date:

If you miss your expiration date, your REM or Ranglands does not get mailed the next month. If you want the missed issue you have to pay for the issue, plus mailing cost.

Payments are processed up to and including the last “business day” of the month, not necessarily the last day of the month. If your payment arrives on Saturday, it will not be processed until the next month.

You can pay, online, with a credit card up to and including the last day of the month using the “e-reminder Billing” tab for members. For this you have to login as a member. If your membership expires you can no longer use this feature. A “Members Only” area is just that, “For active members only”, not expired members.

If you pay using the “Membership” tab on the home page of the SRM website, your payment will not go thru immediately. This type of payment comes to me in the form of an application and I have to put the information in manually, which is the same as processing a renewal that arrives thru the mail.

To avoid any problems, make sure you send your payment in plenty of time to arrive and be processed before your expiration date.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me, LRadtke@ranglands.org or 303-986-3309.

Happy Spring,

Lesley

Final Results of SRM Name Change Straw Poll

My apologies to the SRM membership over the name change issue that carried over from the Annual Meeting in 2005. Hopefully, with all due respect to the various factions associated with all sides of the SRM name change, this issue might finally be laid to rest. As your new EVP, I apologize for the delayed reporting of these results, which I inadvertently overlooked in favor of other more pressing SRM issues. Here are the results of the straw poll as it should have been reported early last fall:

This past year, during the SRM Annual Meeting in Fort Worth, Texas, the Board of Directors received a recommendation from the SRM Advisory Council for a formal vote on the SRM name change. The recommendation from the Advisory Council included provisions to either change the official Society name, or to simply take no action and leave it as is. Based on this recommendation the SRM Board of Directors agreed to bring this to the membership for consideration. During the summer Board meeting, held this past July in Wheat Ridge, the SRM Board of Directors approved a plan to utilize a functional “straw poll” of the SRM membership on the name change issue.

Through August and September of 2005, each SRM member was given an opportunity to participate in the Board approved “straw poll”. Participation was either through an on-line website, via fax, email, or regular mail. The straw poll survey outlined three options for a revised name for SRM, or an option to leave the name as is. Voting in the straw poll concluded on September 15, 2005.

The total number of respondents to the straw poll was 631, representing 18% of the total SRM membership (as of 08/31/05). 218 SRM members responded to the call for informal votes via fax, email, or regular mail. Of these respondents 123 voted for NO name change, and 95 voted for one of the three proposed name changes. 413 members responded to the poll via the web-based voting site, with 214 voting for NO name change, and 199 voting FOR one of the three proposed name changes.

During the July Board Meeting in Wheat Ridge, the Board of Directors discussed what form of follow-up action might be needed to address the final results the straw poll after the comment/voting period had closed. The Board of Directors approved a plan that allowed 1st Vice President John Tanaka to host an SRM Board of Directors conference call to address any additional Board actions after the straw vote closed. On September 22, 2005, 1st VP Tanaka sent an email to all the members of the SRM Board asking if any of them felt the need for a follow-up discussion based on the results of the straw poll. Not a single response was received supporting the need for a follow-up conference call.

The Board of Directors deeply appreciates the all the members of our society who actively engaged themselves in the discussions that led to the straw poll, and who took the time to voice their concerns through the polling process. The conclusion of these discussions is that a name change for SRM is not an issue that is ripe for further action at this time. The Board of Directors and the Executive leadership of the Society hope that we can leave the name change issue behind us, and refocus our energies and our efforts on other issues that are currently affecting our organization and profession.

As reported, Jason Campbell, Executive Vice President, Society for Range Management.