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By Jeff Mosley, SRM Director

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**Deadline for the  
October SRM  
Member  
Resource News**

Remember to get your position announcements, columns, section announcements, agency information, etc. in by the 15<sup>th</sup> of September for the October issue of the newsletter.

“All there is to thinking...is seeing something noticeable which makes you see something you weren’t noticing which makes you see something that isn’t even visible.”

Norman MacLean, *A River Runs Through It*

September is my favorite time of year, for its arrival brings some of my favorite things—the sound of bugling elk on frosty mornings, the long-awaited passing of mosquitoes and horseflies, the return of football season (Go Packers!), and at least for me here in southwestern Montana, the welcomed return of snow. The cooler weather also pauses me to reflect about my grandfather and one of my few, prized heirlooms, an embroidered wool carriage blanket. This is the blanket that my grandfather placed for warmth across his and my grandmother’s lap when the evening chill would settle around them as they rode in their horse-drawn buggy.

Grandfather was the horseman in the family with skills that thrust him into duty as a horse-mounted messenger in World War I. During one of his rides delivering messages between the trenches, his horse was shot from under him by an enemy sniper. Fortunately my grandfather’s life was spared (fortunate for me, too, otherwise I wouldn’t exist), but sadly, thousands of others were not spared. One such American soldier was Martin Treptow who was killed on the western front in Europe in 1917. In his diary, Treptow wrote: “America must win this war. Therefore, I will work, I will save, I will sacrifice, I will endure, I will fight cheerfully and do my utmost, as if the issue of the whole struggle depended on me alone.”

Treptow’s attitude embodied the philosophy that ultimate success depended upon each person doing his or her duty. In a similar, albeit much less important way, I believe that helping people to learn more about rangelands and how to care for them is a noble pursuit that also requires each person to do their duty. People blessed with knowledge and skills in rangeland ecology and management have a solemn obligation to use their abilities for the greater good. And the need has never been greater. The issues that confront rangelands today—subdivisions, endangered species, recreational demands, increasing livestock production costs, invasive plants, etc.—demand that we respond. In many areas we appear to be standing near the edge of irreparable change to rangeland landscapes.

But as we confront these challenges, I am finding an ever-growing appreciation for our profession and the knowledge and skills that we offer. For example, never before has there been such widespread appreciation for the important contribution

of open space made by ranches and the role of ranching in sustaining wildlife populations, scenic viewsheds, and other rangeland products and values. Never before has there been such widespread recognition that ranching and environmental values from rangelands are mutually interdependent. Never before has there been such enthusiasm about using prescribed livestock grazing to purposely manage natural resources, such as to control weeds or enhance wildlife habitat. All of these are incredibly positive changes that herald many more to come.

It is, indeed, a fun, challenging, and rewarding time to be involved in rangeland management. Do you notice it? Can you see it? I know that I'm energized by it and I hope you are, too. September 2004—what a wonderful time to enjoy autumn's arrival and a wonderful time to be working to sustain rangeland resources for current and future generations!

In closing, for those of you who may not share my enthusiasm and who may think I must have spent one too many days clipping quadrats in the hot summer sun, please remember that I'm also the guy who enjoys snow in September and take heart in these words of wisdom offered to me many years ago by my friend and former SRM President Lamar Smith, "Anyone who claims to be fond of snow must be a little flaky."

### **RTEC Meeting**

Rangeland Technology and Equipment Council (RTEC) will be meeting Sunday, February 6, 2005 from 1 to 5 p.m. at the SRM Annual Meeting in Ft. Worth. The program will feature talks by a rancher, contractor, and several researchers on technologies and equipment to meet new paradigms in brush management plus a new book on the history and future of brush management. A business meeting will follow the technical session. All our welcome!

### **Future Database for Alien Plant Invasion**

The National Park Service Ecosystem Restoration Program is sponsoring an effort to develop a database of restoration techniques related to alien plant invasions. Although the initial effort is related to California and the northeastern United States they are interested in information from other areas as well. They would like to know what techniques are being tested or used to restore native plant communities after weed control, and what has been learned. Although local information systems are the basis for local decision making, the knowledge of practitioners only rarely reaches broad audiences through professional research or trade journals. The Park Service intends to collect and organize this information so that it is accessible to land managers.

The Society for Range Management is anxious to be of assistance to the National Park Service in this effort and we encourage our members to provide useful information related to restoration of native plant communities following nonnative plant invasions. If you have information that would be helpful in this effort, please use the link below to respond to the posted questions. If you would rather relay your experiences via phone or in person please call Jennifer Sunderland at (970) 231-9069, Research Associate, Natural Resource Ecology Lab, Colorado State University, Fort Collins, CO 80526, <http://www.nrel.colostate.edu/~jsunderl/>



## TRADE SHOW

The spacious arena at the Fort Worth Convention Center will be home to the 2005 Trade Show. The trade show and convention are conveniently located in one building. Setup for the trade show will begin Sunday February 6 at 8:00 am, and take down starts Wednesday, February 9 at 1:00 pm.

The Trade Show floor plan has a professionally designed layout to allow effective display and traffic flow. This includes a food court for breakfast and lunch with four lounge areas to attract meeting participants. There are 1200 onsite parking spaces and new and expanded dock facilities.

The floor plan includes 100 booths (10 ft. x 10 ft.) to highlight exhibitors' products and services. To date, about 25 booths have been reserved for university student chapters to commercial machinery displays.

Exhibitor booth spaces cost \$450 for Commercial Member's of SRM, \$600 for Commercial non-member, \$375 for Non-commercial (non-profit), \$300 for additional booths, \$60 for University Range Club and \$25 for an extra range club booth.

Detailed Trade Show information is available at <http://www.rangelands.org/texas2005/>.

### EARLY BIRD EXHIBITORS

Agricultural Workers Mutual Auto Insurance  
Michael Blakely  
Curtis & Curtis Seed Company  
Dow AgroSciences  
Grazing Lands Conservation Initiative  
Holt Company of Texas  
Samuel Roberts Noble Foundation, Inc.  
North Star VMS  
Ridley Block Operations  
Society for Range Management - Lakewood  
Texas A&M University Press  
Texas A&M University Range Club  
Texas Section - Society for Range Management  
2006 SRM Annual Meeting (Vancouver, BC)  
2007 SRM Annual Meeting (Reno, NV)  
Truax Company, Inc.

### Member Information

The following members were omitted in the last *Rangelands* as Sustaining members as they are listed in the data base under Associate, Emeritus, First Family, and Student Sustaining: Robert S. Blaisdell; Ronald F. Bauer; James J. Butler; Ann Cassidy; Erin C. Dale; Chris Dallyn; Richard S. Driscoll; Henry Dee Galt; Donald W. Hedrick; Charles E. McGlothlin; Jeff Mosley; Margaret R. Orr; Richard A. Orr; James T. O'Rourke; Brian T. Radford; Charles N. Saulisberry; E. Lamar Smith, Jr., and Sherry D. Sultenfuss.

We apologize for the exclusion of these Sustaining members.

## Lost Resources

**Donald “Don” L. Huss**, of Menard, TX passed away July 6, 2004.

Mr. Huss was born on April 16, 1927 to Ira Lee and Bernadine (Freemon) Huss in Munday, TX and was a veteran of World War II and the Korean War. He married Bobby M. Kidd on November 28, 1948 in Mason, TX.

Dr. Huss earned B.S., M.S., and PhD degrees in Range Management with minors in forestry, animal husbandry and genetics. He was a Range Specialist with the Soil Conservation Service from 1949 to 1953 before commencing graduate studies at Texas A&M University. He was made an Instructor of Range Management at Texas A&M in 1955 and an Assistant Professor in 1958 with 3/4 teaching and 1/4 research appointment. The latter included an assignment as Leader of cattle and sheep production systems research in the Texas Range Station. Dr. Huss joined FAO in 1967 and served in various capacities until his retirement in 1987.

Dr. Huss worked in forty-two countries in the Near and Middle-East, Africa, Latin America and the Caribbean. He was instrumental in the formulation and implementation of various activities related to animal production in general, environmental conservation, small animal species production, range and cultivated pasture management, fodder crop production and conservation, training, research and extension. He had experience in animal management along with the practices required for providing adequate nutrition. Regarding natural resources, Dr. Huss advocated that the needs of the present could be met without compromising those of the future. He participated in various missions and activities in the Near East Region aimed at instigating action to combat the desertification of rangeland and he successfully initiated some pilot projects accordingly.

He also formed the International Working Group for the Promotion of Rangelands in Latin America and initiated supporting activities. These included training courses for university professors in South America, co-authorship of a text “Principios de Manejo de Praderas Naturales” and the formation of national working groups. Dr. Huss is the author or co-author of over 100 publications written in either English or Spanish.

Dr. Huss was a recipient of Texas A&M University’s Memorial Student Center Appreciation and Distinguished Service Awards and he was named the 1966 College of Agriculture Honor Professor, a recognition awarded by students. The Society for Range Management gave him its Outstanding Achievement Award in 1975 and its Fellow Award in 1979. He was also placed in his high school’s Hall of Fame in 1984 and was appointed to the National Research Council’s Panel on Micro-Livestock in 1986.

After retirement Don and Bobby turned to Menard, TX where he was active in promoting the historical values of his hometown.

### *SRM Members Resource News*

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**CRM Successes**  
**“The Invaders”**  
**By Dennis Phillippi**  
**For the Wyoming CRM Committee**

The Goshen County Coordinated Resource Management Team is successfully attacking a noxious weed invasion on over 34,000 acres of land encompassing the Bump Sullivan/Springer Habitat Unit and private lands within the project area.

The CRM project began in 1994 when musk thistle, Canada thistle, field bindweed and Russian knapweed were threatening to destroy the habitat and productivity of 34,000 acres of irreplaceable habitat and crop and rangelands. The areas most infected are high valued lands such as riparian areas, upland game bird and waterfowl nesting sites, croplands, highly productive grazing lands and recreation lands. Pheasants, ducks, Canada geese and songbirds were losing cover vegetation.

During a meeting between the Wyoming Game & Fish Department and Goshen County Weed & Pest Control District in 1994, WGFD expressed a need to do more control work on noxious weeds on the Springer Wildlife Habitat Unit. This need led to the development of a CRM program and the Goshen County Resource Management Project was initiated.

The CRM was formed to provide a unified effort to develop a long-term integrated weed management plan. The committee was responsible to develop public awareness programs, prevention programs and common inventory, monitoring and progress reporting.

The original objective developed was first to get the private landowners in the project area interested enough to participate. The first year, 42 private landowners signed up for a three-year commitment for spraying noxious weeds. More landowners have shown interest in participating in the program.

The second objective of the CRM is to reduce noxious weed-infested acres by 20 percent on the project area within five years. This goal will be reached by using the Integrated Weed Management approach, which includes chemical spraying, mechanical control (mowing), and biological control techniques to effectively control the weed invasion.

The third objective was to get control of the noxious weeds on the Game and Fish Bump Sullivan/Springer Units using the Integrated Pest Management (IPM) practices.

Another goal is to develop a long-term management plan, including a public information component, with plans to develop a video promoting the project's successes. School children often tour the area, help pull weeds and become better educated.

This CRM project is well on its way to achieving success in reducing noxious weeds. CRM partners include – Game & Fish Department, Weed & Pest District, Bureau of Land Management, Conservation District, Department of Agriculture, Cooperative Extension Service, Natural Resource Conservation Service, and Private Landowners.

\* Dennis Phillippi is currently chair of the CRM Committee – Phone (406) 587-7792

**Erratum**

The phone number listed for director Marty Vavra in the 2004 Mini Directory is incorrect. The correct phone number is 541-962-6561.

The URL listed in the August MRN for the XX International Grassland Conference was incorrect. The correct URL is <http://www.igc2005.com>

**Department Head  
Forest, Rangeland and Watershed Stewardship  
Colorado State University**

The Department Head is primarily responsible for leadership and administration of teaching, research, extension and service activities of departmental personnel. To review the long position description, please visit [www.cnr.colostate.edu](http://www.cnr.colostate.edu).

**Minimum Qualifications:** Demonstrated leadership in stewardship of rangeland, forested landscapes and watersheds; an earned doctorate in a natural resource field or relevant discipline; quality teaching, research and extension or service experience; academic administrative experience or evidence of potential for such.

**Additional Qualification Criteria:**

- Demonstrated interpersonal and leadership skills in mentoring faculty and staff, budgeting and carrying out administrative duties.
- Academic accomplishments that meet the requirements for a tenured full professor, including a record of excellence in teaching, research and/or service to professional organizations and the public.
- A record of continuous scholarly contributions to knowledge in forest sciences, rangeland ecology or watershed science or closely related fields.
- A demonstrated commitment to enhancing diversity among students, faculty and staff.
- A record of leadership in working with federal, state, municipal natural resource management agencies, private sector and other conservation and scientific organizations.

**Applicants should submit:** 1) a letter detailing your administrative vision on advancing the science and practices of land and water stewardship by integrating the disciplines of rangeland, forest and watershed science; 2) a curriculum vitae; and 3) the names, addresses and phone numbers of five references who will be contacted only after the short list of candidates is established.

Faxed and e-mail applications are not acceptable as final forms of application. Send all materials to:

Forest, Rangeland and Watershed  
Stewardship Search Committee  
c/o Rudy Garcia  
College of Natural Resources  
101 Natural Resources Building  
Colorado State University  
Ft Collins, CO 80523-1401

**Deadline:** Applications and nominations will be considered until the position is filled. However, applicants should submit application by **September 15, 2004** for full consideration.

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**New Members**

SRM welcomes its new members. Following is a list of new members, their section and recruiter for July and August 2004.

Member	Section	Recruited By
Ann M Francis	CAL-PAC	Susan Edinger Marshall
Amanda Ford	CO	
Tiffany Crosby	FL	Dave George
Rebecca Beavers	ID	
Jamie Ridgely	NC	
Douglas Helms	NCS	Dennis Thompson
David Correia	NM	
Dennis Trujullo	NM	
Johnna Wier	NM	Dwayne Day
Christine A Bishop	NM & CO	
Daniel Chad Cummings	OK	Sam Fuhendorf
Danielle Whaley	OK	
Elizabeth Nematpour	OK	
Joy Martin	OK	Brandon Chandler
Edward Weathers	OK & TX	Dr. Robert Knight
Brain Haddow	PNW	Darren Bruhjell
Steve Payer	PNW	Teal Purrington & Bob Ehrhardt
John Keimig	SD	Roger Gates & Dave George
Brad Clark	TX	Dalton Merz
Dr. Clinton Parsons	TX	
Erika Campbell	TX	
Georgianne Moore	TX	Dr. Keith Owens
Lori A Biederman	TX	
Veronica M. O'Donnell	TX	Melony Sikes
Guodong Han	UN	Walter Willms
Mengli Zhao	UN	Walter Willms
Reid Kasem	UN	
Quincy Bahr	UT	
Sue Goheen	UT	
James Cagney	WY	

**Section Membership Totals  
for July 2004**

AZ	186	NM	188
CAL-PAC	268	NV	162
CO	288	OK	111
FL	32	PNW	387
ID	207	SD	129
IM	274	SO	83
KS	94	TX	531
MX	31	UN	55
NC	48	UT	262
NCS	50	WY	220
NE	133		
NGP	255		
		July Section Total	3994
		July Membership Total	3776

## Plan on Hawaii in November

The California Pacific Section, Society for Range Management invites you to join us for our Annual Meeting, November 10–13, 2004, in the island paradise of Kailua-Kona, HI (The Big Island). Escape the arctic blasts of the mainland and participate in a very interesting and educational program. On Thursday, November 11, we will conduct a full day educational program featuring rangeland watershed management and agri- and eco-tourism. Speakers will address fire and fuels management, multiple use management including grazing and endangered species conservation, invasive species, and a variety of agro/eco-tourism endeavors including hunt clubs, nature trails, and adventures. At the end of this day-long session we will have the Section reception, banquet and auction. The following day (Friday, November 12), we will embark on a technical tour, visiting some of the areas and projects on the Big Island that were highlighted during the previous day's session, including stops at the Pono Holo and Kahua Ranches.

On the final day of our Annual Meeting, Saturday, November 13, we will investigate the near shore marine fishery resource via a Snorkeling Adventure. This will provide the opportunity for participants to experience a successful ecotourism endeavor. The group snorkeling adventure will be aboard the Fair Wind at Kealakekua Bay and the Captain Cook Monument. Special adult and children rates have been negotiated for our Section meeting participants. The cruise is 4.5 hours long and includes 2.5 hours of snorkeling time, all snorkel gear and instructions, continental breakfast, and bar-b-que lunch along with punch, water and sodas.

The Annual Meeting will be held at the King Kamehameha Kona Beach Hotel in Kailua-Kona. Accommodations have been arranged at the hotel (800-367-2111 or Fax: 808-329-4602 using **Group Code KC24091-Regional Meeting**) at a rate of \$130.00/ night + tax (11.41%) for single or double occupancy. This rate will be honored for pre and post convention days subject to room availability. Children under 19 stay free when sharing a room with an adult. **Reservations must be made no later than October 1, 2004.**

The California Pacific Section Board of Directors Meeting will be held at the hotel on Wednesday, November 10, 2004 from 1:00 to 5:00.

Please join us for this unique educational experience and enjoy a great time in Hawaii.

ALOHA!!!

*Bill Frost, Joe May, Mark Thorne and Ken Fulgham.*

### PROGRAM

#### Wednesday, November 10, 2004

1:00 – 5:00 California Pacific Section Board of Directors Meeting

#### Thursday, November 11, 2004

- 9:00 – 9:30 Mick Castillo, West Hawaii Wildlife Management Organization. Research in the use of prescribed burning, grazing and herbicide to reduce fire hazard.
- 9:30 – 10:00 Lisa Hadway, Hawaii Dept. of Land and Natural Resources, Division of Forestry and Wildlife. Management of the historical Pu'u Wa'awa'a and Pu'u Anahulu areas.
- 10:00 – 10:30 Speaker unconfirmed. Fireweed research in Hawaii.
- 10:30 – 11:00 Break
- 11:00 – 11:30 Jon Gustafson, Natural Resource Conservation Service, Grazing Lands Conservation Initiative
- 11:30 – 12:00 Kent Flemming, University of Hawaii Cooperative Extension. Agrotourism in Hawaii.

- 12:00 – 1:30 California Pacific Section Business Luncheon  
1:30 – 2:30 Billy Bergin. History of ranching and the Paniolo in Hawaii.  
2:30 – 3:00 Richard Mastronardo, Waipio Adventure Tours. Examples of adventure tours in Hawaii.  
3:00 – 3:30 Patrick Fisher, Parker Ranch Hunt Club. Bird hunting opportunities on the Parker Ranch.  
3:30 – 3:45 Break  
3:45 – 4:15 Rob Pacheco, Hawaiian Nature Trails. Nature trails.  
4:15 – 4:45 Pono Von Holt, Pono Holo Ranch. Ecotourism on the Pono Holo Ranch.  
5:30 – 10:00 Section Reception followed by the Section Banquet and Auction

Friday, November 12, 2004

The field tour vans will depart at 8:00 a.m. from King Kamehameha Kona Beach Hotel. We will drive along the spectacular Waikalua and Kohala Coast to Hawaii at North Point. We will then proceed along the Kohala Mountain Road to the Pono Holo Ranch to learn about their Paniolo Adventures. Next we will continue to the Kahua Ranch for lunch and presentations on their EcoTour Enterprises. We will return through beautiful Kamuela (Waimea) along the Mamalahoa Belt Road to Kailua-Kona, arriving at the King Kamehameha Kona Beach Hotel around 5:30 p.m. Be sure to bring a camera!!!!

Saturday, November 13, 2004

- 8:30 – 1:00 FAIRWIND Snorkeling Adventure boarding at Keauhou Bay dock (bring towel, sunscreen, and cover up).

For more information go to <http://www.casrm.org/CaSRM10.shtml>

**SRM Continuing Education Units Assigned – 5 for Thursday program, 3 for Friday tour.**