



Rangeland News

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Deadline for the March 2007 SRM Rangeland 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. Send to Patty Rich at prich@rangelands.org

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On to the Future

By John Tanaka, SRM President

By the time this comes out, it will be just a few days until our Annual Meeting in Reno starts. I hope you are planning on coming, it should be a great meeting. As you probably know, we are now booking rooms in 3 hotels because of the great turnout. On behalf of the Society, we hope to see you there. Besides all of the planned activities, come ready to talk about where we are headed in the future.

My last chance...now there's a thought that gives me pause. My last chance to write to the members as your current president. My last chance to lead the Board meeting. My last chance to run around to as many meetings as I can make. My last chance to try to turn the rudder of a large ship. My last chance...

I've had a few discussions over the past months with some of the Past Presidents. The conversation usually comes around to something like "so what're ya' gonna' do now", with the reply of "I dunno", what'd you do when you were done?" And so it goes. What I come away with is that being a past president is a quick ticket to suddenly being "out of the loop."

As I think back over how I got to this point, I'm really not excited about seeing it come to an end and being out of the loop. Don't get me wrong, all the things that got put on hold this past year need to get done, but I would not trade this opportunity for very many things. I still remember being an undergraduate student asked to serve on the Portland Annual Meeting committee. I'm glad things seemed simpler back then. I remember the first time I was appointed to an SRM committee, being an officer in my Chapter and then in the PNW Section. As I've told my daughters as they get involved in leadership roles in various organizations, I've come out on the short end of the votes more times than not, but the opportunities that eventually came along were well worth the disappointments. Guess I just can't take "no" for an answer.

I remember being involved in the strategic planning process back in the early '90's at the time I was the Section President. That effort didn't get very far, but it certainly laid a lot of eggs for what was to come. Our Section put together our own plan, reorganized ourselves, and got us moving in different directions. We developed our own "Code" that directs us still (<http://pnws-rm.org>). The Society eventually put together our own set of strategic plans that we use to guide our actions. While the tasks and our ability to implement the tasks change, our basic strategy has remained constant.

Not long after we hired Jason Campbell to be our new EVP, he and I had a conversation. The question he posed to me at the time was along the lines of "so what do you want to accomplish while you are President?" Jason may remember this differently, but my response was to keep the good things going, to put the Society in a better position to proactively address issues and take advantage of opportunities, and leave the Society in better shape than when I started. At least I think we're headed down that path, and I by no means take credit for that. The officers work as a team, the board is actively engaged,

committees are functioning, volunteers continue to volunteer, and things are getting done. Not bad for a bunch of independent minded volunteers. My thanks to all of you who have worked so hard on behalf of the Society.

I want to give you a small sampling of what has been accomplished over the past year through your efforts.

- We have redefined our university accreditation standards that should enable many more schools to become accredited while maintaining quality.
- Our CPRM program continues to grow and provide many continuing education opportunities.
- We continue to seek efficiencies in all of our programs and administration.
- We meet regularly with other natural resource based associations such as the Society of American Foresters, Ecological Society of America, The Wildlife Society, American Fisheries Society, Grazing Lands Conservation Initiative, American Forage and Grassland Council, and others to find new opportunities for partnerships.
- We co-hosted a Congressional Briefing with ESA, TWS, AFS, and other organizations.
- We meet regularly with federal agencies including BLM, Forest Service, NRCS, ARS, CSREES, USGS-BRD, USFWS, and are seeking to gain inroads with others to find ways to define and implement programs.
- Linda Coates-Markel has joined the SRM staff as the new BLM liaison in our Wheat Ridge office.
- Both Jason Campbell, our EVP for the last year and a half, and our new office building are fully operating.
- A Young Professionals Conclave began at last year's annual meeting to help bridge the gap from student to working professional and to put on programs of interest to those just starting out their careers.
- We continue to strive to be the "safe haven" where diverse viewpoints related to rangeland management can be discussed, debated, and the subject of open dialogues.
- We are planning for a regional workshop on management of sage grouse to be held in Utah next summer.
- We have initiated the Rangeland Cup, a competition for student teams.
- We are actively trying to get information to rangeland managers and others in less developed countries by offering reduced dues.
- And many other activities have either begun, continue, or were completed over the past year.

So is it my last chance? I don't think so. I may take a break for a while, but there is still lots to get done. I hope each of you will continue to join me in that venture.

Lost Resources

Jay Clark, SRM member since 1981, has passed away. His address was Clark Ranch, H 3 Box 12, Boise City, Oklahoma 73933-9657.

RANGE MANAGER WANTED

Mature self-motivated individual to focus on a long-term program to increase the livestock carrying capacity of some 6,400 acres of native grassland two hours east of Calgary, Alberta. For details e-mail Edwin Mattheis, President, Mattheis Engineering Ltd, edrum@shaw.ca.

SRM member Glenn Friesen is looking for a set of *JRM - REM* and *Rangelands* to form a library. If you have any to donate, please contact him at:
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Membership Stats

SRM welcomes its new members. Following is a list of new members, their section and recruiter for December 28, 2006 to January 16, 2007.

<u>Member</u>	<u>Section</u>	<u>Recruited By</u>	<u>Member</u>	<u>Section</u>	<u>Recruited By</u>
Jessica King	AZ		Brittney Askew	NV	
Lisa Graumlich	AZ	George Ruyle	Dr. Louis Provencher	NV	
John Griffin	AZ		Jagadeesh Mosali	OK	Chan Glidewell
Alayna Sandford	AZ		Bill Starry	OK	Chan Glidewell
Alan Uchida	Cal-Pac	Richard Westmen	Yates Adcock	OK	Chan Glidewell
Donald Armentrout	Cal-Pac	KC Pasero	Amy Prater	OK	Brandon Chandler
Barrett Sikes	CO	Ben Berlinger	Corinne Duncan	PNW	Dr. Richard Miller
Byron Sleugh	CO		Matthew Braun	PNW	
Troy Osborn	CO		Francis Njenga	PNW	
Heather Messick	CO		Randy Johnson	PNW	Nancy Shaw
John Cantlon	CO		Sadie Duncan	PNW	
Brady Pfeil Jr.	FL & TX		Tessa Teems	PNW	John Buckhouse
Darin Anderson	ID		Matt Bahm	SD	Dave Engle & Sam Fhulendorf
Ruth Luke	ID, NV, PNW, WY	Josh Hyde			
Christine Sweet	IM		Leila Schultz	UT	
Nicole Ruterbories	NE	Mary Reece	Brent Larson	UT	
Jenita Qualm	NE	Mary Reece	Dusty Smith	WY	Dan Rodgers
Valles Caldera Trust	NM		Ben Rashford	WY	
Sandra Imler-Jacquez	NM	Barry Imler	Brian Czech		Joel Brown
Elizabeth Leger	NV				

Welcome New Commercial member Rainer Seeds, Inc.

Small Farms and Staff Chair

Oregon State University Extension Service is recruiting for a Small Farms and Staff Chair faculty member to be located in Deschutes County (Redmond) at the rank of Assistant Professor or Associate Professor (depending on qualifications). Responsibilities include Staff Chair in Deschutes County (60%) which will provide vision, direction, and priorities for the overall Extension program in Deschutes County. (25%) provide leadership and education programming for small acreage owners and renters in central Oregon regions (Deschutes, Crook, Jefferson Counties, and Warm Springs Indian Reservation), (10%) provide scholarship and creative activity supporting administration and program area responsibilities, and (5%) provide service for College, University and professional organizations. To review posting and apply, go to <http://oregonstate.edu/jobs> Closing Date: 02/14/07 at 5 pm. OSU is an AA/EOE.

Colorado State University

Cooperative Extension

#03-07, Area Extension Agent (Range & Livestock Management)

& Crowley County Extension Unit Leader

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Provide leadership, guidance, direction and implementation of Cooperative Extension range and livestock management programs in Crowley and Otero counties. Completed master's degree in Range Management or Animal Science or related field required. Organizational application form, including transcripts showing degree(s) conferred, must be RECEIVED no later than 2/19/07. Application forms and complete list of requirements located at <http://www.ext.colostate.edu/coop/jobsmenu.html> or 970-491-1617. CSU is an EEO/AA Employer.

BLM Reception/Family Meeting Changed

Please note that the date and time for the “BLM reception/family meeting” at the upcoming 60th Annual SRM Meeting have changed:

New date and time: Sunday, February 11, 2007, 8–10pm

Where: John Ascuaga’s Nugget, Sparks, NV, Southern Pacific ABG, (3rd floor)

Who: BLM employees attending SRM meetings and any interested, others (estimate of 60–80 people)

Tentative Schedule of Events:

Featured Speakers:

BLM: Henri Bisson, Deputy Director Operations; Bud Cribley, Acting Deputy Assistant Director, Renewable Resources and Planning; Rob Roudabush, Acting Division Chief, Rangeland Resources; Ron Wenker, Nevada State Director; Jack Hamby, Deputy Division Chief, Rangeland Resources; and Bob Bolton, Rangeland Management Program Lead

SRM: Dennis Phillippi, incoming SRM President; Roy Roath, Chair SRM Advisory Council; and Jim Linebaugh, 2007 Annual SRM meeting Co-Chair

Recognition Awards:

WO 220 is creating professional development opportunities for deserving Rangeland Management Specialists (RMS) from different states. Nominations have been sought for RMS who have provided exemplary service to BLM through their local on-the-ground achievements. Nominations may also include promising individuals, especially newer employees, who are deserving of an outstanding professional development opportunity. Criteria for the recognition of exemplary service or the professional development opportunity may include work accomplishments, work ethic, communication skills, and/or professionalism. Individual states may determine the basis for their selection. Selected individuals will be offered the opportunity to attend the SRM meeting in Reno, Nevada, February 10–16, 2007. WO 220 will provide up to \$500 per individual to help cover the costs for registration and travel to the meetings. These individuals will be recognized at the BLM “family” meeting.—**Linda Coates-Markle**, BLM/SRM Liaison, Society for Range Management.

Job Posting

Oregon State University’s Malheur County Extension is recruiting for a **Rangeland/Livestock Educator** at the **Assistant Professor** level. The posting number is: 0000284. To review posting and apply, go to: <http://oregonstate.edu/jobs> Closing date: 03/02/07 at 5:00 pm. OSU is an AA/EOE.