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Board of Directors Monthly Meeting Notice

Monthly Conference Call

The Board's monthly conference call has been changed to the 1st Tuesday of each month at 11:00 am MDT. The next BOD call will be July 7, 2009.

Your 2009 Board of Directors:

President: Don Kirby, ND; **Vice President:** Jeff Mosley, MT; **2nd Vice President:** Jack Alexander, MT

Directors: Bruce Fox, MT; Larry Howery, AZ; Richard Orr, NV; Jenny Pluhar, TX; Charles Hart, TX; Sandy Wyman, OR

Standing Up For Rangelands - Jeff Mosley, SRM 1st Vice-President

"You've got to stand for something or you'll fall for anything." – country music artist Aaron Tippin

Why does SRM exist? I believe SRM exists because, simply, SRM members love the land. We love the land so much that we invest our time, money, and effort toward learning as much as we can about rangelands in hopes that our stewardship will help sustain and enhance, rather than degrade, these lands. We belong to SRM because we want to help ourselves and others manage these lands using the best possible combination of practical experience and the latest technical knowledge. And we belong to SRM because we believe that collectively SRM can more positively influence rangelands and their management than any one of us could do alone.

In this same space in the December 2008 issue of Rangeland News, I emphasized this point that SRM is the collective voice for rangeland stewardship, and that I believed SRM needed to have greater influence on public policy issues affecting rangelands. I am pleased to report that SRM has successfully done so in the past several months. One example is that SRM partnered with the Weed Science Society of America (WSSA) to inform the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) about environmental impacts that might result from a proposed ban on the use of 2, 4-D herbicide in the United States. Another example is that SRM partnered with a diverse coalition of conservation and agricultural groups to comment on proposed legislation (U.S. House Bill 1018) that would dramatically alter wild horse and burro management in the United States. The Nevada Section of SRM also submitted comment on this bill.

These and several other examples demonstrate that your SRM leadership is working to expand SRM's influence. We want more people, especially decision-makers, to know that SRM is the collective voice for rangeland stewardship; to know that SRM is the most trusted source of objective, science-based information on rangeland issues; to know that rangelands worldwide provide tremendous resources and values; and to know that SRM is a group of people who are passionately concerned about rangelands. Your SRM leadership wants to make this known in national, provincial, and state governments. Increased SRM activity in public policy issues will require SRM to think proactively, anticipating emerging issues so that we can prepare issue papers, policy statements, position statements, and resolutions that will enable us to respond promptly when needs arise.

What can you do to help? First, if you know of an issue that SRM needs to address, take the initiative to examine the existing SRM policy statements, position statements, and resolutions. All of these can be found on the SRM website (<http://www.rangelands.org>) under the tab, "About SRM". If an appropriate policy statement, position statement, or resolution doesn't exist, take the initiative to write a brief summary of the issue and describe the stance that you believe SRM should take. Send your input to the SRM headquarters staff, SRM officers and Board of Directors, SRM section officers and Boards of Directors, or the SRM Public Affairs Committee. Also, contact these same people whenever you learn of a policy issue affecting rangelands so that SRM can respond in a timely manner. And finally, if you find a position statement, policy statement, or resolution that you believe needs revised or updated, take the initiative to contact your SRM leaders and suggest a revision.

Increased recognition of SRM by decision-makers will also carry with it several responsibilities. SRM staff personnel, SRM leaders, and SRM members will need to respond promptly and courteously to information requests, and each of us will need to ensure that all information provided by SRM is factual and scientifically accurate. We must also remember to follow SRM's Advocacy Guidelines. These guidelines are designed to vigorously protect the credibility of SRM and ensure that we are speaking from carefully developed position statements that reflect the best combination of scientific information and practical experience.

Altogether, it will take courage, time, money, and effort for SRM to continue to increase its influence on public policy issues affecting rangelands. But for SRM to fulfill its purpose, SRM must stand up for what its members believe. Good intentions are not enough, and your SRM leadership is working hard to make sure that SRM is standing up for rangelands.

Executive Vice-President's Report – Ken Johnson

The days are getting much better here in Denver for two reasons. First, it's spring and almost summer; secondly, we have the new membership software up and running. Many thanks to everyone involved. That means all of our staff, except me. Some of you have received the first round of membership notices by e-mail and your response has been very positive. If you prefer to continue to get an invoice in the mail, just let anyone here know and we will get it done.

We get several questions every day as to how to do something or what are the rules. I am going to title this report "What Is or How To".

What is an Apprentice member? A verified Student member is eligible as an Apprentice Member for five years following that time the person has terminated his/her course of study, and shall enjoy the rights and privileges of SRM membership at a reduced rate (\$60, includes one section). An Apprentice member must succeed to a different class of membership in the sixth calendar year following his acceptance as an Apprentice. See the By-laws for more details.

What is an Emeritus member? A member is eligible for Emeritus membership in the year he/she becomes 55 years of age, or any year thereafter, provided he/she has retired and has maintained prior membership in the Society for at least 15 continuous years; such members shall have the same rights and privileges as set forth in paragraph (a) of the Bylaws of the Society for Range Management Article I. Membership, Section 2 except that inclusive subscriptions to Society periodicals shall be the choice of either Rangelands or Rangeland Ecology and Management. The Emeritus membership rate is \$60 (includes one section).

How to use member search? In your [Member Login](#) (call the office if you can't get in), there is a very handy tool called Search for Members. To use the tool, enter as little data as possible. Usually the first letter of the first name and first letter of the last name is all you need. Adding the section will make the list shorter. The most common problem we see is someone trying to enter too much information. The more you enter, the greater the odds of a mistake. A mistake will not get you the answer you want. I use this several times every day. Remember, less is better.

How to access REM online? You must have your customer ID. Where is it? Login to [Member Login](#) and click on "My Information". Your customer ID is the number under your name. Go to Publications on the SRM home page and you can get in; by the way, you do have to have a subscription. All members have access to Rangelands this same way.

Your Executive Committee had a very productive trip to DC the last of April. I feel like we made significant progress on increasing on-the-spot hiring, possibly adding another liaison, developing additional CPED opportunities, and coalition building. You can read the committee's comments elsewhere in this newsletter. As I have said before, I continue to be amazed at the respect and clout SRM carries when they represent you in DC. SRM obviously had many members working long and hard to build these kinds of relationships.

SRM responded along with many other organizations to oppose HR 1018. This bill has the potential to increase the number of horses on public rangelands and change the use to a single priority. The membership task force is responding to Secretary Salazar's plan to start an office for youth development in the Interior Department. We want to share SRM's success and our experience working with our youth for over forty years with the Secretary and his staff.

Leaders of Society for Range Management Travel to Renewable Natural Resources Center

SRM leaders traveled to the Washington, D.C. Metropolitan Area during the week of April 27, to meet with federal agency and professional/scientific organization leaders. They visited the RNR Center in Bethesda, MD on April 30, to discuss programs, activities and collaborative opportunities with RNR and other organizations.

Pictured (seated, L-R): Jeff Mosley, SRM First Vice President (Montana State Univ.); Ellen Vaughan, RNR Program Director; Jack Alexander, SRM Second Vice President (Synergy Resource Solutions, Inc.); (standing, L-R): Ken Johnson, SRM Executive Vice President; Don Kirby, SRM President (North Dakota State Univ.); and Robert Day, RNR Executive Director.

SRM Producer Outreach by Jim Thorpe, co-chair SRM Membership Task Force

It's often been said that SRM needs to do more to make itself known (let alone appreciated!) among diverse rangeland producers, many of whom may have little idea what "SRM" even stands for (Standard Reference Materials?). One way of doing this is to have a prominent presence at local and regional producer events where range management topics and SRM member speakers are often on the program along with policy, livestock health and business management issues.

With assistance from the excellent traveling SRM table-top display, NM Section members Bob Alexander (past NMSRM president, currently Natural Resources Specialist with Laguna Pueblo), Roger Cumpian (NM BLM State Range Director) - both pictured - Aaron Hird (NMSRM director, NRCS) and Dr. Andres Cibils (NMSRM president-elect, NMSU) represented SRM at the Southwest Indian Livestock Days held at the Rt. 66 Casino Hotel on the Laguna Pueblo on May 12-13, 2009. Cibils reports that "the conference was attended by an estimated 150 people, most of whom were Native American ranchers."

There were good opportunities to talk with producers from the Laguna, Acoma, and Isleta Pueblos (among others), and from the Navajo, Zuni, and Hopi Nations. In most cases ranchers were not aware of the SRM and expressed interest in the Society's activities. Almost all materials that were available were given away. Future efforts should include our own individual contact information and a sign-up for our email announcements and newsletters.

Though this effort is unlikely to have recruited 150 new SRM members, it is arguably a step in the right direction. NMSRM also attended Shiprock Livestock Days on the Navajo nation (represented by Dr. Manny Encinias, who was also a program speaker) and will be at the New Mexico Cattle Growers Association summer meeting (SRM and NMCGA have been reciprocally sponsoring meeting coffee breaks for the past few years - a good way to keep up a relationship!)

The SRM Membership Task Force will be recommending that SRM sections and the national office budget both time and money for an active, coordinated and ongoing outreach campaign involving such "personal appearances" and relationship building. The table-top display, with appropriate notice can be utilized by the sections (make your reservations with Vicky now!), and desktop publishing materials can be locally produced to suit local circumstances. If SRM is to stay relevant let alone grow, we need to make sure that our boots-on-the-ground range stewards know all about us!

Washington, DC Executive Committee Trip by Don Kirby, SRM President

Day 1 - April 28, 2009

Each year the Executive Vice President and the Executive Committee visit Washington, DC in support of SRM and SRM members. This spring we scheduled our trip to DC for April 28-30 with Executive Vice President Ken Johnson, President Don Kirby, 1st Vice President Jeff Mosley, 2nd Vice President Jack Alexander and SRM BLM Liaison Linda Coates-Markle attending. Not to intentionally bore you, but rather to inform you, we decided to summarize the details of our trip. We typically stay in a hotel close to one of the Metro (train) stations, then use the Metro and taxi's to get to our meetings.

We began Day 1 on the Metro traveling to a meeting with the BLM Rangeland Resources staff and others: Bob Bolton, Rob Roudabush, William Ypsilantis, Doug Powell, Craig McKinnon, Gina Ramos, Danielle Flynn, Dick Mayberry, and Linda Coates-Markle. After visiting about our "talking points" (see page 4) and the American Deserts Center for Professional Development (CPED) workshop, of most interest to the DC BLM Range leaders were: 1) approving and releasing the *Manual and Handbook on Ecological Site Descriptions* (ESDs), 2) having carbon-evaluating-of-climate-change workshops, 3) encouraging SRM to host regional training sessions on these and other pertinent topics, 4) how the youth initiative of the current administration could help Range employee development, 5) the need for training sessions associated with SRM's annual meeting, and 6) SRM's and BLM's video "Hope on the Range." The present video is nine minutes long and plans are to expand it to a 30-minute PBS-style video.

We next attended the National Capital Section Spring BOD meeting at the BLM building. Major discussion topics were: 1) how best can SRM utilize the National Capital Section members to maximize our DC visits, 2) the need for SRM representation in DC, 3) the value of a SRM BOD and agency leadership meeting at the SRM Annual Meeting, 4) the development of one page white papers to share during meetings in DC, 5) the possibility of developing a searchable database of rangeland experts for all to access and use on various issues, and 6) a Rangeland/Pastureland Conservation Effects Assessment Project (CEAP) update.

In the afternoon, we met with the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) National Range and Grazing Lands Ecologist Dennis Thompson and CEAP/ Rangeland Management Specialist Leonard Jolley. We again spoke on our "talking points", but in this meeting we also stressed the need to reinstitute a Denver-based liaison with the NRCS.

Later that day, we met with John Bonner of the Council for Agricultural Science and Technology (CAST) and Jeff Eisenberg from National Cattlemen's Beef Association (NCBA) and the Public Lands Council (PLC). CAST would like SRM to rejoin their ranks but at this time, due to the costs, we declined. With Jeff Eisenberg, we primarily discussed becoming a member of the Western Rangelands Coalition. The Coalition is being formed among ranching and conservation groups to create a more formidable voice concerning western rangeland issues. It appears SRM will be invited to participate as a member of the Coalition.

Day 2 – April 29, 2009

We began the day by visiting with the US Department of the Interior Bureau of Land Management Executive (BLM) Leadership. Those attending were Acting Director Mike Pool, Assistant Director Ed Roberson, and Division Chief Rob Roudabush. Discussions centered on the "talking points" the SRM Executive Committee handed out which focused on: developing the future workforce, opportunities for conservation cooperation, and agency employees participation in professional societies. We visited about the advantages to both organizations of having a BLM liaison position in the Wheat Ridge office. Tangible outcomes were presented and discussed including hosting the On-the-Spot Hiring event(OTP) at the annual meeting, development of the "Hope on the Range" video currently being distributed, the desire to expand the "Hope" video to a half hour PBS quality video, and SRM's Center for Professional Education and Development (CPED) workshop "Wildfires and Invasive Species in the American Deserts." We also thanked the BLM for their participation in developing, and their willingness to sign into operation, a *Manual for Ecological Site Descriptions* for BLM administered lands. This would be a major step in unifying assessment and monitoring of public lands in the US. We also had positive discussion on the need and benefits of BLM employees being members and participating on committees of professional societies. We agreed that professional development and continuing education of members is of primary interest to fulfilling the missions of both organizations.

Next, we spent time with John Peterson of Grazing Lands Conservation Initiative (GLCI). GLCI holds meetings every third year and their next is this December in Reno. GLCI membership is mainly producers in the eastern US although western ranchers have also joined this organization. Many of these western ranchers are also SRM members.

In the afternoon we met with Partnerships Project Officer Laury Paramour from US Fish and Wildlife and US Department of the Interior (USDI) Deputy Assistant Secretary for Fish, Wildlife, and Parks Will Shafroth. We presented and discussed with them our talking points (particularly training opportunities for employees), a summarized handout we developed from the "Wildfires and Invasive Species in American Deserts" workshop, and the "Hope on the Range" video. We also noted their attendance at the 2009 SRM annual meeting in Albuquerque and thanked them for their participation in hiring by hosting a recruiting booth. We encouraged all segments of the Department of the Interior (DOI) to actively participate in the On-the-Spot Hiring event at Denver in 2010.

In the evening, we were invited to attend the annual American Sheep Industry's (ASI) American Lamb Barbeque hosted at a yacht club near DC where we had a good meal with good company. We went to the barbecue with Jess Petersen of Western Skies Strategies, a consulting firm in DC. Jess is from a ranch near Miles City, MT and owns the consulting company which mostly has agriculturally-related clients. We began our meeting with Jess before the barbecue to gather information concerning what services could be provided and at what cost. As you all know, SRM lacks a DC presence and we are attempting to find the means to change that within our budget constraints.

Day 3 – April 30, 2009

We spent Thursday morning meeting with leadership from the US Forest Service (USFS), Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) and Office of Ecosystem Services and Markets (OESM).

Our USFS meeting included Deputy Chief for National Forest Systems Joel Holtrop, Director Rangeland Management Janette Kaiser,

National Program Leader for Rangeland Ecology Research Ralph Crawford, Assistant Director for Rangelands Ralph Giffen, and Staff Director for Forest Mgmt Science Research Carlos Rodriguez-Franco. Our focus with USFS was continuing support for the USFS/SRM liaison position. This position has been a great synergy for the agencies and SRM. The agencies have input and direction for staff trainings and development while SRM receives excellent work from highly talented staff. We also renewed our request that USFS support and sign the interagency ESD Manual and Handbook. USFS remains committed to signing the agreement and continues to work with NRCS and BLM to hammer out the details. USFS and SRM will continue to develop the excellent On-the-Spot Hiring event.

Our NRCS meeting included Acting Deputy Chief of the NRCS Carolyn Adams, National Range and Grazing Lands Ecologist Dennis Thompson, CEAP/Rangeland Management Specialist Leonard Jolley and Ecological Science Division Director Mike Hubbs. Our main discussion points included renewing the NRCS/SRM liaison position and getting NRCS involved in the On-the-Spot Hiring event. NRCS remains very interested in making On-the-Spot Hiring work. It was the hard work of NRCS liaison, Leonard Jolley that made OTS hiring possible the first time at Fort Worth. We hope that continued hard work will allow NRCS to reap the benefits. Discussions of the liaison position turned up many expected and unexpected benefits of the liaison program.

The Office of Ecosystem Services and Markets (OESM) was recently established by the Obama administration to assist the Secretary of Agriculture to establish technical guidelines that outline science-based methods to measure the environmental services benefits from conservation and land management activities in order to facilitate the participation of farmers, ranchers, and forest landowners in emerging environmental services markets. Discussions with Director Sally Collins focused on SRM's involvement in climate change and carbon sequestration research and application. It was great to have the climate change issue of *Rangelands* and the SRM brochure on hand to provide Director Collins. SRM is not a Johnny-come-lately to these issues. It was great to show that we have been working on climate change and ecosystem services long before they became the buzzwords of DC.

We also met with some of our sister organizations, The Wildlife Society Executive Director Michael Hutchings, American Fisheries Society Executive Director Gus Rassam, and Bob Day of the Renewable Natural Resources Foundation to discuss how we can continue to work together to expand our memberships, save money, and coordinate efforts to our mutual benefit. They were encouraging meetings. Although we found they were facing many of the same challenges we were, we all had similar success stories too. We are confident that working together we can continue to represent natural resources well.

We have received lots of input from members that SRM needs to maintain a presence in DC. We believe that having three board members and an EVP run from meeting to meeting for two weeks each year is not going to adequately represent SRM in DC. To improve our effectiveness, this trip in DC we interviewed three political consultants. These were three highly qualified individuals with passion and interest for rangeland resources. Each of them offered a different approach and philosophy on representing SRM. We will continue to work with these candidates to refine their proposals to meet SRM's needs and budget. We are very excited about the future of SRM in DC as we work with experts to expand our presence.

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Pacific NW Section

**"Rumblings from the Deep: Fossils, Fires, Fish & Grazing, too"**

Grant County, Oregon

June 25-27th, 2009

For more information, please visit the website,

<http://pnw.rangelands.org/pnwmeetings.html>

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"Working Landscapes"

63rd Annual Meeting of the SRM and the 50th Annual Meeting of the WSSA

Denver, Colorado

February 7-11, 2010

<http://www.rangelands.org/denver2010>

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**PowerPoint presentations from the WILDFIRES & INVASIVE PLANTS IN AMERICAN DESERTS PROGRAM**

are now available online at <http://www.rangelands.org/deserts/>

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Abstracts from the 2009 Annual Meeting in Albuquerque, NM are available on the meeting website:

<http://www.srmmeetings.org/abstracts.html>

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**News Release**

**For Immediate Release**

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**Grazing Lands Conservation Initiative Bets on Western Venue to Link Ranchers and Conservationists**

DAVIS, Calif., April 30, 2009—Grazing lands make up between two-thirds and three-fourths of the national land base. The wise management of these lands has environmental and economic implications that exceed common perception or understanding, says Bob Drake, Chairman of the Grazing Lands Conservation Initiative (GLCI). "Any serious student or practitioner of conservation, land use or ecosystem management cannot reasonably ignore the importance of grazing lands," Drake says. "The sheer quantity of land involved demands a serious dialogue among ranchers, conservationists, educators, environmentalists, economists, government agencies and land managers. We need to

share our understanding of the theory and practical application of grazing land functions and opportunities.”

Increasingly such a dialogue is important not only for the continued viability of ranchers but also for the well being of watersheds and communities who rely on these lands for hunting, open space, groundwater recharge, hiking, habitat for both common and endangered species of plants and wildlife, recreational opportunities, carbon sequestration and energy collection.

The Grazing Lands Conservation Initiative is hosting a forum to facilitate just such a dialogue. On December 13-16, 2009, GLCI will host its 4<sup>th</sup> national conference in Reno, NV, intended to facilitate the exchange of information on successful “cutting edge” grazing management technologies—especially those with environmental and/or social benefits, applied research on grazing lands, public policy implications of grazing, issues related to the agricultural-urban interface, and the economic and marketing implications of grazing.

One thing that sets GLCI apart from other conferences is its focus on ranchers as presenters. “We know experts come from academia, government, and the non-profit world and we welcome them all, but we also look for the “cowboy expert” who has gained his—or her—expertise through long hours with livestock and first-hand exposure to all sorts of elements—natural, economic and political,” says Drake.

In conjunction with hosting the conference in Reno, GLCI in 2009 will give increased focus to western grazing issues. However, the conference will continue its past format of providing information along four “tracks” that will also include Eastern, Midwestern and dairy grazing issues. Some of the issues to be highlighted include the value of rotational grazing and of riparian habitat, carbon sequestration, and the flexibility within grazing systems.

Information on registration and/or exhibitor opportunities is at [www.glci.org](http://www.glci.org). GLCI is accepting abstracts for papers and posters to be presented at the December conference until May 1, 2009. Early bird registration of \$260 is available through Oct. 1, 2009.

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#### SRM NEEDS YOUR E-MAIL!

If you have a new email address, please login and update your [online information](#) or contact Karen Johnson, [Karen@rangelands.org](mailto:Karen@rangelands.org), for assistance.

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#### Wyoming Groups Unveil “Thank a Rancher” Billboard, Ad Campaign

This spring three new billboards were put up along Wyoming’s roads, expressing appreciation for the state’s ranchers and the role they play in Wyoming open space and conservation efforts. The billboards proclaim: “Wyoming’s Open, Thank a Rancher.”

The intent is to raise awareness of how ranchers help to conserve Wyoming’s wide open spaces, abundant wildlife and unparalleled recreation opportunities, and is the idea initiated by a group of sportsmen, conservation and outdoor organizations, uniting to articulate a shared desire to recognize the importance of agriculture in land protection, and the need to work together to maintain what is unique about Wyoming.

The group – working in conjunction with the Wyoming Stockgrowers Agricultural Land Trust - includes Audubon Wyoming, Trout Unlimited, Sportsmen for Fish and Wildlife and The Nature Conservancy, and is committed to preserve Wyoming’s open landscapes, healthy wildlife populations, and iconic views.

“This is a worthwhile effort because it recognizes the importance of agriculture and ranching in maintaining our open spaces and conserving wildlife habitat,” said Governor Dave Freudenthal, about the group’s efforts in a press statement.

“Wyoming still has what so many other places have failed to protect. We recognize that our ranchers and farmers are important caretakers of our wildlife habitat and open spaces,” says Brian Rutledge, Executive Director of Audubon in Wyoming. “The stewardship and cultural values embodied by the ranching community are critical in preserving what Wyoming values.”

The group of Wyoming leaders also emphasizes the importance of a diverse economy to Wyoming’s well-being, and points out the need to balance the demands of a growing population and increased energy production with protecting the state’s land, air and water.

As a next step, the group plans to meet with the Congressional delegation to discuss the importance of farms and ranches to Wyoming, and how to best work with ranchers to create conservation solutions that work for all Wyomingites.

“All too often, we assume our natural resources will always be around,” says Carol Hamilton, Uinta county rancher and member of Wyoming’s Coordinated Resource Management Executive Committee. “But unless we act now to create partnerships and work with our private landowners to help keep them on the land, well – the things we love to do in Wyoming won’t be part of our future.”

*This article is courtesy of the May-June GLCI News, for more visit [www.glci.org](http://www.glci.org).*

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#### WORKING LANDSCAPES - Providing for the Future

**63rd Annual Meeting of the Society for Range Management and the 50th Annual Meeting of the Weed Science Society of America  
Sheraton Denver Hotel; Denver, Colorado; February 7-11, 2010**

#### CALL FOR PAPER AND POSTER ABSTRACTS

This is the first announcement and call for papers and posters for the joint meeting of the Society for Range Management and the Weed Science Society of America, 7-11 February 2010 in Denver, Colorado. The theme of the meeting is “Working Landscapes”. Technical and poster sessions will present timely information concerning the diversity of disciplines and issues represented by both societies. Papers will address these issues from both science and management perspectives. We welcome submission of papers and posters applicable at all levels, from local to international.

**DEADLINE** - Abstracts for volunteer oral and poster papers, organized oral sessions, and symposia are to be electronically submitted no later than **1 September 2009** via [www.rangelands.org/denver2010/](http://www.rangelands.org/denver2010/). This site can be accessed through the WSSA webpage.

**Detailed criteria and instructions for submitting abstracts and their presentation are found on the web site.**

**PAPER PRESENTATION INFORMATION** - Volunteer papers will be presented within a 20-minute schedule; to allow for questions, you should plan to present your paper in 15 minutes. Concurrent sessions dictate that the time schedule be strictly followed. Papers and posters report the results of completed research or other substantive information. Technical sessions to which abstracts shall be submitted are posted on [www.rangelands.org/denver2010/](http://www.rangelands.org/denver2010/). PowerPoint will be used exclusively to project visual aids for all oral presentations. A Windows PC laptop computer and projector will be provided for each session. Presentations may be forwarded the Section Chair prior to the meeting for preloading or directly uploaded from a memory stick in the hour prior to the Section itself.

**SYMPOSIA, WORKSHOPS AND ORGANIZED ORAL SESSIONS** - Symposia, workshops, and organized oral sessions are by invitation (see [www.rangelands.org/denver2010/](http://www.rangelands.org/denver2010/)). Deadlines and procedures for preparing and submitting abstracts are the same as for volunteer papers.

**POSTERS** - One board 48 x 48 inches will be provided for each poster paper, one board per paper. Because of cost and logistics, it will not be possible to provide electrical connections, telephone lines for computer connections, or video equipment for posters.

**For questions** please contact Dennis Child (970-491-3316) [dennisc@warnercnr.colostate.edu](mailto:dennisc@warnercnr.colostate.edu), or Wun Chao (701-239-1256) [wun.chao@ars.usda.gov](mailto:wun.chao@ars.usda.gov), Abstract Committee Co-chairs

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#### **Nominations for Society for Range Management Officers Sought**

Do you know an SRM member that has leadership skills, a keen interest in working for the common benefit of all, and a dedication to sustainable rangelands and the advancement of the Society for Range Management? If so, the SRM Nominations Committee needs to hear from you. The SRM Nominating Committee is seeking nominations for the office of Second Vice President and for the Board of Directors (two positions) to be filled beginning in 2010. Nominations are sought from SRM members, Committees, and Sections. A total of six candidates, two for 2nd Vice President and four for two Director positions, will be selected from the list of nominees submitted.

Members or Sections who wish to put forth a nomination should submit for each nominee:  
Nominee's full name, address, phone number, and email, and the office for which they are being nominated

- 2-page (maximum) biographical sketch highlighting the nominee's qualifications (including education, employment, professional emphasis, SRM and other activities, and honors, awards, and recognitions)
- ½-page (maximum) statement of why the nominee wants to serve as an SRM officer at this time (including nominee's qualities, skills, and passions)
- A cover letter with:
  - A statement from the nominee consenting to the nomination and asserting his/her willingness to serve
  - Evidence that the nominee's Section, if applicable, has been notified of the nomination (this could include copying the Section on the nomination or a note from the Section acknowledging awareness of and/or support for the nomination). Additional materials, such as letters of support, will not be considered by the Nominating Committee.
  - **Members may nominate themselves or other SRM members.**

The Nominating Committee will interview nominees during its meeting at the SRM Annual Meeting. Nominees are encouraged to be available and participate in these interviews. If a nominee cannot participate in the interview process, a conference call may be arranged in lieu of a personal interview.

The Nominating Committee will consider the following criteria in selecting candidates from the nominee pool:

- 1) leadership skills and ability;
- 2) active and engaged participation in SRM (committee, section, parent society level);
- 3) diversity of experiences, geography, gender, ethnicity, professional affiliation, age, and areas of expertise.

Each nomination shall be submitted as a separate packet to the Chair of the Nominating Committee. Nomination packages should be submitted via Email with the above information as attachment(s) in MSWord. Nomination packets may also be submitted by mail.

Submit Nominations by **Friday, December 4, 2009**, to:

Ron Torgerson (Chair)  
Utah Trust Lands Administration  
130 N. Main  
Richfield, UT 84701  
Phone: 435-896-6494 (office), 435-691-3456 (cell)  
Email: [rontorgerson@utah.gov](mailto:rontorgerson@utah.gov)

Successful candidates will be announced during the annual membership meeting.

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#### **Thank You CalPac Section!**

Karen and I would like to thank the CalPac Section for the wonderful hospitality they extended to us. Including the very best meal we have ever eaten: in an alley, behind a pet store, and being seated next to the dumpster. It really was great fun. — Ken Johnson, SRM Executive Vice-President

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### **REM, Rangelands, and Rangeland News Announcements**

**Rangeland News Newsletter:** If you are receiving multiple copies of this newsletter or would prefer to read the RN online, please contact Vicky by phone – (303) 986-3309, fax – (303) 986-3896, or email – [vtujillo@rangelands.org](mailto:vtujillo@rangelands.org).

**Online Rangelands and REM:** Your subscriptions to Rangelands and REM have recently been updated. You will need to login with your **Customer Number** and **Last Name**. If you have trouble logging in, please double check that the **Customer Number** you are using is your **Current Customer Number**. This information is available in your Member's Area under your name on the My Information page or call the office and we will be happy to help you.

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### **Western Governors' Association 2009 Annual Meeting**

Stein Eriksen Lodge, Park City UT Jun 14-16, 2009

<http://www.westgov.org/wga/meetings/am2009/index.htm>

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### **Position Announcements**

#### **Texas AgriLife Extension Service**

#### **Texas A&M University System**

#### **Assistant Professor and Extension Specialist - Ecosystem Management**

Qualifications: Ph.D. in Range Science, Wildlife Science, Forest Science, Ecosystem Science, Environmental Science, or other Natural Resources related discipline. The equivalent of two years in Extension, teaching, research, post-doctoral or similar experience preferred.

Area Served: Central Texas headquartered at the AgriLife Research and Extension Center in Temple, TX.

Salary: Commensurate with training and experience.

Administrative Relationships: The individual selected will be a faculty member in the Department of Ecosystem Science and Management, Texas A&M University and will respond to AgriLife Extension Administration through the Department Head and Associate Department Head for Extension. The individual is also expected to coordinate planning and programming efforts with Texas Forest Service Chief Regional Forester.

Major Job Responsibilities: Develop a high profile, effective educational program in Collaborative Ecosystem Management with emphasis on problems at the urban-rural interface within the central corridor of Texas. Applying the tools of environmental communication, conflict resolution, or group decision-making to the problems and opportunities of the urban-rural interface is an important role of this position. Work as a catalyst to bring together diverse stakeholders, including other state and federal agencies and non-governmental organizations, to formulate educational programs for diverse audiences and develop innovative approaches to solving problems.

Applications will be accepted immediately and until the position has been filled. A candidate for the position will not be selected until after June 15, 2009. This is a non-tenure track position. For more information and to Apply, go to <http://greatjobs.tamu.edu> and select Job NOV 04205. Texas AgriLife Extension Service is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

#### **Outreach Notice – National Riparian Service Team**

#### **Interdisciplinary 408/430/470/454 (Ecologist/Botanist/Soil Scientist/Rangeland Management Specialist)**

**GS-12/13**

#### **Prineville, Oregon**

The National Riparian Service Team (NRST) located in Prineville, Oregon will soon be advertising to fill an Interdisciplinary GS-408/430/470/454 Ecologist/Botanist/Soil Scientist/Rangeland Management Specialist. This is a permanent-full time position with the Bureau of Land Management with a duty station of Prineville, Oregon. This notification is being circulated to inform prospective applicants of this upcoming opportunity.

The focus of this position is riparian ecology. The incumbent will serve as the principal NRST specialist for riparian-wetland ecology which includes knowledge of ecology, botany, soil science, and range management. The incumbent will be expected to possess considerable expertise in riparian plant ecology and soils and have excellent communication skills. Because the NRST is a national interagency resource, significant travel will be required for this position.

The National Riparian Service Team is a group of interagency/interdisciplinary specialists tasked with the challenge of implementing the Creeks and Communities Strategy, an innovative and adaptive approach that addresses both the technical and social aspects of riparian-wetland issues.

The vacancy announcement will be posted on the U.S. Government's official website for employment opportunities at [www.usajobs.gov](http://www.usajobs.gov). This position will be open as a Merit Promotion (MP) announcement for status candidates and will also be open under Delegated Examining (DE) for all US citizens. For additional information on this position, you may contact Steve Smith, Team Leader, National Riparian Service Team, at 541-416-6703 or email to [steven.smith@blm.gov](mailto:steven.smith@blm.gov).

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#### **Wildfires and Invasive Plants in American Deserts**

December 9-11, 2008

Reno, Nevada

Grand Sierra Resort and Casino



**American Deserts Links and Information website at:**

[http://www.rangelands.org/deserts/American\\_Deserts\\_Links.shtml](http://www.rangelands.org/deserts/American_Deserts_Links.shtml)

has been updated to include links to:

- **General Information**
- **Great Basin Information**
- **Colorado Plateau Information**
- **Mojave Desert Information**
- **Sonoran Desert Information**

**If you would like to submit links to include on this website, please contact:**

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Wheat Ridge, CO 80215-6601  
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**V Congreso Nacional de Manejo de Pastizales Naturales II del Mercosur:  
"Aseguremos el futuro productivo de nuestros pastizales con manejos responsables"**  
**Corrientes, Argentina 14-15 Agosto 2009**

**English Translation:**

5th National Rangeland Management  
Conference of the Mercosur:  
"Ensuring a Productive Future of Our  
Rangelands with Responsible Management"  
Location: Corrientes, Argentina Dates: August 14-15, 2009

**Topic I:** Ecology and Biodiversity in Native Grasslands and Forests  
**Topic II:** Livestock Production Systems in Forest and Grassland Ecosystems  
**Topic III:** Rural Development and Multiple Use of the Ecosystems  
**Topic III:** Restoration of Degraded Ecosystems

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**INTRODUCING THE RELEASE OF A NEW DVD - "HOPE ON THE RANGE"**

Produced by the Society for Range Management in partnership with the Bureau of Land Management , U.S. Department of the Interior

This new release (~9 minutes) serves to tell a story about the role of livestock grazing on western public rangelands and our collective hope for a future of sustained rangeland health and enjoyment. This program is intended to foster broader awareness of the many public benefits derived from the responsible use and conservation of America's public rangelands.

We believe it is the hope of all citizens that the magnificent landscapes and great open spaces of the American West can be preserved as our legacy to future generations. We also hope that these lands will continue to be managed for multiple uses and values that benefit conservationists, recreationists and other public rangeland users.

The video discusses livestock grazing and its contributions to a variety of important public interests and values, including:

- the health, diversity and productivity of the rangelands;
- the quality of water resources;
- the health of habitat for diverse native species of plants and wildlife;
- the ability of rangelands to withstand noxious weed invasion and the impacts of wildfires;
- and the preservation of open spaces in the face of a growing human population and increased urbanization of the American West.

Sponsors of the program invite and encourage viewer comments that may contribute to future documentary presentations in our ongoing program of public education and public participation in the stewardship of America's rangelands.

Viewer comments may be submitted to: Linda Coates-Markle, BLM Liaison to the Society for Range Management at [lcmarkle@rangelands.org](mailto:lcmarkle@rangelands.org) or by telephone at 303-986-3309.

This video may also be viewed at the following websites:

[http://www.rangelands.org/videos/video\\_hopeontherange.shtml](http://www.rangelands.org/videos/video_hopeontherange.shtml)  
<http://www.blm.gov/wo/st/en/prog/grazing.html>



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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
Jun 4-5	Tooele, UT	UT Section SRM Summer Tour http://www.usu.edu/range/upcomingevents/meetings.htm	4 CEUs (2/day)
Jun 11	Worland, WY	WY Rangeland Management School-301 BHorn@uwyo.edu	7CEUs
Jun 11-13	Squaw Valley Ranch, NV	NV Section 2009 Summer Field Workshop & Meeting http://www.rangelands.org/links_srm_sections.shtml	5 CEUs (Fri only)
June 10-12	Fredericksburg, TX	2009 TX SWCS Annual Meeting http://www.tx-swcs.org/interest.htm	7 ttl (tour-3/TH-4)
Jun 15-18	Santa Cruz, A	Sudden Oak Death 4th Science Symposium http://nature.berkeley.edu/comtf/sodsymposium4/	12 ttl (ft-2/d1-2/d2-5/d3-3)
Jun 22-25	Springerville, AZ	Riparian Workshop swyman@or.blm.gov	10ttl (d1-1/d2 - d3 - 3 each)
Jun 24	Harney County, OR	OSU Range Field Day http://extension.oregonstate.edu/crook/sites/default/files/Range_Field_Day.pdf	5 CEUs
Jun 25-27	Grant County,OR	2009 PNW Section Summer Meeting & Tour: Rumblings from the Deep http://pnw.rangelands.org/	8 ttl (TH-4/F-2/S-2)
July 21-24	Lewiston, MT	Interpreting & Measuring Indicators of Rangeland Health don_washco@blm.gov	16 CEUs
Oct 7-9	Odessa, TX	TX Section Annual Meeting http://www.rangelands.org/texas/	TBD
Oct 21-22	Sidney, NE	NE Section Annual Meeting http://www.rangelands.org/links_srm_sections.shtml	TBD
Nov 5-6	Cedar City, UT	UT Section 2009 Fall Meeting http://www.usu.edu/range/	TBD
Dec 13-16	Reno, NV	4th National Conference on Grazing Lands http://www.glci.org/4NCGLindex.htm	TBD
Feb 7-11, 2010	Denver, CO	63 rd Annual Meeting of the SRM Joint with the Weed Science Society of America (WSSA) http://www.rangelands.org/denver2010/	16 max
Feb 6-10, 2011	Billings, MT	64th Annual Meeting of the SRM	16 max

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

SRM, ATTN: Vicky Trujillo, 10030 W 27th Ave, Wheat Ridge, CO 80215-6601; vtrujillo@rangelands.org, Fax 303-986-3892

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### Welcome to Our New Members (May)

| Name                        | City, State       | Section |
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| Heather M. Hatfield-Herrod  | Rapid City, SD    | SD      |
| Dr. Don Huebner,Ph.D.       | San Marcos, TX    | TX      |
| Joshua A. Johanson          | Hereford, TX      | TX      |
| Mr. Michael Johnson         | Caldwell, ID      | ID      |
| Rebecca L. Klein            | Ceres, CA         | CA      |
| Christopher Matthew Michaud | Castle Valley, UT | UT      |
| Rakhi Patrick               | Noida, India      | UN      |
| Devii Rao                   | Hollister, CA     | CA      |
| Kristine A. Reed            | Rapid City, SD    | SD      |
| Kathy I. Saunders           | Coleman, TX       | TX      |
| Richard D. Smith, II        | Katy, TX          | TX      |
| Ann P. Wittman              | Cheyenne, WY      | WY      |

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Facilities for Handling, Sheltering & Trailing Livestock

Glossary of Terms Used in Range Management

Rangeland Entomology

Rangeland Hydrology

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If you are interested, please email your order request to Mary Moser at mmoser@rangelands.org with credit card information, or order by fax to (303) 986-3892.

You may also pay with a check by sending your order to 10030 W. 27th Avenue, Wheat Ridge, CO, 80215.

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Because of the high fees charged to convert foreign currency payments, 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 Karen Johnson, 303-986-3309 or email

karen@rangelands.org.

Have some pictures you'd like to share? Send them to us and we'll see about using them. Submit articles for the newsletter and include photos!

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Deadline for the July issue is June 15. Send material to Vicky Trujillo at vtrujillo@rangelands.org.
