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Board of Directors Monthly Meeting Notice

The Board's monthly conference call is the 2nd Monday of each month at 11:00 am MDT. NOTE JANUARY DATE CHANGE: The January BOD meeting will be January 17, 2011.

In February, the BOD will be meeting at the SRM Annual Meeting in Billings. Please check your Program for times and locations.

Your 2010 Board of Directors:

President: Jeff Mosley, MT; 1st Vice President: Jack Alexander, MT; 2nd Vice President: Gary Frasier, CO

Directors: Richard Orr, NV; Jenny Pluhar, TX; Charles Hart, TX; Sandy Wyman, OR; Stephanie Larson-Praplan, CA; Keith Klement, WY

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Advisory Council, Here to Help! Jim Sullins, Advisory Council Chair-Elect

Hello and Happy New Year! My name is Jim Sullins, Past President of the California-Pacific Section, and the Advisory Council Chair Elect/Secretary for 2010-2011. As the Chair Elect, I would like to share with you a little about the SRM Advisory Council (AC), as it is one of your direct methods, as a member, to have input into the policy and decisions affecting your society. The AC structure and duties are provided by the SRM Bylaws which you can find on the SRM website under the dropdown "About SRM" (<http://www.rangelands.org/pdf/Bylaws.pdf>). The purpose of the AC is to: "serve as a planning, consultative, and advisory body to the Board of Directors, to provide the means for discussion and evaluation of Society affairs by a broad spectrum of membership, and to provide the opportunity for reporting on, exchanging ideas about, and evaluating Section and Society activities and programs" (Article V, Sect 1 SRM By-Laws). The AC is "composed of the President and two elected officers of each Section of the Society. For the purpose of conducting normal business at the meetings of the Advisory Council duly authorized members of Sections may serve as alternates" (Article V, Sect 2 SRM By-Laws).

The AC represents you through your Section President and designated elected officers. The AC has several functions in the society. The AC Chair and Chair Elect are authorized to attend all meetings of the Board of Directors, and are called to assist the Board of Directors in "planning for the functions and affairs of the Society". The Board of Directors is specifically called to consult with the AC on several issues such as establishing or terminating sections; recognition of students and student conclaves and other youth activities; decisions on society publications; initiation of policy, resolutions and position statements and proposed By-Laws amendments.

According to the Advisory Council Handbook, one of the most critical functions of AC is working with the Board and the SRM staff in the selection of Annual Meeting sites, which must be planned out at least 4 years in advance and requires tremendous coordination with the SRM staff and the hosting section(s) as well as with the Board. This past year there has been a lot of effort with Jim O'Rourke's leadership to revise the "Handbook for Organizing and Hosting Annual Meetings of SRM", which will be a tremendous help at all levels in planning and operating this critical enterprise. An The Annual Meeting Subcommittee is a standing committee made up of the AC Chair and Chair-Elect, a member from a section that recently hosted an Annual Meeting, and a member from a large venue and one from a small venue section. It is very important that section representatives come to the Annual Meeting prepared to discuss their desires to host a meeting and to vote on the recommendations from the Annual Meeting Subcommittee for upcoming meeting sites.

The Advisory Council is truly a working group representing you as a member. It is important that your section is fully represented. Check with your President and see if your representatives will be attending the AC meetings. I urge section officers to ensure you are represented. Remember an organization is run by those that show up! See you in Billings in February 2011.

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Executive Vice President's Report Jess Peterson

Greetings SRM Members,

Happy New Year- 2011! I hope you took some time these past few weeks to enjoy friends and family. I had a chance to spend a few days with family and friends at the ranch in Montana, and I enjoyed every minute of it!

As you know it's the final days leading up to the Billings Annual Meeting. I am extremely pleased with how everything is coming together. Once again the volunteers and annual meeting committee members are doing an outstanding job of setting the stage for a successful meeting. Volunteers, SRM staff, and Allen Press are working hard to ensure that both membership and meeting processing is going smoothly. We have had a few minor glitches during this transition, but we are working through each of them as they come up. I want to thank everyone for their patience in dealing with the glitches. Each week the operating system and protocols are improved. I appreciate the numerous calls and emails from members that have expressed their appreciation for different functions of the new operating system. We are committed to ensuring that SRM membership and meeting registration processing is as smooth and efficient as possible! As always, if you have a question or comment about either membership processing or meeting registration please call me direct at: 202-870-3867. You can also ask questions or make comments on the next SRM Action Update Call...

Thursday, January 13 at 11:00 am MST Dial-in Number: 1-213-416-6650 and Access Code is: 012010 #

We will continue operating this call with the format that welcomes reports, comments, and questions from SRM committee chairs regarding their committee activities. Also on this call we'll be talking about the latest updates in leading up to the Billings Annual Meeting.

In closing, I want to share a personal reflection of just how impressive this society is. This is my second year of being involved as a staff person for the SRM annual meeting. I am truly amazed at how every detail, great or small is worked out to near perfection by meeting organizers and volunteers. It's truly humbling and motivating to interact with individuals that are working so hard, and giving so much effort to put together such an awesome event. To all the meeting organizers and volunteers, "Thank you- keep it up- we are almost there!" To all the upcoming attendees, "It's going to be another great annual meeting- prepare for an enjoyable and exciting event!"

Jess Peterson

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2010 URME Winner in DC

Daniel Zviridin visits Washington DC as part of his award. Daniel is the top scorer in the SRM's 2010 Undergraduate Range Management Exam. He is pictured here with Bob Abbey, BLM Director.

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BOD Nomination Deadline - Extended!

The deadline for the nomination of the 2012 2nd Vice President and two Board of Director positions has been extended to January 24, 2011. If you would like to submit a name for any of the positions, please, review the guidelines at:

[http://rangelands.org/nomcom/nomcom\\_nominationsannouncement.shtml](http://rangelands.org/nomcom/nomcom_nominationsannouncement.shtml).

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Have You Heard the News? 2011 Rangeland Job Fair
Sunday, February 6th - 10am-6pm
In Conjunction with Society for Range Management (SRM) 64th Annual Meeting
Billings Hotel and Convention Center
1223 Mullaney Lane; Billings, MT 59101

The 4th Annual Rangeland Job Fair is designed to bring rangeland employers (from various Federal Agencies, State and Provincial governments, Private Industry, Academia, and Conservation Organizations) together with enthusiastic candidates in a fun professional and rewarding setting. <http://www.rangelands.org/jobfair.shtml>.

Additional Programs: Agency Hiring on the Spot Program works in conjunction with the Job Fair to recruit exceptional candidates into the Federal workforce. http://www.rangelands.org/jobfair_onthespot.shtml.

Several Career Development Workshops are also being offered and are designed to help sharpen your skills during the job application and interview process. http://www.rangelands.org/jobfair_workshops.shtml.

Just as rangelands are diverse, so are related careers. Just look at the SRM membership as an example of this diversity! In order to better match job opportunities with job seekers, SRM will again expand employment efforts at the 64th SRM Annual Meeting and Trade Show in Billings, Montana February 6-10, 2011. SRM announces the fourth annual 2011 RANGELAND JOB FAIR scheduled for Sunday February 6th, 10 am-6 pm. This is a free service for all job seekers and employers that represent SRM members and Trade Show participants.

The mission of the RANGELAND JOB FAIR is to match prospective employers from the Federal Agencies, State and Provincial Governments, Private Industry, Academia, and Conservation Organizations with the high caliber of educated and enthusiastic prospects from SRM. Attendance at the annual meetings at the Holiday Inn Grand Montana and the Billings Hotel and Convention Center this year is expected to be between 1000-1500 people. Approximately 25 percent of attendees will be students and young professionals.

The job fair will involve a full day on Sunday February 6th, 2011. Employers will be provided space to display employment information, distribute vacancy announcements and interact with job seekers. Registered participants will be provided with one 6-ft table for displays within a large exposition area. For an extra charge, we will also provide 4' X 8' display boards (see registration form). We will encourage all interested meeting attendees to drift through and browse the JOB FAIR between other scheduled activities, meetings and workshops. We do expect that all participants staff their tables/displays and be prepared to answer questions.

If you are interested in this program, or know of prospective employers who may be, please feel free to contact the JOB FAIR

Coordinator, Linda Coates-Markle, BLM Liaison to SRM at
lcmarkle@rangelands.org and/or 303-986-3309.

All employers MUST register for this program. Job seekers do NOT need to register. To register for the 2011 RANGELAND JOB FAIR, please complete the reservation form which can be found at:
http://www.rangelands.org/pdf/AM11_jobfair_reg_form.pdf and return it to the address at the bottom of the form. Reservations will be accepted on a first-come, first served basis, and space is limited. The deadline for receipt of all reservations is Friday January 14, 2011. On-site registrations may be accepted, depending on available space, and will require payment of a \$100 late fee.

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2011 SRM Annual Meeting Tours

The deadline for registration for the Pompeys Pillar and Little Bighorn Battlefield tours during the Billings Annual Meeting has been extended to January 19. We still have room for more participants. If you have already registered for the meeting but did not buy a tour ticket, you can still add a tour. To add a tour you will have to fax or mail a registration form in because the software will not allow you to add events online. The form is available at:

[http://www.rangelands.org/billings2011/pdf/2011\\_Registration\\_Form.pdf](http://www.rangelands.org/billings2011/pdf/2011_Registration_Form.pdf)

Plans have been made to provide an informative program on each of the tours if the weather is a less than ideal. A full refund will be provided if the tours have to be cancelled because of inclement weather. We are planning on having the tours unless the roads are blocked. Please bring your winter coat.

A stop at the KS Land Company has been added to the agenda on the Pompeys Pillar Tour. This stop will highlight the Dunn Mountain Fire, range inventory, and ranch operations. This tour is being designed for the college students, but all are welcome to attend.

Our featured stop at the Little Bighorn Battlefield Tour will be at the Ted and Claudine Hash Ranch. Ted will give us an overview of his operation and talk about changes he has seen since adjusting his grazing plan. Lunch will be at the Little Bighorn College at Crow Agency and the menu will be either Indian tacos or stew and fry bread.

If you haven't signed up yet please do so soon. The Technical Tours Committee is excited and eager to show you a slice of the Northern Great Plains.

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Endowment Fund Silent Auction

Montana Convention Center - Billings, MT
February 7 - 9, 2011

SRM Endowment Fund Silent Auction is an opportunity for every SRM member to make a fulfilling contribution to the long-term financial health of SRM. Participation can be as either a donor and/or a buyer of salable item(s). 2010 sales exceeded \$6,000. 2011 sales' goal is \$10,000. If feasible, send pre-convention message to heitschmidt@att.net describing item(s) to be donated and their value (\$\$\$). This is not a requirement to donate to auction; all sales items will be accepted with or without pre-convention message. Set-up will begin at noon, Sunday, February 6.

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Endowment Fund Raffle

The SRM Endowment Fund Development Committee is encouraging all SRM members to both buy and sell Endowment Fund raffle tickets. The raffle consists of three prizes:

1. Charlie Russell bronze entitled "Father Ranger" donated by SRM Past-Presidents
2. 10X felt hat donated by Rand's Custom Hats, Billings, MT
3. SRM custom engraved .270 caliber rifle with scope donated by Sharp Brother's Seed, Healy, KS.

Tickets are \$5 a piece or 5 for \$20.

The drawing will be held at the informal "An Evening in Montana" BBQ and Social to be held in conjunction with the SRM 2011 Annual Meeting in Billings. Ticket holders need not be present to win.

Anyone desiring to either buy and/or sell tickets please contact Rod Heitschmidt (heitschmidt@att.net), other members of the Endowment Fund Development Committee, current SRM officers and Directors, section officers, and/or other interested SRM members.

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SRM Facebook - Like!

The Society for Range Management has reached 1,000 fans and counting on Facebook! Become a fan and continue to stay informed!

<http://www.facebook.com/pages/Society-for-Range-Management/84739853569>

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Calling All CRMCS!

Renewal notices for the CRMC program were recently sent out. If you haven't returned yours yet please do so by January 14. If you did not receive your renewal or you have questions., please contact Vicky Trujillo, 303-986-3309 or [vtrujillo@rangelands.org](mailto:vtrujillo@rangelands.org).

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John W. Peterson Wins Wilkinson Award

John W. Peterson of Burke, VA was the winner of the Virginia Association of Soil and Water Conservation Districts (VASWCD) 2010 R.E. "Bobby" Wilkinson Award at the VASWCD annual meeting banquet in Roanoke, VA on Dec. 7th, 2010. The award goes to a Virginia District Director who has furthered the effective implementation of the Association's policies and the achievement of its program objectives through their unselfish acts and dedication to soil and water conservation. Peterson is an elected Director of the Northern Virginia Soil and Water Conservation District (NVSWCD), and is its vice-chair.

The Wilkinson Award is named for the late R.E. "Bobby" Wilkinson of Kenbridge, VA and was established in 1990 to recognize an outstanding Conservation District Director. Mr. Wilkinson was a farmer and businessman who inspired many others to volunteer for Virginia's conservation districts. He served as president of VASWCD, and was the Governor's appointee from 1973-81 on the Virginia Soil & Water Conservation Commission. He was a leader in several agriculture, business, and community organizations until his sudden passing in 1989.

Peterson is not only on the No. VA SWCD Board, but is on the Virginia Association of Soil and Water Conservation Districts (VASWCD) Board, and serves on its legislative committee. He also represents Virginia on the National Association of Conservation Districts (NACD) Board of Directors. He serves on a number of NACD committees; legislative, finance, urban and community conservation, farm bill task force, and the employee training and certification task force. He was

- * Agency Meetings and Socials: Sunday, February 6 - Check your program for time and location
- * Trade Show and Mixer: Monday, February 7- 6:00-8:00pm
- * University Alumni and Friend Socials: Tuesday, February 8 - 6:00-8:00pm
- * Dance: Tuesday, February 8 - 8:00-12:00pm
- * Wild Women of Range Mixer: Wednesday, February 9 - 5:30-7:30pm
- * "An Evening in Montana" Western BBQ and Social with entertainment by Ringling 5: Wednesday, February 9 - 7:00pm

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 Enhanced On-Line Registration and Payment Services for SRM Section Meetings

For the past several years, on-line registration has been available for SRM Section meetings. Recently this function was updated and enhanced. SRM's meeting registration partner, Allen Press, can develop and administer online meeting registrations for individual sections. SRM's current agreement with Allen Press enables any interested section to request a single registration page with a limited variety of rates for a fee of \$200 per meeting. For \$200, the section will receive a single registration page, ability to process credit cards, and a weekly report of online registrants all provided by Allen Press. For an additional fee Allen Press offers advanced online registration systems similar to the format being used for the SRM annual meetings. For more details, and to inquire about this online registration function for your section, please contact Rusty Wright at [rwright@allenpress.com](mailto:rwright@allenpress.com) or call: (785) 843-1234

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 Book Release—"A Field Guide to Wyoming Grasses"

Dr. Quentin Skinner's latest book, titled "A Field Guide to Wyoming Grasses", is out and it is a masterpiece!

Those familiar with the Nevada Field Guide are well acquainted with his work, the descriptions and the spectacular images. The Wyoming Field Guide must have about twice the species of the Nevada book, based on its ~600 pages. He has included additional materials, including dichotomous keys, likely from his "Grasses of Wyoming" book, and some plates which are spectacular tools in learning the nomenclature of grass taxonomy.

To purchase this book, visit
http://www.uwyo.edu/cessupport/agpubs/Search_Details.asp?pubid=1481

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 Rangeland Interagency ESD Pilot Workshop submitted by Linda Coates-Markle, SRM BLM Liaison and Aleta Rudeen, SRM Director of Outreach and Leadership Development

The Interagency Rangeland Ecological Site Description (ESD) Pilot Workshop was held November 16 - 18, 2010 in Las Cruces, New Mexico. The workshop was a huge success with over 85 participants and three full days of excellent presentations and valuable discussions. The Pilot Workshop convened technical leadership from the Natural Resources Conservation Service, Bureau of Land Management, and US Forest Service, and was held at the Agricultural Research Service Jornada Experimental Range.

One primary objective of this workshop was to generate interest and support for a continuing interagency collaborative approach in the employment and utility of ESDs as well as for subsequent field-level training workshops. SRM is pleased to be in a position to support these ground-breaking efforts and is committed to moving forward with end



products from the Pilot Workshop and next steps. SRM is particularly excited to be a major player in the development of subsequent field level training workshops targeted for late Spring/early Fall 2011. These subsequent workshops are intended to embrace a much broader audience including the entire SRM membership as well as non-members. Instructors for these workshops will not be limited to federal employees, but will encompass the larger knowledge base from university scientists, private consultants and other interested parties.

Workshop objectives were to:

1. Provide an in-depth background on the fundamentals of ecological sites and descriptions.
2. Increase the understanding of current and emerging policy and science on how to define ESD's and develop ESD projects.
3. Explore collaborative applications of ESDs to decision-making across a variety of state-level (regional) scenarios.
4. Scope preliminary plans for moving forward with agency implementation at the field level.

To meet these objectives, the Pilot Workshop included a variety of presentations on ESDs and the interagency approach to their development and use. The middle of the workshop included an informative field tour, which was useful in linking the scientific concepts of ESDs to what ecological sites and different states might look like on the ground. The workshop concluded with breakout sessions and an open mic session to discuss the challenges and opportunities of ESDs, and a synthesis of the workshop.

Click [here](#) to view the Pilot Workshop agenda and details. Click [here](#) to visit the Jornada website for access to workshop presentations and materials, including PDF documents of PowerPoint presentations from the Pilot Workshop. A special thank you to the sponsors of this Pilot Program and to all of those who were instrumental in moving this process forward.

Stay tuned for information on the subsequent training workshops.

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2011 SRM Officer Elections and By-Law Change Results

Results of this year's election have been confirmed. We wish to thank all the candidates for their participation.

Please join us in congratulating your new officers:

2011 2nd Vice President: Wally Butler

2011 Board of Directors: Val Jo Anderson and Misty A. Hays

Congratulations to your new SRM Board members!

The bylaw proposal to change ballot and voting timelines, Article III, Section 6, as directed by the Board of Directors, which would allow earlier notification to newly elected Board members, also passed. It is restated below.

"An Elections Committee consisting of 3 to 5 members shall be appointed by the President not later than July 1, and it shall be the duty of such committee to receive and count the ballots returned by the membership. All valid ballots received by the Elections Committee on or before October 15 shall be counted and the results of the voting shall be

reported to the President by November 1. All ballots shall be retained
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January Rangeland Photo Quiz

On many rangelands it can often be observed that no two gates encountered are exactly the same, or operate in the same manner. Some in fact are truly unique and different, exhibiting subtle creativity and bits of artistic flair, though perhaps not always as their designers may have intended. What's your critique of this piece of post-performance rangeland "performance art," and how might it have been performed?

Please send your observations (and your own quiz-worthy range photos) to vtrujillo@rangelands.org, subject line "Range Photo Quiz."

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December Rangeland Photo Quiz-Answer

Question: Old range hands are often admired for their ability to "read sign" and re-construct a dramatic story from the sparsest of evidence. What "tall tale" (tail?) might be indicated here before all traces were erased on these southeastern New Mexico "sands of time?"

Answer: Our sole respondent, a careful-eyed CPRM (if not necessarily a crusty old range hand), obviously with a bit of time on his hands, noted:

"The most obvious thing in the photo is the tracks of what appears to be a sidewinder. However, the sidewinder rattlesnake is not supposed to occur in southeastern New Mexico, so the tracks are probably those of another snake which has adopted the side-winding method of locomotion on the hot and shifting sand."

"The snake track is on top of the vehicle track, so it was not run over. It appears that another small animal may have been run over by the vehicle, but whether it was or not, it was taken by the snake. The snake may have been observing the photographer from the left side of the road, just out of the photo."

So now, for "the rest of the story:" as seen in the photo below, provided by wildlife biologist Charles Dixon, who happened by (leaving tire-tracks) and is seldom without his trusty camera. The tracks were all that remained from an all too real life-and-death struggle between a toad (*Bufo woodhousii*) and a Hog-nosed snake (*Heterodon nasicus*, that may have learned to slink sideways on-line somewhere?). And what was the final outcome?

"I left for a couple of minutes to get the ranch manager," reports Dixon, "but they must have gone down a hole, looked like together." Sometimes, even in the pursuit of science, we may just not really want to know...

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"Hope on the Range"

A Frontier Legacy finds its Place in the New West

A 28 minute production of the Society for Range Management in partnership with the Bureau of Land Management

submitted by Linda Coates-Markle, SRM BLM Liaison

Theme:

Rangelands comprise almost one-half of all the lands in the world. They are extremely important to society for the goods they produce and for the ecological services they provide. This production focuses on the heritage, social fabric and innovations of livestock grazing on the US western rangelands.

This production presents a balanced perspective allowing the viewer to better understand that the role of livestock grazing is changing in the West. Traditions and beliefs of the "Old West" have often clashed with the reality and expectations of the "New West" and in many cases what has emerged is an improved "Best West".

Livestock grazing practices are evolving, not only to preserve a way of life that is part of America's heritage, but to help sustain a diversity of important public interests and values. This production explores several case studies that highlight the use of ecologically-sound strategies, the regional economic benefits of grazing and the social benefits of grazing intertwined in conservation efforts.

The "Hope" of the program embraces the hope of ranching families to preserve a traditional way of life and the hope of communities to preserve their social fabric and existence. It is also the hope of many that rangelands can be managed sustainably and that the magnificent landscapes and great open spaces of the American West can be preserved as our legacy to future generations.

Current Availability and Distribution:

The 28-minute PBS-quality production was completed on September 17, 2010. The production embraces the science and management expertise of rangeland professionals to better educate the general public about the positive aspects of livestock grazing on western rangelands.

Copies are currently being distributed to all interviewees in the production as well as members of the SRM Board of Directors. Copies of the final production are also currently being shown to Washington Office Directorates for the Bureau of Land Management.

Submission packages are currently under development to several affiliate (state-level) Public Broadcasting Stations. This is the preferred distribution opportunity for the production. Packages are to be distributed during the months of November through January 2011. PBS typically reviews submissions on an on-going basis and SRM should be advised of selected airing dates sometime in 2011.

The production has also been submitted to the Big Sky Documentary Film Festival in Missoula, MT. This festival considers productions that document lifestyles and issues relevant to the American West. The film festival is scheduled to make selections for screening by late Fall 2010.

If selected, the production will be screened (February 11-20, 2011) along with 100+ films, including world and U.S. premieres, classics, rare and experimental works on Montana's largest screen at the historic Wilma Theater in downtown Missoula, MT. In addition to ten days of screenings, the event will feature many public and VIP events including panel discussions, galas, receptions and networking round-tables.

At this time, copies of the production can be made available to SRM sections and SRM members for "limited" viewing opportunities. PBS has strict guidelines regarding limiting general public exposure to productions prior to possible PBS airing.

Viewing of the film for educational purposes within universities, colleges, high schools etc is considered very appropriate at this time. To request copies please contact Linda Coates-Markle, BLM Liaison to SRM at 303-986-3309 or [lcmarkle@rangelands.org](mailto:lcmarkle@rangelands.org).

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Lost Resource—Arlene L. Bohning

Dec 6, 2010

Season's Greetings,

As we approach this Christmas, we Bohning sisters would like to share with you the news that this year Mom is celebrating Jesus' birth with Dad. She is truly 'home for the holidays' as she went to her eternal home on November 18.

Though missing Dad, this year was a simple, joyful one spent mostly at home in Paonia enjoying family. There were birthdays, picnics, movie nights, church events. Of course we always gathered for Cherry Days, 4th of July. Mom delighted in visitors from California to North Carolina. Trips out of town were to Denver to see grandkids and great-grandkids.

On October 1, she made one of those trips to attend the wedding of her nephew's daughter. While in Denver, she suffered a massive stroke. She received excellent, intensive therapy with masterful physical, occupational, and speech therapists at Life Care Center of Littleton (a Denver suburb). Initially we were optimistic with the hope of her returning to Paonia, it became apparent that the stroke was a "deep, dense stroke causing irreparable damage".

During the course of the next six weeks, she had family members and friends visiting her daily, which she enjoyed and appreciated very much. She often commented on how much she liked the nurses and therapists also. In turn, they often praised her good nature and humor, characteristics we have all enjoyed in Mom. Together with family, she sang hymns and prayed praises to the God who accompanied her on this journey.

When it was apparent she was not going to recover, she was moved to hospice care in her Denver daughter's home. The hospice nurses observed how at peace she was, not requiring any additional medications for anxiety or restlessness. She joined Dad in heaven on November 18, in time for their 65th anniversary on November 22nd.

We are so thankful for our parents, and are award of their love for you too. We share this news with you knowing you also have many happy memories of our Mom and Dad.

Blessed Holiday Season,
Penny (Paonia, Colorado), Suzanne (New York City), Bonita (Denver, Colorado), Holly (San Jose, California), Nadine (Prescott, Arizona)
Memorials are being sent to Lutheran World Relief:
PO Box 17061
Baltimore, MD 21298-9832
USA Telephone credit card donations: 800.597.5972

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Society for Range Management 64th Annual Meeting  
Billings, Montana - February 6-10, 2011  
Transcending Borders - Landscapes and Legends  
<http://www.rangelands.org/billings2011>  
Pre-registration ends January 23, 2011  
Registration: Online and PDF  
Pre-Convention Trailboss: PDF  
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Natural Areas/Rangeland Herbicides Working Group

Do you have weed control situations for which there isn't a good herbicide control option?

Are you aware of herbicide products that might work well in some of your working contexts, but are NOT labeled for use in rangeland or similar settings?

Might you or your organization be interested in supporting an effort to secure additional product registrations for use in rangelands and natural areas, as well as some 'noncrop areas' such as rights-of-ways?

If 'yes' kindly read on!

Background and purpose

An effort is underway to establish a 'Working Group for the Registration of Herbicides for Natural Areas'. Such is needed because relatively few herbicide products and active ingredients are registered for use in natural areas. Most of the products employed in weed management in natural areas are those labeled for use in noncrop areas and rangeland. With the participation and cooperation of the IR4 Project, registrants, federal departments and agencies, land grant universities, and other interested parties it is hoped that we can secure additional noncrop area and rangeland uses. The IR4 Project is a USDA-funded entity with over forty years of experience in facilitating pesticide use registrations in specialty crops and ornamentals. See <http://ir4.rutgers.edu/>.

Nominal benefits of such new uses are one or more of the following:

- * improved control (for particular or problematic noxious weed species)
- * reduced environmental impacts compared to current options, and
- * modes of action new to noncrop area and rangeland settings

There are other benefits or characteristics of interest that might be pursued such as label language that allows for application up to the water's edge.

Objectives

The objectives of the Working Group will be determined by its members, but are likely to include:

- * Serving as an action center whereby participants can facilitate registrations of chemical products for (primarily) terrestrial uses
- * Serving as a forum for soliciting input from stakeholders and for screening product suggestions and establishing priorities
- * Securing the funding necessary to secure clearances through US EPA

Participants sought

We invite SRM members who can contribute some time and expertise or other resources to the effort to consider participating in the Working Group.

We also welcome individuals who can serve in an advisory capacity or who want to be kept informed of the Group's activities.

Furthermore, we seek examples of weed control scenarios in which currently available products are less than satisfactory, as well as examples of potential solutions or improvements (efficacy, reduced risk, lower cost, shorter residual, shorter grazing interval, etc.) offered by particular products or active ingredients (that currently are not labeled for use in rangeland and related areas).

Those who wish to participate as members or advisors are requested to provide some background or explanatory information.

Thank you,

John Vickery, SRM member

Denver, CO - jvickery@mcg.net

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Sustainable Ranch Management through Business Planning and Monitoring: A Workshop  
Thursday, February 10, 2011 - 8am to 5pm  
Gallatin Room, Holiday Inn- Grand Montana  
Billings, MT

Register now by selecting this special "optional event" on your SRM meeting registration! Advance registration is just \$15, including lunch.

Extension specialists, agency personnel, rangeland management consultants and other conservation professionals should plan to attend an innovative full-day workshop integrating ranch sustainability principles with monitoring, assessment, and business planning. Applications on federal allotments, as well as within the NRCS conservation program and planning context for private lands, will be addressed. The Wyoming Business Council process for developing a ranch business plan, as well as a framework for evaluation of rangeland ecosystem services as alternative income streams, will be presented. For additional information, please visit: <http://sustainable.rangelands.org>  
Support provided by Western Sustainable Agriculture Research and Education(SARE).

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Bison Ecological Restoration

March 23-25, 2011

Tulsa Marriott Southern Hills, Tulsa, Oklahoma

The American Bison Society and the Wildlife Conservation Society are holding our third meeting on Bison Ecological Restoration, March 23-25, 2011, in Tulsa, Oklahoma. The 2011 meeting will bring together stakeholders to examine a set of focal issues facing bison restoration, and includes panels of experts from the US and Canada that will explore:

- * Techniques for Bison Genetic Evaluation
- * Guidelines for Managing Bison Genetics
- * Bison Ecological Interactions

In addition to the panels, we welcome poster presentations on topics related to bison ecological restoration. The agenda includes a field trip to The Nature Conservancy's Tallgrass Prairie Preserve, home to one of the largest bison herds in the US; a welcome reception on March 23; and a dinner on March 24. A draft agenda and registration information is available at www.americanbisonsocietyonline.org/Announcements. The meeting is co-sponsored by the Linden Trust for Conservation, the National Park Service, the US Fish and Wildlife Service, and World Wildlife Fund-US. Please mark your calendars and we hope to see you there.

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IX International Rangeland Congress-IRC2011

"Diverse Rangelands for a Sustainable Society"

April 2 to April 8, 2011

Rosario, Argentina

For more information, visit our website at [www.irc2011.com.ar](http://www.irc2011.com.ar).

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Collaborative Resource Management Symposium: "How Can Resource Management Break the Current Fire Cycle?"

February 1-2, 2011

Washington Group International Conference Facility, Boise, ID

A symposium designed to identify fire, fuel and vegetation management methods appropriate for conserving high value and degraded Wyoming Sagebrush steppe rangelands.

Keynote Speakers:

* Dr. James A . Young - retired USDA-ARS Senior Scientist and author of: "Cheatgrass: Fire and Forage on the Range". Speaking on "Cheatgrass Ecology, Management and Control Issues: What I learned from 40+ years of Research"

* Dr. Roger Sheley - USDA-ARS Ecologist. Speaking on "Ecological Principles for Invasive Plant Management"

Sponsored by:

Boise District BLM Resource Advisory Council
Society for Range Management
Agricultural Research Service
Natural Resource Conservation Service

Information and registration at:

http://www.blm.gov/id/st/en/res/resource_advisory/boise/boise_district_rac.html

Registration is FREE (lunches purchased on site).

Contact: Neil Rimbey, 208-454-6566 (nrimbey@uidaho.edu) or Ted Hoffman 208-587-6374 (brokeno@mindspring.com)

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Position Announcement

Department Head

Animal and Rangeland Sciences

Oregon State University College of Agricultural Sciences

Oregon State University seeks nominations and applications from exceptional and visionary candidates for the position of the Head of the recently-created Department of Animal and Rangeland Sciences. The incoming department head will have the unique opportunity to redirect and shape the future direction of two combined departments (Animal Sciences, Rangeland Ecology & Management) to build a nationally-recognized Animal and Rangeland Sciences Department. The successful candidate will have strong leadership and collaborative abilities to develop a strategic plan and future vision for the department that integrates the traditional sciences of animal agriculture and rangeland management with emerging areas of animal nutrition, developmental biology, and ecology and conservation of rangeland resources. The new head will be expected to create a department structure that enhances existing research strengths, while identifying strategic faculty hires and pursuing new research directions via competitive or extramural funding obtained through collaborations with other departments, colleges, institutes and centers on the Oregon State University campus. The College of Agricultural Sciences anticipates growth in the number of tenure-track faculty positions in this new unit over the next several years. The successful candidate will oversee one of the largest departments within the College of Agricultural Sciences, comprising 18 tenure-track faculty and 5 instructors on-campus, 17 off-campus tenure-track faculty, 10 professional staff, 8 classified staff, and 400 undergraduate majors. The department head will provide fiscal administration of a nearly \$4 million

budget encompassing faculty, personnel, farm facilities, and 3,000 acres dedicated to animal research and teaching activities. This is a 12-month, full-time (1.00 FTE), fixed-term faculty position. The appointment includes indefinite tenure on a 9-month basis at 1.00 FTE at the rank of full professor, with the academic expectations thereof.

Required qualifications for the department head include: an earned Ph.D. degree in animal or rangeland sciences, or a related discipline including animal genomics, nutrition, biology, or range ecology; a national/international record of scholarly achievement in research, Extension, instructional and/or service activities within the animal or rangeland sciences and related disciplines; outstanding professional and collaborative leadership; excellent oral and written communication skills; a demonstrable commitment to diversity and inclusiveness; the ability to work with a diverse group of faculty, staff, students, and stakeholders in livestock and animal production industry groups, public agencies, and private organizations; and the ability to accommodate frequent travel within Oregon. Preferred experience includes a strong record of obtaining competitive, extramural funding through collaborations and scholastic achievement in research or Extension; experience with budget development and fiscal management; demonstrated administrative and personnel management skills; and an understanding of and experience with livestock and animal production industries and stakeholders.

Oregon State University (OSU) is one of only two American universities to hold the Land-, Sea-, Sun- and Space-Grant designations and is the only Oregon institution recognized for its "very high research activity" (RU/VH) by the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching. OSU is comprised of 11 academic colleges with strengths in natural resources, earth dynamics and sustainability, life sciences, entrepreneurship and the arts and sciences. OSU has facilities and/or programs in every county in the state, including 12 regional experiment stations, 41 county extension offices, a branch campus in Bend, a major marine science center in Newport, and a range of programs and facilities in Portland. OSU is Oregon's largest public research university, conducting more than 60 percent of the research funded throughout the state's university system.

OSU is located in Corvallis, a community of 53,000 people situated in the Willamette Valley between Portland and Eugene, and has been rated exceptionally high for quality of living by recent published surveys and national rankings. Ocean beaches, lakes, rivers, forests, high desert, the rugged Cascade and Coast Ranges, and the urban amenities of the Portland metropolitan area are all within a 100 mile drive of Corvallis. Approximately 20,000 undergraduate and 3,800 graduate students are enrolled at OSU, including 3,500 U.S. students of color and 1,100 international students.

The university has an institution-wide commitment to diversity, multiculturalism and community. We actively engage in recruiting and retaining a diverse workforce and student body that include members of historically underrepresented groups. We strive to build and sustain a welcoming and supportive campus environment. OSU provides outstanding leadership opportunities for people interested in promoting and enhancing diversity, nurturing creativity and building community.

To ensure full consideration, applications must be received by 01/15/11. Applications will continue to be accepted after the for full



consideration date until the position is filled. The closing date is subject to change without notice to applicants. All applications must be sent electronically. The position description and application procedures can be found on the following Oregon State University applications website. To apply, use either the quick link:

<http://jobs.oregonstate.edu/applicants/Central?quickFind=57722> or visit: <http://oregonstate.edu/jobs> click "Search OSU Jobs" then "Search Postings" (upper left) and enter Posting Number 0006639

You will be required to attach the following electronic documents:

- 1) Resume/Vita
- 2) Cover letter/letter of application describing your experience, qualifications, vision, and administrative philosophy
- 3) Contact information for five professional references, including their name, title, address, phone number, and e-mail address. (If your references are not included in your resume, attach them as "Other Document").

For more information about the position, contact Professor Robert McGorin, Search Committee Chair, at [robert.mcgorin@oregonstate.edu](mailto:robert.mcgorin@oregonstate.edu).

Oregon State University is an Affirmative Action/Equal Opportunity Employer.

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Welcome to Our New Members—December

Due to the membership database transition, some of the names below could be a renewing member, if that is the case, SRM welcomes you just the same - thank you for your support and membership!

Travis W. Fletcher	Republic, WA	PNW
Pedro A. Calderon-Dominguez	Chihuahua, MX	MX
Jesus Apodaca-Romero	Chihuahua, MX	MX
Nathan J. Wojcik	Denver, CO	CO
Brooke Jacobson	Billings, MT	ID
Lee Holtom	Moscow, ID	ID
Mckenna Brown	Bozeman, MT	IM
Scott C. Anderson	Belgrade, MT	NGP
Rachel Abeh	Bozeman, MT	IM
Heather J. Noble	Manning, AB	IM
Daniel Sodi	Chihuahua, MX	MX
D. Enrique Perez-Carrillo	Chihuahua, MX	MX
Christine R. Buchanan	Bonnyville, AB	IM
Melissa Shawcroft	Alamosa, CO	CO
Jordan A. Burke	Edmonton, AB	IM
Bryan Tarbox	Tomball, TX	TX
Melissa Graves	Bozeman, MT	IM
David Frederick	Yellow Jacket, CO	CO
Mark Goertel	Cheyenne, WY	WY
Rosana A Rieth	May, ID	ID
Bryson Webber	Pocatello, ID	ID
Jimmie Lee Hughes	Las Cruces, NM	NM
Tyler Reese	Mount Carmel, UT	UT
Colby Spencer	Orderville, UT	UT
Robbie N. Lee	Vancouver, BC	PNW
Bryson Ricker	La Grande, OR	PNW
Logan Z. Ross	La Grande, OR	UT

Gina Thompson	Bonanza, OR	PNW
Jacob G. Kasperek	La Grande, OR	PNW
James R. Boggan	Riggins, ID	ID
Stephen J Slavik	Medford, OR	PNW
Laura M. Burkett	Las Cruces, NM	NM
Kim C. Kuneff	Edmonton, AB	IM
Will Black	Horseshoe Bend, ID	ID
Erin C. Gray	Corvallis, OR	UN
Andrew Huber	Moscow, ID	ID
Jeff Campbell	Miles City, MT	NGP
Jeff Sturla	Scottsdale, AZ	AZ
Vanessa Aguilera	Hurley, NM	NM
Mckenzie D. Foster	Velma, OK	OK
Brandon J. Dye	Boulder, CO	CO
Baili Foster	Laporte, CO	CO
Theodore Devito	Fort Collins, CO	CO
Jeff Fields	Enterprise, OR	PNW

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SRM Membership Website Login

SRM has updated its membership database. As a result you have been assigned a new login and password. Whenever prompted to login, you will need to enter your numeric SRM member number as your user ID, and your last name as your password. Your password can be changed in the member profile area after you login. Please also note that your current member demographics, including your contact information and section affiliation(s), can be viewed and edited within the member profile area. Please click here to be taken directly to the business site. If you have any problems or questions, please call 1-800-627-0326 or email [srm@allenpress.com](mailto:srm@allenpress.com).

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Intermountain Rangeland Livestock Symposium

January 13-14, 2011
College of Southern Idaho, Fine Arts Auditorium - Twin Falls, ID

Beef industry leaders and nationally recognized rangeland scientists will address the current status of the range livestock industry and how to thrive in the presence of future challenges. A panel of Idaho producers will showcase experiences and innovative strategies. CattleFax will present trends and outlook for the beef industry.

Information and registration details can be found at www.idrange.org.
Registration \$65 (\$85 after Jan 4)

Contact: Kelly Crane, UI Rangeland Extension Specialist, 208-736-3610
(kcrane@uidaho.edu) or Benton Glaze, UI Extension Beef Cattle Specialist,
208-736-3638 (bglaze@uidaho.edu)

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Intermountain Native Plant Summit VI

March 29-31, 2011  
Boise State University—Student Union

Please reserve these dates if you wish to attend. This meeting is free of charge and open to the public, but pre-registration will be conducted via

e-mail starting in February. The presentations will consist of invited speakers and volunteered posters and exhibits. The Intermountain Native Plant Summit does not support a website, but additional information regarding the Summit will be provided by e-mail as it becomes available. I hope you will consider joining us. Please forward this announcement to others who may be interested. If you are not already on the e-mail list, but wish to receive information directly, please e-mail your e-mail address to me. All pre-summit communication will be via e-mail.

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Upcoming Functions & Continuing Education Pre-Approved Courses

Below is a calendar of functions that have been pre-approved for SRM Continuing Education Units (CEUs)

Date Location Title Credit

Varies Online Ecology and Management of Grazing 16/module

http://californiarangeland.ucdavis.edu/Grazing%20Management/online_course.htm

Jan 5-7 Las Cruces, NM NM Section Winter Meeting and Tour 10 ttl (D1 tour-3/D2-7)

<http://nmsrm.nmsu.edu/>

Jan 6 Bismarck, ND ND Grazing Land Coalition Grazing Workshop: 6
Management of Land Livestock & People

<http://www.ndrccd.org/?id=175&page=ND+Grazing+Lands+Coalition>

Jan 12-13 Douglas, AZ Trails Beyond Boundaries: The
Natural-Cultural Landscapes 6 of a Shared Environment

(Malpai Borderlands Group) efredric@fastwave.biz

Jan 13 Corsicana, TX Introduction to Prescribed Burning Workshop
TBD

Jan 13-14 Twin Falls, ID 2011 Intermountain Range Livestock
Symposium-Opportunities to Thrive 10ttl(d1-7/d2-3)

<http://www.idrange.org/intermountain-rangeland-livestock-symposium-0>

Jan 19-20 Modesto, CA CRCC 6th Annual Summit: Beyond Conventional
Ranching 9 (d1-7/d2-2)

<http://www.carangeland.org/home/2011summit.html>

Jan 27 - 29 Mesa, AZ 2011 AZ Section Winter Meeting: 11 ttl (F-7 /
Sat - 4)

http://www.rangelands.org/links_srm_sections.shtml

Jan 31-Feb 1 Bozeman, MT 2011 Winter Grazing Seminar 9 (d1-4 / d2
am-3 / d2 tour-2)

<http://www.macdnet.org/20100%20WGS%20Flyer.pdf>

Feb 1-2 Boise, ID How Collaborative Resource Management Can Break
the Current Fire Cycle 10
http://www.blm.gov/id/st/en/res/resource_advisory/boise/boise_district_rac.html

Feb 6-10, 2011 Billings, MT 64th Annual Meeting of the SRM 16
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<http://www.rangelands.org/billings2011/>

Feb 10 Billings, MT AM11 THUR AM TECH-ESD Development Technical
Workshop 4

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Workshop 3

Feb 16-17 Tucson, AZ The Landscape Ecology of Tamarisk - 2011 Research
Conference TBD
<http://www.tamariskcoalition.org/2011ResearchConference.html>

Mar 23-25 Tulsa, OK Meeting on Bison Ecological Restoration 9 ttl (TH-
6/F-3)
<http://www.americanbisonsocietyonline.org/Announcements>

Jul 6-8 North Platte, NE North American Invasive Plant Ecology & Mgmt
Short Course 16 max (d1-8/d2/5/d3-8)
<http://ipscourse.unl.edu/>

If you know of a function that you want to attend but do not see it here,
please send the information to:

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6601; vtrujillo@rangelands.org, Fax 303-986-3892

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Rangeland Hydrology  
Fences

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SRM can only accept payments made in US funds.

If you are a member outside of the US, please make your payments either by:

Money Order (US funds only) - a check drawn on a US account (US funds only) - or a credit card.

We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause. If you have any questions please call Patty Rich, 303-986-3309 or email info@rangelands.org.

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