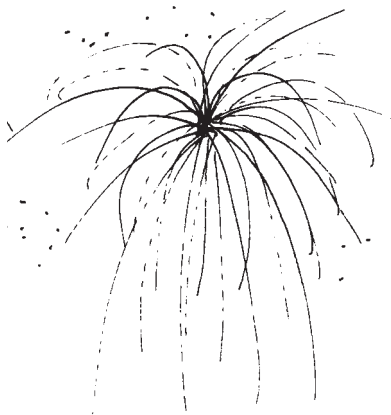




Member Resource News

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Deadline for the August 2006 SRM

Member Resource News

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

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SRM of Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow? Guest Author, Roy Roath, President, Colorado Section

The membership of the Society for Range Management is wrestling with the identity of the Society and the relationship of the Society to on-the-ground management! The society for **Range Management** was founded some 55 years ago with the universal commitment to foster the understanding of, and application of, stewardship to the land. At that time, the supporting body of knowledge was largely held by a relatively small membership of this fledgling organization, although they borrowed from other fields such as ecology and soils. This being said, there was great unanimity in the purpose and direction of the organization. The founders were a mixed bag of ranchers, scientists and land management agency employees. The organization has seen fluxes over its history. As a thirty plus year member, I was introduced to the Society by my major professor, Dr. Don Ryerson of Montana State. He correctly told me that SRM was a path to future successes, professional progress and increased knowledge. I have met many great land stewards whose goals were first and foremost the good management of the land. My participation in the Society has always been guided by that lofty, but concise goal.

However, the organization has changed! There is no clear vision of what our mission now is. We seem to be wandering in the fog. There seem to be as many visions for the organization as there are members. Some say that SRM's mission is to represent good science because it is through good science that good management must be based. I believe this to be true. There are some who now state that good science *is* good management. In fact, they are one and the same. With this I have many questions. Some now suggest that the menial task of management be swept under the rug for it cannot really be a professional pursuit. It should be science for its own sake that we must recognize. This is apparent in the many discussions of the name of this organization and all of its functions.

Our membership is increasingly comprised of academics with proportionately fewer agency members and many fewer landowner/manager/rancher members. The latter provided much of the vision and leadership for the organization in the likes of, Ed McKinnon, Don Cox, Pete Jackson, Lyman Linger and Wes Hyatt. I quite worry that this shift has left us with a much less balanced perspective and with a loss of purpose. Lest I be accused of crying wolf when the wolf is not at the door; let us examine the facts. Our producer membership has all but disappeared (we now have only 6 producer members in the Colorado Section and my discussion with other sections indicates similar trends), our field manager/practitioner membership has flagged, as well. This

is not to mention that our general membership is falling rapidly resulting in real and unresolved financial issues. Some would lay this at the feet of poor recruiting or malaise, but I would warrant that the reason may be more one of relevance to our members, former members, and potential members than one of inadequate recruiting.

I believe that the Society for Range **Management** must be exactly that. We need to return to our roots! It is what we were founded to do and the land management job today is more real, and more daunting than ever. This does not mean abandoning the science underpinnings of the profession, but rather recognizing that the science must be used to contribute to the job to be done **MANAGEMENT OF THE LAND.**

Notice of Rate Increase

Due to rising publication costs, the member subscription rate to *Rangeland Ecology & Management* (formerly *Journal of Range Management*) will increase from \$30 per year to \$40 per year for six bi-monthly print issues with online access included. The change will take effect beginning with the July 2006 membership renewals. This rate will be in effect until June 30, 2009, at which time the contract with our current publisher will be reviewed.

***Rangeland Ecology & Management* – what a bargain!** Take a look at comparable journals:

Journal	# of issues	Print & Online rate
<i>Rangeland Ecology & Management</i>	6	\$40
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<i>Journal of Soil & Water Conservation</i> (Soil & Water Conservation Society)	6	\$83

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SRM 60th ANNUAL MEETING MANAGED RANGELANDS: TRADITIONS AND TRANSITIONS



February 10–16, 2007

Ecology and Management of Aspen Rangelands

As part of its 60th Annual Meeting in Reno, Nevada, February 11–16, 2007, the Society of Range Management will host a day-long symposium entitled “*Ecology and Management of Aspen Rangelands.*” The Symposium will focus on the ecological significance of quaking aspen (*Populus tremuloides*) communities in the West—communities rich in biodiversity and a favored habitat and forage area for an assortment of wildlife species and livestock. The Symposium will address how this ecological significance is becoming entwined in a web of rangeland management issues.

This event is being organized because resource managers, on both private and public lands, are being asked to take a far more active role in the conservation of an ever broadening range of wildlife species, some of which are considered to be at risk. At the same time, those resource managers are trying to maintain the quality and productivity of rangelands used for domestic ungulate production. However, symposium organizers realize that thinking about conserving these species one species at a time, whether wild or domestic, is often impractical and unsustainable. Thus, there is an increasing awareness that management, preservation, and restoration of habitat are critical for long-term sustainable management of domestic and wildlife populations. To address this challenge effectively, managers, land owners, and the public in general who have historically often operated under conflicting management objectives, are beginning to realize a need to be collaboratively involved in a complex web of habitat-related decisions.

The symposium will address a range of issues relating to aspen habitat restoration. Speakers will discuss the newest research on aspen ecology, biodiversity, assessment, and management in the context of the complexity of conflicting management demands. Additionally, presenters will focus on case studies that examine (1) the design and implementation of strategic wildlife and habitat planning, (2) the evolution and value of aspen monitoring in the development of effective management decisions, and (3) how collaboration between stakeholders can move issues away from impasse. Particular attention will be placed on the methods and the challenges of effective adaptive management of wild and domestic ungulates in ecosystems containing aspen communities.

The event is being organized and hosted by the Nevada Aspen Working Group and the Aspen Delineation Project, a collaborative project of the US Forest Service, Bureau of Land Management, and California Department of Fish and Game. More symposium details can be obtained from David Burton, (916) 663-2574, peregrines@prodigy.net or at www.aspensite.org/events/srm/symposium.

Deadline Date for August issue of *Member Resource News* is July 15th!!!!

USDA NRCS Conservation Effects Assessment Program (CEAP)

From an NRCS point of view, conservation practices on grazinglands are designed to accomplish many purposes. Examples are: improve or maintain the health and vigor of plant communities, water quality and quantity, the quantity and quality of forage for livestock and wildlife; reduce accelerated soil erosion; promote economic stability through grazingland sustainability; control undesirable vegetation; reduce wildfire hazards; restore and establish plant communities to a desired composition of adapted and compatible plant species. While there are many benefits of conservation practices on grazinglands (listed above, but not all inclusive), it has been difficult to quantitatively measure the combined benefits of conservation practices and their effects on soil, water, plants, air, animals, economics, society, and aesthetic aspects.

The principle focus of CEAP is to produce a national and regional assessment of environmental benefits of conservation programs (via conservation practices). Since we want our assessments to be scientifically credible, we are actively working with the research community to develop the science base needed to make a good assessment as well as to guide future implementation of conservation programs.

CEAP will evaluate environmental benefits associated with applied NRCS Conservation Practices. There are five primary resource concerns that CEAP will address:

- 1) Water quality (nutrients, pesticide, sediment delivery to lakes, rivers, streams),
- 2) Soil quality (including soil erosion and carbon storage),
- 3) Water conservation (flood and drought protection),
- 4) Air quality (including particulates and odors), and
- 5) Wildlife habitat (including aquatic and terrestrial habitats).

On grazinglands, many of the conservation practices in the NRCS “toolbox” directly affect these resource concerns. For example, Prescribed Grazing (528A), Prescribed Burning (338), Brush Management (314), Rangeland Seeding (550), Pasture and Hayland Planting (512), and Upland Wildlife Habitat Management (645) may be commonly used in conservation planning and implementation phases with a landowner.

My hope is to become more familiar with existing research programs and literature that has bearing on the CEAP objectives. The National Ag Library has pulled up nearly 1200 citations on effects of practices on grazing lands (rangeland and pasture) so far. While NRCS has begun to fund CEAP projects to benefit cropland, wildlife and wetland practice analysis, I am just beginning a budget for grazing lands.

I am pulling together a meeting October 10th in Kansas City, Missouri, immediately preceding the “Managing Agricultural Landscapes for Environmental Quality, Strengthening the Science” conference. See <http://www.swcs.org/> for the October 11-13th meeting on CEAP. Please consider whether the October 10th meeting might be doable for you.

Please contact Leonard Jolley if you have any comments or questions.

Membership Stats

SRM welcomes its new members. Following is a list of new members, their section and recruiter for May 18, 2006 to June 15, 2006.

<u>Member</u>	<u>Section</u>	<u>Recruited By</u>
Edward Monnig	NV	
Maxwell Thompson	IM	
Cory Lytle	NV	Maggie Orr
Arnold Mattson	IM	Donna Lawrence
Kristen Cotton	WY	
Kirk Darnell	OK	



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Membership Application

(Please Print or Type; Required Fields are bolded)

Full Name: _____
First Name MI Last Name

Nickname (Informal): _____

Address / Contact Information:

Company/Organization/Affiliation

Job Title _____

College/University: (Required for Student Members) _____

Business Address

Home Address

Address (Student: School Address) _____

Address (Student: Permanent Address) _____

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(Amount includes the Primary Section)

- Regular - \$85
- Student - \$35 (Student Verification Form)
- Institutional - \$205
- Commercial - \$525
- Life - \$1500
- Life Family - \$1750
- Additional Family - \$35

Have you ever been a member: Yes No

Name of member that recruited you: _____

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<input type="checkbox"/> Junior	<input type="checkbox"/> Junior	<input type="checkbox"/> 3rd	<input type="checkbox"/> 6th
<input type="checkbox"/> Senior	<input type="checkbox"/> Senior		

Certification Information

Certifications: CRMC CPRM Other

Other: _____

Gender: Gender: Male Female

Year of Birth: 19 _____

Section Affiliation

SRM members **MUST** choose a Section affiliation. Section affiliation is determined by geographical region however members may be affiliated with any and as many Sections as desired upon payment of additional Section dues. See paragraph below for Section Descriptions. **Primary Section Affiliation:** Check the first box. **Additional Section Affiliation:** Check the second box - as many as you would like - \$5 each

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Colorado | <input type="checkbox"/> Nat'l Capital | <input type="checkbox"/> Oklahoma | <input type="checkbox"/> Wyoming |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Florida | <input type="checkbox"/> Nebraska | <input type="checkbox"/> Pacific Northwest | <input type="checkbox"/> Unsectioned |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Idaho | <input type="checkbox"/> Nevada | <input type="checkbox"/> South Dakota | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Int'l Mountain | <input type="checkbox"/> New Mexico | <input type="checkbox"/> Southern | |

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Members receive six issues of *Rangelands* (via postal mail) and 12 issues of *Member Resource News* (electronic delivery only via email) with your paid membership. Members may opt to receive 6 issues of *Rangeland Ecology and Management* for \$40 per year. **I would like to receive the *Rangeland Ecology and Management***
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A full position description is available at:

<http://www.cnrhome.uidaho.edu/default.aspx?pid=54359>. Apply online at <http://www.hr.uidaho.edu/>. Send hard copy of the following to address below: letter of application, curriculum vitae, statement of teaching philosophy, description of research focus, academic transcripts, contact information for three references, and copies of one or two of your refereed publications with a brief explanation of your role in preparing these publications if they are coauthored. Direct inquiries and application materials to: Penny Morgan, Department of Forest Resources, College of Natural Resources, P.O. Box 441133, University of Idaho, Moscow, ID 83844 1133. Questions: Please contact Penny Morgan (pmorgan@uidaho.edu, 208 885-7507) or Jo Ellen Force (joellen@uidaho.edu, 208-885-7311).

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July 20–21	SRM Board of Directors Meeting, Headquarters' Office, Wheat Ridge, Colorado
July 12–14	Pacific Northwest Section Summer Meeting, Burns, Oregon
July 13–15	Nevada Section Summer Meeting, Ely, Nevada
July 14–15	Idaho Section Meeting
July 20–22	International Section Summer Meeting, Big Valley, Alberta
August 4–5	New Mexico Section Summer Meeting/Tour, Mescalero Tribal Lands near Ruidoso, New Mexico
September 14–16	Pacific Northwest Section Fall Annual Meeting, Mt. St. Helens, Washington
September 21–22	Oklahoma Section Fall Annual Meeting, McAlester, Oklahoma
October (n/a)	Nebraska Fall Annual Meeting, North Platte, Nebraska
October 5–6	South Dakota Fall Annual Meeting, Aberdeen, South Dakota
October 11–12	Northern Great Plains Fall Meeting, Miles City, Montana
October 11–13	Texas Section Fall Annual Meeting, Del Rio, Texas
November 1–3	California Pacific Fall Meeting, Catalina Island, California
November 2–3	Utah Section Annual Meeting, Logan, Utah
November 3–4	International Mountain Section Fall Meeting, Great Falls Montana
November 29–	
December 1	Wyoming Section Annual Meeting, Sheridan, Wyoming
December 5–6	Colorado Section Meeting, Grand Junction, Colorado
December 10–13	3rd National Conference on Grazing Lands, St. Louis, Missouri
December 11	Southern Section Meeting (in conjunction w/3NCGL), St. Louis, Missouri

