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A Year of Change—2011

Sandy Wyman—SRM Director



Every year is a year of change, but this year has been one in particular, personally and for SRM. I started the year out with participating in a great annual meeting in Billings – it is hard to remember the negative numbers on the thermometer! Walking to and from BOD meetings, agency family meetings, socials, and visiting with a multitude of old and new friends was a physical struggle for me. The knees were worn out and ready for replacement. I like to think that some of the wear and tear contributed to some fine research results from the University of Wyoming mas-

ters and PhD students that our Clipping Crew worked on back in the early 1980's. How far we have come in research, not only on the replacement of knees (I have two brand new ones), but also on the management of rangeland.

The Society for Range Management also continues to change. Ideas and philosophies change with each new group of directors and executive committee members that humbly take on the task of trying to improve our society and along with it, SRM's contribution to rangeland management.

I am the board representative to the Policy Division. This division included the GLCI (Grazing Lands Conservation Initiative) Task Force, Public Affairs Committee and the Government Policy & Programs Committee (GPPC). One of our changes included the GLCI Task Force's conversion to the GLCI Committee. Why the name change? A

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Executive Vice President's Report Jess Peterson

First and foremost I want to make several clarifications regarding SRM membership renewals. There has been a delay in sending out membership renewal forms due to the difficulty of transferring data from the previous database. The good news is that we are now able to provide a streamlined approach to managing both contact information and demographics, along with cataloguing various bits of membership data. In the long run, this is a great improvement for SRM. In the short go, it is making things a bit confusing and albeit, frustrating at times. I apologize to any of you that have received the wrong information or renewal requests. Please contact us immediately if you think a problem has occurred and we will fix it ASAP.

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task force is developed for specific, short-term tasks to be completed and then dissolved, while a **committee** conveys an on-going set of tasks to fulfill each year.

The members of the GLCI Task Force presented their reasons to become a committee and the SRM BOD agreed. The goal of the task force was “to promote the mission and objectives of the Grazing Lands Conservation Initiative in keeping with the principles and policies of SRM.” Our thanks to Keith Bartholomay and Don Gohmert for their years of co-chairing the task force. The new committee is chaired by Jeff Goodwin and we can expect many great accomplishments from our fledgling committee. One of their primary objectives is to increase rancher involvement in SRM.

The purpose of the Government Policy and Program Committee was “to promote the incorporation of sound science into proposed strategies and practices at all levels of staffing, legislation, regulations, government programs and policies affecting rangelands and range management of Canada, Mexico and the United States.” The GPPC “served the Society by identifying pending, proposed and/or needed staffing, legislation, policy, regulations or program changes within any governmental organization that may impact the use or management of rangelands.”

The role of the Public Affairs Committee included the following:

Provide oversight on existing Resolutions and Policy/ Position Statements. This is accomplished through periodic referral to the Advisory Council, standing committees or workgroups for their critique and consideration. Based on Advisory Council or

committee comments, the PAC makes recommendations to the Board of Directors for the revision, continuation, or elimination of specific statements and/or resolutions.

Through a proactive approach, the PAC identifies emerging issues which may be of importance or interest to the Society as a whole.

The PAC edits and finalizes statements or resolutions referred to them from the Advisory Council and appropriate committees for presentation to the Board of Directors for action.

The Public Affairs Committee and Government Policy & Program Committee have been meeting jointly for a number of years. Many of the duties of both committees overlapped or made sense to work congruently with each other to accomplish their tasks. Because of this ongoing partnership and also to streamline and improve efficiencies, the SRM BOD voted to combine the two committees into the Policy and Public Affairs Committee (PPAC). Our thanks to Jack Isaacs and Mike McNeill for chairing both committees and we welcome Gary McCuin as the first chair of the newly formed PPAC.

As with any good committee, in my opinion, the members of the committee make great contributions and supply much of the assistance to fulfill their tasks. The GLCI Committee and PPAC are working on new handbooks and set of tasks. The website will reflect those changes as soon as they are developed. If anyone is interested in serving on these committees contact the new committee chairs mentioned above.

I have the greatest confidence in the members of the committees that I’m fortunate to work with in fulfilling the development of their new committees, just as I have for my new knees! The breaking-in period may be a bit painful (OK sometimes downright excruciating) but hard work will prevail. Let change be embraced, evaluated, and managed because after all, “the only thing constant is change!”

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Executive Vice President's Report

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If you have been sent any updates or renewals that are confusing then please call the SRM Business office at: (785) 843-1234, and ask for "SRM."

Or email: SRM@allenpress.com

Continuing on the membership updates, SRM Section membership reports were recently posted. Again, due to the delay in sending out renewals, the membership numbers will be lower. There is a good chance that you might recognize well-known SRM members as having a lapse in membership. Please give the renewal process until later this fall to allow time for the full cycle of the membership renewal process.

I thank you for your patience during this time as our goal remains steadfast that we continue to build administrative functions and methods that enhance the membership services of SRM!

Please also be assured that any lapse in your membership due to a notification delay will not affect your long standing member status.

A few more points I wanted to note. First a reminder to all Certified Professional in Rangeland Management (CPRM), you should be receiving your renewal application and invoice. Please take a few moments to renew and mail it back to the SRM Wheat Ridge office.

Timely responses help save SRM time and money in re-sending renewal notices. If you are lacking credits, please remember to send in your CEU documentation as you attend functions.

Please be sure to check out the Capital Update in the *Rangelands News* to read all about the May SRM Fly-In. The days in DC were busy and action packed. The participants did an outstanding job of representing SRM.

Don't forget the next SRM Action Update Call:

Thursday, June 9 at 11:00 am MDT; Dial-in Number: 1-213-416-6650 and Access Code is: 012010 #

We are happy to discuss any of your membership questions on this call. We'll also have updates on the annual meeting. We will continue using a format that welcomes reports, comments, and questions from SRM committee chairs regarding their committee activities. If you have an issue you would like to have discussed, please email me at evp@rangelands.org.

Here's to you enjoying some great summer days!

Jess Peterson
Executive Vice President
Society for Range Management

Board of Directors Monthly Meeting Notice

During 2011-2012, the BOD will be meeting the fourth Monday of every month at 8:00am MDT.

The next meeting will be June 27, 2011 at 8:00am MDT.

Call In Number: 1-786-358-5412 and Access Code: 355-945-526

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The BOD meeting agenda and past minutes area available online in the Members Area under "Member Resources".

SAVE THE DATE—Ecological Site Description (ESD) Training Workshops

Society for Range Management (SRM) has been moving forward with the planning of additional ESD training workshops following the successful Pilot Interagency Range ESD Workshop in November 2010. We are excited to announce that three regional based efforts are currently under development.

The following information is intended to briefly update interested parties on these upcoming workshops. More information on agendas and accommodations will be forthcoming in the near future. [Website information updated regularly](#). Registration will be on a first-come first-served basis and should be live no later than end-of-June 2011.

Please note that the workshop under planning for Reno, NV - August 2-4, 2011 - is now **RESCHEDULED** for June 2012.

Details for a second workshop scheduled for August 23-25, 2011 in Cheyenne WY are provided below.

Also note that a third workshop is under planning for Florida in early November 2011.

INTERAGENCY ECOLOGICAL SITE APPLICATIONS WORKSHOP Cheyenne WY/Nunn CO 23-25 August 2011

Will be held at the Shortgrass Steppe Research and Interpretation Center (SGS-RIC) in Nunn, CO on the Central Plains Experimental Range (CPER) (<http://sgsric.colostate.edu/index.aspx>) and at the High Plains Grasslands Research Station in Cheyenne, WY (www.rrru.ars.usda.gov).

- Will be open for registration to anyone that is interested and will allow a maximum of 40 participants.
- Will encompass 3 days (includes time in the field each day) with content tailored to take advantage of local conditions and issues.
- Registration:
 - \$150 for employees of sponsoring agencies (ARS, BLM, NRCS)
 - \$150 for current Society for Range Management members
 - \$200 for all others Other sponsoring agencies/groups may be added in time, so please check the ESD website for current information prior to registering. Due to the remote location of this workshop, registration will include all training materials, field trip transportation and most meals including 3 breakfasts, 2 lunches and 2 dinners.
- Will feature KEYNOTE speaker Dr. Bill Lauenroth, Univ. of Wyoming, on Great Plains Rangeland Ecosystems.
- Will discuss the importance of ESDs to agency needs and field operations.
- Will aim to establish team-building between participants and introduce them to the local experts who will be able to assist them in the future when developing projects and working with ESDs.
- Will illustrate the current state of collaboration in ESD implementation (in that area) as well as act as a launching pad for additional collaborative efforts.

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"Hope in the NEWS"

Submitted by Linda Coates-Markle, BLM Liaison to SRM

"Hope on the Range - A Frontier Legacy Finds Its Place in the New West" - the 28-minute documentary produced in partnership between the SRM and BLM is being made available to PBS stations nationally through an ACCESS satellite uplink starting Saturday June 18, 2011 for a period of three years. SRM will do its best to notify members when individual stations pick up the link and schedule airing dates.

This documentary examines the variety of pressures that threaten the health of western rangelands, including population growth and development and the interrelated effects of climate change, wildfires, and invasive species.

The program takes viewers to locations around the West where ranchers, conservationists, and public land managers are turning to a legacy of the frontier -- livestock grazing -- to help conserve the rangeland ecosystems.



Bohning Daughters Visit SRM Headquarters to make Silent Auction Donation



Bonita Bock and Suzanne Bohning stopped by SRM Headquarters Wednesday, May 4th to visit and drop off items for donation to the Silent Auction. The donations are being made in memory of their parents, long time member Jack Bohning and wife Arlene.

They had a nice visit and shared some wonderful stories and nostalgia about their parents. Many will remember seeing Arlene at past Annual Meetings wearing one of her squash blossom necklaces (on table) and Jack with his ever present bolo tie!

Thanks Bohning daughters for sharing your parents with SRM!



Capital Update

From Kelly Fogarty

SRM Fly-In Recap Capital Update-May 2011

I want to extend my sincere thanks to all of those who participated in and helped make the SRM 2011 Spring Fly-In to Washington, D.C. such a success. A special thanks goes to all of the participants who took time out of their own schedules to travel out to D.C. and take part in a series of meetings and events that highlighted the efforts surrounding both current rangeland resource management and conservation practices. Topics discussed by the delegation while in D.C. focused on the upcoming Ecological Site Description Workshops, enhanced training opportunities, and the success of the Native Range Forum held during the annual meeting in Billings, MT. SRM President Jack Alexander, Executive Board members Gary Frasier and Wally Butler, along with YPC Representative and Sponsorship Committee Co-Chairman Kim Haile and SRM Director of Outreach and Leadership Development Aleta Rudeen all did a great job in representing the Society out in D.C.

The main focus of a fly-in is to put a face to both the issues and organization's overall focus. While having representation out in Washington, D.C. is necessary for maintaining a relationship with policy makers and agency officials, the impact that members have when they bring their personal stories and voice to the issues that are being discussed cannot be matched. The individuals we met with in D.C. will remember SRM more so now than if I had conducted the meetings by myself.

The delegation spent an entire morning meeting with our "Sister Societies". We had great discussions with the leadership from The Wildlife Society, the American Fisheries Society, and the Society of American Foresters. These meetings offered an opportunity to share ideas pertinent to all professional societies, as well as the ability to discuss future opportunities that we may all work together and provide a collective voice to issues centered on the conservation of natural resources.

The SRM delegation also met with multiple officials within the Department of Interior and USDA. SRM was able to gain insight to the upcoming issues that rangelands will face as well as additional avenues that may be taken to further the Society's relationship with the departments.

All in all the SRM 2011 Spring Fly-In to Washington, D.C. was a success and I look forward to the follow-up I will now undertake as well as planning for future SRM members to make the trip out to D.C. in order to participate in a worthwhile and necessary event on behalf of the Society.

If you have any questions about the Fly-In or current rangeland policy news please contact me at: kelly@westernskiesstrategies.com.

Best,

Kelly

Looking For SRM Groups on FACEBOOK?

Stay current with SRM and join, like or post on the following groups on FACEBOOK:

- **Young Professionals Conclave** - <https://www.facebook.com/pages/SRM-Young-Professionals-Conclave/116069391811862?ref=ts>
- **Rangeland Cup**—https://www.facebook.com/home.php?sk=group_105091779527160#!/pages/SRM-Rangeland-Cup/130169067799
- **Society for Range Management**—https://www.facebook.com/home.php?sk=group_105091779527160#!/pages/Society-for-Range-Management/84739853569
- **Society for Range Management 2012 Annual Meeting**—https://www.facebook.com/home.php?sk=group_105091779527160

Lost Resource: Ginger K. Renner

PARADISE VALLEY - Early in the morning on March 27, with her children by her side, Ginger K. Renner quietly passed away due to complications from a fall. She was born in Fullerton, La., and moved to Silver City, N.M., at the age of 6. After college and her marriage to George Neveau, the family settled in Riverside, Calif. She later served as Ranch Manager at the expansive Cochran-Odlum Ranch in Coachella Valley, Calif. Her interest and appreciation for art began to focus on western art, eventually enabling her to own two galleries, Desert Southwest Art Gallery in Palm Desert, Calif. and Trailside Gallery in Jackson Hole, Wyo. Ginger was known for her love of art and artists. Her growing affinity for western art in particular, led her to Frederic G. Renner and his interest in Charles M. Russell, "the cowboy artist". Their marriage became a collaborative continuing research, and project of love, into the extensive works of Charles M. Russell. Charlie Russell's work includes oils and watercolors, as well as drawings, bronzes and illustrated letters, all depicting his great passion for Montana and the West. Ginger and Fred shared this passion. Knowing the three of them will now be reunited in their final resting spot in Montana should give us all a reason to smile. Ginger attended New Mexico Teacher's College and the University of California at Riverside. In 1994, she received an honorary doctorate from the University of Montana for her contribution to Western American History. She was a nationally renowned expert on Charlie Russell and an author, lecturer, collector and historian. She devoted many years to the Charles M. Russell Museum in Great Falls, Mont., and the Phoenix Art Museum in Phoenix, Ariz. She was a founding member of the CMR Museum National Advisory Board formed in September 1983. In 1995, she received the 'Josephine Trigg Award', the highest award presented by the CMR Museum. In 2005, she received the "Women in Art - Protecting our Artistic Heritage Award", presented by the Phoenix Art Museum League. Ginger was also one of the major contributors to the Russell Catalogue Raisonné completed in 2007. Ginger's love for her family and strength of charac-

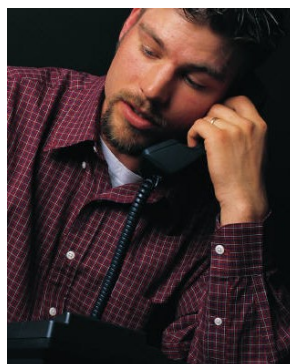


ter were unsurpassed. She carried herself with a pure confidence and elegance that few could match. She blazed a trail in the hearts and minds of all that were fortunate enough to know her. Her fiery spirit, extraordinary storytelling, and unending passion for life will certainly be missed. She was preceded in death by her parents, Esther and John Amy; late husband, Frederic G. Renner; and three of her five children, Toynette Chancey, Christopher Neveau, and Rebecca Anne Neveau. She is survived by her son, Dan Neveau (Nora); daughter Amanda Stine (Morgan); five grandchildren, Kendra Johnson (Andrew), Ian Stine (Taryn), Danielle Kerr, Christopher Neveau and Matthew Neveau; and four

great-grandchildren, Corbin and Cooper Johnson, and MacKenzie and Caden Stine. Ginger, we will all miss you more than words can say, but the indelible memories you have left on each of our lives will most certainly live on in our hearts forever ... In searching for the meaning of "3:27", the date and time of your death, we found this quote, "endowed with life, living, alive", ... how completely appropriate. In appreciation of Ginger's life, donations may be made to: CMR Museum in Great Falls, Mont. Ginger would have celebrated her 90th birthday on May 21st of this year. A celebration in Arizona, followed by a tribute and interment in Montana will be announced at a later date.

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SRM Action Update Call



When: June 9, 2011

Time: 11:00 am MDRT

Dial: 213-416-6650

When Prompted Enter:
012010 followed by the # sign

Calling All Cooks.... Submit Your **VEGETABLE RECIPES** Now!!

Do you have a family or ranch recipe that has been around for generations? Does it have a great story or background to go with it? Or maybe you have a great range story, ranch story or an awesome range photo that you would like to share. We are looking for you. The Outreach and Communication Committee is collecting recipes, stories and photos for the next edition of the *Trail Boss Cowboy Cookbook*.

Submit Recipes, Range Stories and Range Photos to:
[**srmcookbook@yahoo.com**](mailto:srmcookbook@yahoo.com)

Please Include Your Name, Ranch Name, SRM Section and City, State with each submission. In the subject line of your email please write **SRM Cookbook**.

All recipes must be original recipes (never published). If it is a published recipe it must be changed by 10%, such as changing an ingredient or amount, adding an ingredient, changing cooking temperature or time.

Featured Recipe Of The Month:

From: *Trail Boss Cowboy Cookbook*, 1985

Joe R. Conrad

Conrad Ranch

Wray, Colorado

Ranch Style Baked Beans

1 lb. (navy) beans	¼ c. brown sugar
12 c. cold water	1/3 c. molasses
2 tsp. salt	1 tsp. dry mustard
½ lb. salt pork	½ tsp. salt
1 medium whole onion	¼ tsp. freshly ground black pepper
2 c. boiling water, or more if needed	



Sort and wash beans. Soak beans overnight in 6 cups cold water to which 2 tsp salt have been added. In the morning, drain. Add about 6 cups water, bring to boil and parboil for 10 minutes. Drain and rinse well with cold water. Put piece of salt pork in bottom of a 2-quart bean pot. Add beans. Mix sugar, molasses, dry mustard, ½ tsp. salt and pepper with 2 cups boiling water. Pour over beans. Press remaining salt pork into beans. If necessary add boiling water to make liquid come just to top of beans. Bake in 300° oven for 5 hours, adding water as necessary. Makes 1 ½ quarts.

Background: CSU Range Seniors visited this ranch on their spring field trip several times in the 50's. Many students of wildlife have studied Prairie Chicken here at a "booming ground" that has been given to the Nature Conservancy. The ranch is located in the sandhills of Yuma County in northeastern Colorado. It is the ranch of the late Kenneth Conrad, an ASRM director in the 50's. Many range and pasture improvement practices were started here in the late 40's and 50's, such as sage brush spraying, reseeding of farmland and "go-back" land, and rotation grazing. Performance testing and fattening of commercial cattle was also begun in 1947. The ranch is about 14,000 acres in size and is divided into about 30 pastures to provide better distribution, water, separate seeded pasture from native range, and facilitate performance testing and more efficient calving of 300 to 400 cows. This is one of the very few ranches left in N.E. Colorado on which there is NO farming or irrigation.

National Range Judging Contest

Submitted by Harry Fritzler

Several hundred contestants from all corners of the nation converged in Oklahoma City on May 3-5, 2011 to compete in the National Range Judging Contest. Persistence, hard work, and dedication concluded with top honors this year for teams from Missouri and South Dakota. This year was the 60th annual contest held in Oklahoma City in conjunction with the National Land and Homesite Judging Contests. The three day event concludes at the banquet and awards ceremony held at the remarkable National Cowboy and Western Heritage Museum, where the winners are awarded for their talents.

The Society for Range Management sponsors and awards the National Champion teams and their coaches in the FFA and the 4-H divisions, as well as the high individuals in each division with a jacket. As might be expected, the competition for this inspiring and extremely popular award has become increasingly tougher each year.

For the 60th competition, the Stockton FFA Chapter, Stockton, MO took home the top honors for the FFA team competition. The first place high individual FFA award went to Rubisel Ramirez from the Hamilton FFA Chapter, Hamilton, TX. The Butte County 4-H Club, Newell, South Dakota won the 4-H team category. The first place high individual 4-H award went to Gina Pate from the Stockton Seekers 4-H Club, Stockton, MO. The outcome of all the participants and other information about the contest may be viewed at <http://www.rangejudging.com/>.



Stockton FFA Team, Stockton, MO (l to r) Brian Northup, President of the Oklahoma Section of the Society for Range Management (SRM), presenting the award on behalf of SRM President Jack Alexander, Coach Don Rains, Brendan Bird, Gunnar Hochstedler, Cameron Locke, Coach Jim Phillips. *Photo and copyright permissions courtesy of JPT Photography.*



Rubisel Ramirez from the Hamilton FFA Chapter, Hamilton, TX was the high individual for the FFA division. Presenting the award on behalf of SRM President Jack Alexander is Brian Northup, President of the Oklahoma Section of the Society for Range Management. *Photo and copyright permissions courtesy of JPT Photography.*

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An International Terminology for Grazing Lands and Grazing Animals

Submitted by James T. O'Rourke

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Use the following link for free access to Terminology at Wiley Online Library.

<http://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/10.1111/j.1365-2494.2010.00780.x/pdf>

Translations from the original English version are available as 'Supporting Information'

May Rangeland Photo Quiz—Answer

Question: There's been a lot of news in recent years about global warming and climate change, and quite a bit of fuss over what is, or is not, behind it. There have been numerous dramatic illustrations, like receding glaciers, killer hurricanes, and expanding deserts. Well one of our SRM shutterbugs thought that rangelands shouldn't be left out. Our quiz question for this month is where in the West was this taken, and on what holiday weekend did this occur, and is it an example of "things to come?" (Hint: location is south of I-40 and west of the 100th meridian)

Answer: Our May Photo Quiz received only two responses, but both show the talent for deductive reasoning that's so characteristic of successful (?) rangelanders!

From Tim Steffens of Colorado:

"My guess for the May Rangeland Photo quiz would be in one of the "sky islands" in the southwest, and if trying to pin it down further, I would say the Sacramento Mountains in New Mexico, probably somewhere around Ruidoso or Cloudcroft, judging from the oak tree in the foreground and the pines in the background. Pinning down the Holiday weekend would be more difficult, as Ruidoso is a popular destination at all times, but I would say since the oaks are in full leaf, either Labor Day or Halloween. Since Labor Day is a long weekend and the time when the All American Futurity is run, and would therefore be more popular than normal, that would be my choice to pick only one."

But Cindy Salo wins the contest with this:

"The May Rangeland Photo Quiz could be on the Apache-Sitgreaves National Forest on the Mogollon Rim in Arizona. It looks like Gamble oak trying to leaf out in the foreground and Ponderosa pine in the background. The Gamble oak is about that size on the Rim, which is reputed to be home to the largest stand of PIPO in the world. Google tells me that there was snow in the area in late May, 2008, which means that this could have been taken on Memorial Day. As for a sign of things to come: why not? I'm sure we'll continue to see such variability in our rangelands."

Our tireless rangeland shutter bug, Doug Tolleson (who, with this tree-in-a-row rangeland photo quiz hat



trick, will have to be benched for a bit), relates that the picture indeed is of a spring oak with verdant leaves dribbled in snow. "The picture was taken Memorial Day weekend in 2008 on the Mogollon Rim in Arizona, approximately 7000 ft. The 'lesson' here is that sometimes the weather does not behave the way the books tell us it should, and that our planning; be it for grazing, restoration projects, or just what to wear to work... has to be, well - adaptive!"

Member Update: Don Blumenauer

SRM Member Don Blumenauer was recently diagnosed with cancer and is presently in Vancouver for treatments. They are giving him a combination of radiation and chemo and hope to shrink the tumor to the point that they can operate. He started his treatments May 16th.

He has been in good spirits and has a very positive attitude. If you would like to send a card or note of support, please send to his home address:

Don Blumenauer
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Canada

You can also send him an email at donblumenauer@hotmail.com.

National Range Judging Contest

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Butte County 4-H Club, Newell, SD (l to r) Brian Northup, President of the Oklahoma Section of the Society for Range Management (SRM), presenting the award on behalf of SRM President Jack Alexander, Coach T. J. Swan, Cady Olson, Tyler Swan, Jordan Brunner, Brodie Shaykett, and Coach Dave Ollila. Photo and copyright permissions courtesy of JPT Photography.



Gina Pate from the Stockton Seekers 4-H Club, Stockton, MO was the high individual for the 4-H division. Presenting the award on behalf of SRM President Jack Alexander is Brian Northup, President of the Oklahoma Section of the Society for Range Management. Photo and copyright permissions courtesy of JPT Photography.

June Rangeland Photo Quiz

Moving further south along the lines of latitude from our May photo quiz subject, we have this picturesque postcard shot by Cindy Salo near Tucson. Her “prize” for winning the May quiz is to have her photo featured in June!



But this photo is not targeted towards winter snow-birds; instead it is addressed to all our SRM sages of the range. Cindy notes that the photo shows “some live shrubs and some dead shrubs.” So our June Photo Quiz question is, “What are the two shrubs (for all you plant ID show-offs) and what happened here, during 1998-2000?” Good luck!

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



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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

May 16, 2011

DENVER -- In a letter to the Secretary of Agriculture Tom Vilsack, Western Governors have proposed that a forest planning rule be revised to include greater state authority in managing the region's forests. More than 85 percent of the lands covered by the proposed rule are in Western states.

The governors said it is imperative that the U.S. Forest Service coordinate with states and others in refining and implementing the new rule. The letter was signed by Gov. C.L. "Butch" Otter (Idaho), Chairman of the Western Governors' Association, and Gov. Christine Gregoire (Wash.), WGA Vice Chair.

"Given the joint authority and shared goals, it is imperative that the Planning Rule consistently and clearly recognize state authorities, as well as the need for inclusive processes and transparency, which will improve planning efforts and collaboration while reducing litigation," the letter stated. "Further, given that both the Western Governors and the Obama administration have made the strengthening of our transmission grid a high priority, the Planning Rule must ensure that forest plans recognize this.

"With our recommended improvements to the draft rule, we can together ensure the health and productivity of our nation's forests, watersheds and wildlife."

The Governors comments and recommendations also included:

The planning rule fails to acknowledge the unique authority states have to manage wildlife, forest and water resources and to protect public health and safety within their boundaries.

A common landscape-scale vision for the sustainable management of forests is needed.

The rule should be amended to consider how the Forest Service will work with Governors on large multi-forest, multi-state projects. A subsection of the rule should be developed to specifically address planning for transmission lines; other utility infrastructure and facilities; and mineral and energy resources.

Because the management of public lands can significantly impact the economy of some local communities, the planning rule must provide additional direction for an increase in large-scale forest restoration and more active management. The current definition of "productivity" should be amended to include economic productivity.

The USFS should coordinate with states and ensure that forest, resource and fire management plans incorporate the plans and policies of state and local governments. States should have the opportunity to review, advise and provide suggestions on those issues and topics that may affect or influence state government programs.

State wildlife agencies should be consulted and their data integrated into the planning processes at the earliest possible stage. The current language in the proposed rule only requires the Forest Service to "consider" state and locally developed water, wildlife and community fire protection plans.

The letter and more information about WGA's forest health program are available on WGA's Web site at www.westgov.org.

Navigating the SRM Business Website

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New Mexico Section SRM Summer Tour July 22, 2011—The Corona Range and Livestock Research Center

The [Corona Range and Livestock Research Center](#) is a 27,886-acre working ranch laboratory located near the geographical center of the state of New Mexico, just east of the village of Corona. Land within the research center is characterized by rolling hills alternating with undulating to flat areas with the elevation ranging from 5,720 to 6700 feet. A transitional area runs the length of the ranch with the southern half predominately piñon juniper woodland and the northern half described as a short grass prairie.

The research center is operated by New Mexico State University's Animal and Range Sciences Department. Research programs, as well as graduate student studies are a major part of the research centers activities

and are incorporated into the normal production cycle of the cattle and sheep commercial operations, a registered Angus seedstock herd, a native mule deer population and an introduced herd of pronghorn antelope.

Join us for a tour of the ranch and on-site discussions related to current research projects.

Tour details and lodging contacts will be posted soon, or contact NM SRM President-Elect Les Owen at lowen@nmda.nmsu.edu.

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Agricultural Programs and Resources

Arizona Section Summer Meeting

Location: V Bar V Ranch summer headquarters near Happy Jack Arizona

Dates: Wednesday August 3 to Friday August 5, 2011

Theme: *Arizona Rangelands: Past, Present, and Future*

More information and the agenda are available on the SRM website at:

http://www.rangelands.org/sections/pdf/2011_AZ_Summer_Meeting.pdf



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2011 Ecologically-based Invasive Plant Management (EBIPM) Field School

Are you ready for a new learning experience where you will take home the skills to start successfully managing invasive plant species? The Western Society of Weed Science is sponsoring the 2011 Ecologically-based Invasive Plant Management (EBIPM) Field School - September 13-15 in Park Valley, Utah and we hope to see you there!

What makes this course so exciting? Our team of instructors uses field demonstration sites managed on local ranches to develop hands-on learning activities. You will gain the knowledge and experience to begin implementing the EBIPM decision framework. EBIPM takes you out of the never-ending cycle of treating the symptoms (invasive weeds) and provides the principles and strategies to start repairing the underlying problems that cause invasion. The payoffs to a better understanding of the ecological underpinnings of invasive species will be substantial.

At the EBIPM field school you will:

- Learn in the field about the processes directing plant community change and how to manage these processes to improve rangeland health.
- Learn and use site-specific criteria to prevent and manage invasive species.
- Understand how plant communities can be invasion-resistant/resilient and less likely to burn.
- Use adaptive management.

- Gain experience to tackle your invasive plant challenges.

With our learn-by-doing format you will leave the school knowing:

- Methods to assess ecological processes in need of repair.
- Ecological principles to formulate management strategies.
- Technique that allows you to adjust strategies and identify best management practices as management progresses.

Cost of the course is \$275.00/ person and will include all meals during the field school. All participants will receive an EBIPM workbook that you can use for developing EBIPM plans for your specific situation. Park Valley is a small ranching community in Northern Utah. Part of the proceeds from registration fee will benefit the local Parent-Teacher Association who will be providing our meals. The EBIPM Field School will be an adventure - bring your tent or trailer for camping at the local park! Producer/ Rancher scholarships are available.

To learn more or to register, visit www.ebipm.org or contact Brenda Smith at brenda.smith@ars.usda.gov or 541 573-4084. Don't delay; we look forward to your participation

America's Grasslands: Status, Threats, and Opportunities



America's Grasslands: Status, Threats, and Opportunities will bring together researchers, agricultural producers, policy experts and conservationists to discuss the status of North America's grassland ecosystems, current threats, opportunities for conservation and the outlook for these ecosystems in a changing climate. The conference will be immediately followed by a **Grasslands Policy Summit** on August 17-18, sponsored by the National Wildlife Federation and Ducks Unlimited.

For More Information:

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2011 North American Invasive Plant Ecology and Management Short Course

July 6-8, 2011
WCREC - North Platte, NE

The first annual North American Invasive Plant Ecology and Management Short Course (NAIPSC) is just a month away and still open for registration. Participants will get training in the basics of invasive plant ecology and management in a three-day University of Nebraska-Lincoln (UNL) Extension short course in July. The NAIPSC is July 6-8 at UNL's West Central Research and Extension Center in North Platte.

"The course is three days of intense instruction and learning for those interested in the basics of invasive plant ecology and management and includes presentations, hands-on workshops, site visits and instructor-led discussion sessions on the latest in invasive plant ecology and management," said course moderator and UNL weed ecologist Steve Young. "West central Nebraska hosts many of the same invasive plant species that are found throughout North America, so it is an ideal location for the course," Young said.

The course is for land managers, public and private landowners, researchers, policymakers, and students. Instructors from institutions and agencies representing states as far away as Washington will provide the core teaching of the materials.

Continuing education unit (CEU) and graduate student credit is available from several sponsoring organizations. The course brochure, which includes daily course activities and registration information, is online. Go to <http://ipscourse.unl.edu> for more information and how to register. Additional questions, phone (308) 696-6740 or email llehmann1@unl.edu

Course cosponsors include Weed Science Society of America, Society for Range Management, Natural Resources Conservation Service, Nebraska Invasive Species Project, North Central IPM Center, Center for Invasive Plant Management and the Soil and Water Conservation Society.

Welcome to Our New Members—May

Name	City, State	Section
Walter Powell	Condon, OR	PNW
Deborah Clark	Henrietta, TX	TX
Jim Collord	Elko, NV	NV
Paul W. McCormick	Banta, CA	CalPac
George A. Douds	Alto, NM	NM
Rebecca L Klein	Willows, CA	CalPac
Larry Mills	San Angelo, TX	NM, TX
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Clay Warren Wood	Sundance, WY	WY
Brandon Robert Steinberg	College Station, TX	TX
Derrick Fuchs	Slaton, TX	UN
Everet Bainter	Casper, WY	WY
Ginger Paige	Laramie, WY	WY
Josh Davy	Red Bluff, CA	CalPac
Jess R. Anderson	Brandy, TX	TX
David Lee Anderson	Las Cruces, NM	NM

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 http://californiarangeland.ucdavis.edu/Grazing%20Management/online_course.htm	16/module
Online	WEB	2010 Jornada Web Seminar-Practical Tools for Multi-scale Sample Design & Selection jkarl@nmsu.edu - http://www.landscapetoolbox.org/train	1
Apr 2-8 Rosario, Santa Fe State, ARG		IX International Rangeland Congress contact Vicky for pre-cong tour & wkshp details http://www.irc2011.com.ar/en/index.html	16
Jun 1-2	Ely, NV	Riparian Proper Functioning Condition (PFC) Assessment sswanson@cabnr.unr.edu	11
Jun 15-17	Yakima, WA	PNW 2011 Summer Meeting & Tour http://pnw.rangelands.org/pnwmeetings.html	3
June 20-23	San Antonio, TX	NRCS Grazing Management Lectureship CANCELLED Mark Moseley	16
Jun 20-24	Chadron, NE	2011 NE Wildlife Shortcourse http://www.csc.edu/documents/appliedsciences/Range/WildlifeShortcourse2011.pdf	16
Jun 24	Hotchkiss, CO	CO Section Summer Tour; LeValley Ranch http://www.cssrm.org/	TBD
Jun 27-Jul 1	Elko, NV	Creeks and Communities: Multiple Indicator Monitoring (MIM) of Stream Channels & Streamside Vegetation sswanson@cabnr.unr.edu	16
July 6-8	North Platte, NE	North American Invasive Plant Ecology & Mgmt Short Course http://ipscourse.unl.edu/	16 max (d1-8/d2/5/d3-8)
July 14-16	Lima, MT	International Mountain Section Summer Meeting http://www.rangelands.org/links_srm_sections.shtml	TBD
July 22	Corona, NM	New Mexico Section SRM Summer Tour: The Corona Range and Livestock Research Center http://nmsrm.nmsu.edu/	5
Aug 3-5	Mahan Park, AZ	AZ Section Summer Meeting: AZ Rangelands: Past, Present, and Future http://azrangelands.org/	10 ttl (TH-6 / F-4)
Aug 17-19	Orofino, ID	Idaho Section Summer Tour: Dworshak State Park	TBD
Sept 13-15	Park City, UT	2011 EBIPM Field School http://ebipm.org/map/173	TBD
Sept 21-23	Cranbrook, BC	PNW Fall Tour: Rangeland Partnerships: Successes & Challenges on Public & Private Lands – The Rancher's Perspective http://www.rangelands.org/links_srm_sections.shtml	TBD
Oct 5-6	Sidney, NE	NE Section Annual Meeting: Understanding Past Management & What it Means Today http://www.rangelands.org/links_srm_sections.shtml	TBD
Oct 12-14	San Angelo, TX	TX Section Annual Meeting: Rangeland Stewardship: A History of Heritage, A Future of Change http://www.rangelands.org/links_srm_sections.shtml	TBD

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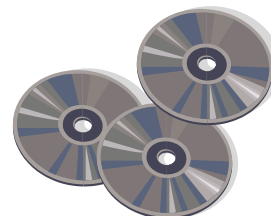
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