



Member Resource News

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Happy Valentines Day!

**Deadline for the
March 2006 SRM**

Member Resource News

Remember to get your position announcements, columns, section announcements, agency information, etc. in by the 15th of February for the March issue of the newsletter.

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Vancouver Bound, Eh?

By **Angelia Williams, SRM President**

It's that time again for members to be making final travel plans for the Annual Meeting. I'm excited about visiting the beauty and diversity of the Canadian territories and personally a little anxious about leaving my home and community. If you have watched the nightly news you know what I'm talking about. Catastrophic wildfires have plagued many of us lately. Those that were conservative in their use of their lands have sadly been the victim of disaster. This is probably one of the few times that drought and overgrazing has been beneficial in certain areas. However, once again I am challenged to try and focus on the silver lining.

Fire crews from Montana to North Carolina have come to the aid of our state of Oklahoma. Volunteers in our rural communities are spending endless hours and being taken care of by local organizations, groups, churches and individuals. Bittersweet stories are everywhere reminding us of the compassion of human nature. It always seems that any obstacle can be overcome in time of emergency. I see many of these similarities with positive examples and certain qualities and functions of SRM's membership services.

Now some of you have jumped ahead and are thinking that I'm comparing SRM to natural disasters. However, when you look at these response mechanisms, the positive attributes do compare with the core values of SRM. Some of the parallels that I've examined recently are as follows:

Develop a solid infrastructure and organization — No matter how dysfunctional you may perceive things to sometimes being, organizational SRM has what I believe to be one of the best foundations for building leadership at all levels, including local chapters, sections and parent society leadership, committee's and task groups.

Enhanced communications and education — This organization strives to meet the needs of its members, whether it's through training, education or communication. Our organizational structure allows individuals to provide input and participation in almost every facet of organizational activities.

Short-term and long-range planning — SRM also tries to identify tasks or goals that are easily obtainable with the support of the membership goals. The Strategic planning sessions at the annual meetings are critical to steering the organization in the right direction for long range planning. This guidance and input is invited from the sections, committee members and those that have a passion to make a difference.

Identifying potential partners and groups — Just like the crisis of wildfires, we all recognized the value of support and assistance from others with shared skills, needs and opportunities. This pool of allies is continually on the increase with the awareness of environmental issues and values.

Removal of barriers and focus on strengths — Crisis often allows for groups to create an environment for problem solving. SRM is exceptional at finding ways to address issues and needs with what I call a “can do” attitude. The diversity of this organizations’ membership provides the consortium of individuals who can express their talents.

Sharing of information and resources — You just can’t tell your story enough. Putting forward the perception of openness will communicate integrity and collaboration. Partnerships are critical to becoming more effective and efficient. Recognizing and utilizing all forums/vehicles for marketing is also essential in not only growing but keeping abreast with an ever-changing environment.

Don’t let disasters awaken you to the values of your SRM membership. The Annual Meeting is a working example of the success of your organization. Continue to be an active member, appreciate those who work for you to make every meeting and activity a success. Hope to see all of you in Vancouver! Remember in the words of Benjamin Franklin, “Be at war with your vices, at peace with your neighbors, and let every New Year find you a better person”.

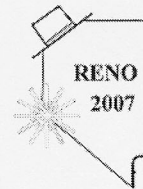
Eh? Angela

Correction

Regarding the article on page 3 of the January *MRN* “Young Professionals Conclave Update by Dennis Phillippi.” It should read that Matt Phillippi wrote the article on behalf of the Young Professionals Conclave organizing committee. Dennis is very supportive of the Young Professionals Conclave concept but did not write the article. We apologize for any confusion.



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Thanks from Board Candidate

by Dale Weisbrot

Now that this year's Board election results are in, I wish to thank those who supported me. To my nominators and the others who have passed my name along as a worthy candidate, I thank you. I also appreciate the confidence given to me by the members who voted for me. Congratulations to Ann Hild and Wallace Butler - I wish them success in their new responsibilities on the SRM Board of Directors. I respectfully compliment fellow candidate Dennis Thompson who also put his name forward for your consideration.

The SRM is a multifaceted organization through which members can find fulfilling pathways that can help them meet their needs and aspirations. I encourage everyone to find one or more to explore. These pathways are often found at the local levels with-in our Chapters or Sections and regularly intersect with others both inside and outside SRM. Who knows where they will lead or what great experience or event will be encountered along the way? Once again thanks, I am proud to have had the opportunity to be a candidate for the Board of Directors.

Lost Resources

Long-time SRM member **Maurice Guerry Jr.** passed away December 10, 2005 while pursuing his life's work, the sheep business, near Castleford, Idaho. He and his son Mike were loading ewes to ship to Arizona for lambing at the time of his passing. His parents had immigrated to the United States from the impoverished Basque Country in about 1910 and 1929 respectively. His father, who had come to the U.S. as a lowly sheepherder with little education and less money, built a sheep ranch out of sheer will which is still operated to this day by the family.

Maurice was well known and respected by SRM members in the Idaho Section. He was an outstanding steward of the land and shepherd of his sheep and cattle. He hosted numerous range tours on his BLM and Forest allotments and was justifiably proud of the condition of the land. He also hosted several University of Idaho range management students through an internship program and class field trips over many years.

Maurice is survived by his wife Marlene, three children Maurine, Mike and Mark and their families. They can be reached at: PO Box 687 Castleford, Idaho 83321-0687, phone 208-537-6787.

Wayne H. Miles, SRM member, passed away June 5, 2005. His family's address is 3627 Mohegan Dr., San Antonio, Texas.

Rangeland Technology & Equipment Council News

The Rangeland Technology & Equipment Council (RTEC) is sponsoring a half-day symposium during the afternoon of February 12 at this year's SRM meeting in Vancouver B.C. The symposium is on "Seeding Equipment and Native Plant Materials in Canada and the US: New Approaches and Products" and the program can be found at: "http://www.rangelands.org/vancouver2006/pdf/final_program_technical.pdf." A sponsored break is included and the symposium is followed by a short RTEC members meeting, which is open to all.

RTEC has a new project available online for restoration and reclamation users. The 1970's Revegetation Catalog has been updated to include new equipment using a web-based reference found at: <http://reveg-catalog.tamu.edu/>. Harold Wiedemann (former RTEC Chair and Texas A&M professor) revised the Revegetation Catalog with funding and support provided by RTEC, the Bureau of Land Management's Native Plant and Great Basin Restoration Initiatives and the Forest Service's Rocky Mountain Research Station. This web site contains information on commercially available seeding and site preparation equipment and links to the equipment vendors.

Utah BLM Receives 2005 Range Excellence Awards

The Bureau of Land Management, Salt Lake and Fillmore Field Offices were recently presented with the 2005 Range Excellence Award from the Utah's Society for Range Management. The awards acknowledged sustained performance on the part of both offices for postfire rehabilitation while effectively cooperating with a large array of partners.

“These field offices have actively pursued a variety of treatments and management scenarios to rehabilitate Utah’s west desert in post fire scenarios,” said Bob Campbell, chair of the Utah section of SRM. “In addition, a key part of this recognition is the cooperation of partners outside the agency that these offices reach out to for planning, research and implementation of projects.”

The Range Excellence Award acknowledges improvement in the restoration of Utah’s west desert. Historically, Utah’s west desert consisted of salt desert shrubs, sagebrush steppe, grasses and forbs. Catastrophic wildfires in the 80s and 90s charred more than 250,000 acres, removed the native vegetation and created a landscape dominated almost solely by cheatgrass. Now cheatgrass remains the dominant species.

Diligent efforts of many individuals on the past and present staffs of Salt Lake and Fillmore Field Offices include: dispersed discing fuel management, kochia establishment and management, cheatgrass control, squarrose knapweed control and rehabilitation seed mixtures of native and introduced species.



Ron Torgerson, Paul Curtis Glenn Carpenter, Harvey Gates, and Bob Campbell

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Membership Stats

SRM welcomes its new members. Following is a list of new members, their section and recruiter for December through January 15, 2006

<u>Member</u>	<u>Section</u>	<u>Recruited By</u>	<u>Member</u>	<u>Section</u>	<u>Recruited By</u>
Katie Lee	AZ	Larry Howery	Amber Greenall	PNW	Wendy Gardner
John Connor	AZ	Bill Frost	Clayton Bradley	PNW	Wendy Gardner
Kelly Steele	AZ	John Brock	Robin Routledge	PNW	Wendy Gardner
Rae-Landa Gomez-Pond	AZ	Emilio Carrillo	Nicholas Hamilton	PNW	Wendy Gardner
Nakia Maynes	Cal-Pac	Ken Fulgham & Susan Edinger- Marshall	John George	PNW	Ed Petersen & Mike Borman
Michele Gaddy	CO		Chelsy Wheelhouse	PNW	Mike McInnis
Kelly Garcia	CO		Edi Torrans	PNW	Wendy Gardner
Gregg Dawson	ID		Cody Sheehy	PNW	
Brenda Shaughnessy	IM		Casey O'Connor	PNW	Cody Sheehy
Mara Johnson	IM		Kyle W. Jackson	PNW	
Kelly McIntyre	IM	Barry Irving	Gerald Moller	SD	
Killey Gibson	IM		Kenna Brooks	TX	Barron Rector
Krystie Wengreen	IM		Ross Tolleson	TX	Barron Rector
Jacob Schmatz	IM	Bok Sowell	Derric Crowe	TX	
Emile Carles	NGP	Ross MacDonald	Robert Denkhaus	TX	Suzanne Tuttle
Erin Hourihan	NV	Susan Hess	Enriques Flores	UN	John Malecheck
Julie Thompson	NV		Kesh Bathadur	UN	
Adam Johnson	NV		William Adair	UT	
Darrell Smith	PNW		Sarah Redd	UT	Chris Call
Percy Folkard	PNW	Russ Horton & Rob Dunwoodie	Dereck Wilson	UT	
			Chelsea Holcomb	WY	
			Stephen Jones	WY	Mike Smith

First Announcement and Call for Abstracts
Fourteenth Wildland Shrub Symposium
Shrublands Under Fire:
Disturbance and Recovery in a Changing World

June 6–8, 2006

Hunter Conference Center
Southern Utah University
Cedar City, Utah

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Research Associate Position

The Texas Agricultural Experiment Station is seeking a full-time soil scientist to assist with research to restore ecosystem function and develop economically and ecologically sustainable management for native rangeland in the Texas Rolling Plains. Specific programs include research on ecological restoration, grazing management and prescribed fire management. Primary responsibility will be collection and analysis of soil physical and hydraulic properties, and soil-vegetation interactions from field studies. The appointee will also be expected to conduct routine statistical analyses, participate in the preparation of manuscripts and publish as senior author, in professional and popular journals. Requirements: M.S. degree in soil science, restoration ecology, range science or a closely related field. Applications will be accepted until a suitable candidate is found. Salary will depend on qualifications and experience. Applicants should send a resume, transcripts, and three letters of reference to **Dr. Richard Teague, Texas Agricultural Experiment Station, Box 1658, Vernon, TX 76385. Phone: 940-552-9941 ext 235, Fax: 940-553-4657, e-mail: r-teague@tamu.edu**. The Texas A&M University System is an equal opportunity employer and is committed to building a diverse environment.



See you at the
59th Annual Meeting
Vancouver, BC
February 12 - 17, 2006

Assistant Professor of Biometrics and Quantitative Modeling of Ecosystems.

The Departments of Forest Resources and Rangeland Ecology and Management at the University of Idaho seek applicants for a tenure-track, academic-year **Assistant Professor** with expertise in **biometrics and quantitative modeling of ecosystems**. Applicants should have a Ph.D. with experience applying biometrics and modeling skills to forest or rangeland systems, proven ability to secure external funding, demonstrated research publication in refereed journals, and evidence of teaching ability and interest. Responsibilities will include developing a research program that advances biometric knowledge as applied to natural resources and uses quantitative modeling tools to understand complex ecosystems. The successful applicant will also design an undergraduate course focused on forest and rangeland measurements and inventory plus a graduate course. Review of applications will begin **February 24, 2006** and will continue until a successful candidate has been identified, with a prospective starting date of August 2006. A full position description is available at: <http://www.cnrhome.uidaho.edu/default.aspx?pid=54359>.

Send a letter of application, curriculum vitae, statement of teaching philosophy, description of research focus, academic transcripts, and contact information for three references. Apply online at <http://www.hr.uidaho.edu/>. Direct inquiries and application materials to: **John D. Marshall, Department of Forest Resources, College of Natural Resources, P.O. Box 441140, University of Idaho, Moscow, ID 83844-1140** (E-mail: jdm@uidaho.edu | Phone 208-885-6695).



**KING RANCH INSTITUTE
FOR RANCH MANAGEMENT**
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY-KINGSVILLE

Assistant/Associate Professor in Range Livestock Nutrition

Texas A&M University-Kingsville is seeking an Assistant or Associate Professor in Animal Science with an emphasis in Range Livestock Nutrition for a 9-month tenure track faculty position. Responsibilities include teaching in the Dept. of Animal and Wildlife Sciences (50% FTE), and research in the King Ranch Institute for Ranch Management (KRIRM) (50% FTE). The position requires teaching undergraduate and graduate courses in Range Livestock Nutrition, Ruminant Nutrition and Livestock Production, and the development of a research program in range livestock nutrition or ranch management in collaboration with faculty in the KRIRM. Extensive opportunities exist to use a systems approach in research activities and case-study development in the collaborative study of ranch management and range livestock production on commercially operated ranches with other animal science faculty, wildlife scientists and resource economists. Position requires an earned Ph.D. in Animal Science, Range Science or a closely related field and a demonstrated ability to teach and conduct rigorous research related to range livestock nutrition and ranch management. Also requires a practical understanding of ranching, the ranching industry, and range livestock production. Applicants should submit a letter of application, resume or C.V., un-official copies of transcripts, and names of three references to **Dr. Barry Dunn, Search Committee Chair, MSC 137, Kingsville, TX 78363**, or e-mail barry.dunn@tamuk.edu.

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Now Hiring Cow Boss

Red Deer River Ranches is a 115 year-old cattle ranch located southwest of Sundre, Alberta, Canada. Currently the ranch runs 500 cows on 50,000 acres of private and crown land. As part of our cattle ranch we also run a guest ranch operation. We are currently hiring for the position of Cow Boss to oversee the cattle part of our business.

The Cow Boss' main objective is to manage the cattle herd from all perspectives.

The successful candidate will have had experience within the cattle business, especially with larger grazing type operations. Demonstrated success in all aspects of cattle management will be necessary. Strong people skills are a must as this is a team environment. Green Certificate or other appropriate training will be an asset.

This position shall commence March 1st.

Please forward resumes to Red Deer River Ranches 1996 Ltd., Box 1069, Sundre, Alberta, Canada T0M 1X0 . fax 403-638-2629 or via email at info@reddeerriverranches.com attention Jason Bradley-Ranch Manager

A Brief History of the SRM Building

by Thane Johnson, Colorado Section Historian and Jeff Burwell, Board Member

The new SRM office is located in Wheat Ridge, Colorado just off of Kipling on 27th Avenue. Wheat Ridge is appropriately named for its historical agricultural past. The area is a series of ridges in the foothills of the Rockies. Farmers followed the gold and silver miners and settled in the area in the mid 1880s. They plowed as much arable land as possible and planted wheat. As you entered the area your first views were of wheat fields planted on all the ridges. Old historical records stated “wheat as the far as the eye can see”, hence the name Wheat Ridge.

Clear Creek provided a source of water for the Agricultural Ditch Company and irrigation for orchards and vegetable farms. During the World War II era, the area slowly urbanized but the irrigation water stayed with the developers and was used to water lawns and parks.

The old farming communities of Wheat Ridge and Lakewood gradually grew, and by the 1960s had inched close together. Housing was swallowing up what had been prime farmland (a theme that still reverberates today). Local citizens became increasingly concerned about the loss of their “country” lands. In 1972, citizens of Jefferson County created the Open Space Program and in 1978, the cities of Wheat Ridge and Lakewood purchased the 168 acre parcel of land to the east of Kipling and 27th Avenue.

In April, 1964, Lee Dows sold the 0.57 acre parcel in the Paramount Heights subdivision to the American Red Cross. The Red Cross constructed a red brick, single story building the same year and occupied the building until April 14, 2005 when SRM purchased the building.

The building consists of 4,200 square feet with 8 individual offices, a large divided conference room, a larger auditorium, kitchen, 2 bathrooms, garage, and storage areas. The front of the building faces north and is landscaped with an irrigated lawn, a large blue spruce and an interestingly shaped Austrian pine. A Japanese plumb, low growing junipers, and euonymous bush round out the landscape and provide shade for the ever-present dandelions. The east and north side of the building is surrounded by asphalt and provides ample parking.



Front entrance of building facing north.



New SRM headquarter's building.

The new SRM office is situated in a mix of commercial, small businesses, and residential neighborhood. The atmosphere reflects back to the time when you still had small businesses mixed in with small residential homes. There are still a neighborhood grocery store, gas station, hardware store, automotive shop, vet clinic, and small office buildings. Our neighbors to the west include a large 3 story apartment building and well cared for smaller 1940's style homes.

We are fortunate to have large areas of open space north and east of the office. Paramount Park is a right across the street from the front door. It has ball fields, shaded picnic areas. Crown Hill Park Open Space, located to the east, offers a natural area for hikers, bikers, runners, and bird watchers. You must view the word “natural” with some skep-

ticism since the area was used as a dump prior to 1965 and some of the park was once used for crop production. You can find some native vegetation but introduced grasses are more prevalent.

The SRM offices sit at the crossroads of several right-of-ways: underground municipal water lines and high power electrical transmission lines. The Denver Water Board plans to upgrade the water line. Craig Whittekiend made a very smart business decision and negotiated successfully with Denver Water to relocate the pipeline underneath the power lines so all utility ROWs are in the same location. He also got Denver Water to repave the parking lot at their expense.

The office provides the Society with new and exciting opportunities. We now have the ability to develop a library and house the archived items, documents and books we have collected or had donated over the past 60 years. We currently have archival information stored in several locations; University of Wyoming and USU The kitchen and large conference rooms allow us to have on-site meetings.

Source of information from "Crown Hill Park Historical Background" by Carolyn Tibbies, Jefferson County Open Space Dept. 2004.