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# Rangeland News Flames of Opportunity

By Wally Butler

Although we are only half way through the fire season as I write this column, the massive fires in my part of the country have been devastating not only to the ranching community but to wildlife and recreation. They have been taxing on the agencies charged with managing and protecting the resources and will be "taxing" on all us folks in our demanding society.

Yet while these fires are devastating they also provide many opportunities for SRM members whether we are academicians, agency personnel, or practitioners. Those opportunities come in many forms and not all will or should agree on the outcome of much discussion yet to come, but we should all remain open minded and learn from past management decisions.

The first opportunity is for us to learn from those past management decisions. We have a valuable resource on our vast rangelands that provides many benefits to society from the fish and wildlife we all enjoy to the tangible products we are all thankful for at each meal. Past management has favored the massive accumulation of fuels that made the fires so devastating.

The fire frequency has been affected by drought, high temperatures and low humidity. The fire intensity is most certainly due to high fuel accumulation, and that is the one variable we can truly control and manage.

The second opportunity is for us to use the knowledge gained in number one to make better decisions for future resource management. As stated earlier we can only control the variable involving fuel loads to reduce fire intensity which allows us the ability to more fully manage fire. We then can prescribe fire, control fire, or extinguish fire. Proper livestock grazing can fully manage fuel loads in an environmentally friendly fashion.

We then need to take the opportunity to inform society about the facts of proper resource management rather than continuing to only communicate with our peers. The time has come for all of us to speak out about the true science we produce that supports proper rangeland



management and the benefits to society, rather than the emotion filled headlines we have all seen and read from the 'lock-em-up' vocal minority. We must showcase the many examples of great fish and wildlife habitat, clean streams running through functional riparian systems, and the benefits of food and fiber production.

The pendulum has swung way too far over the past several decades, and we need to take this opportunity to advocate for a more middle-ground management strategy. The radical fringe has forced agency decisions that now are beginning to result in the fierce firestorms we are now witnessing. The aftermath is already apparent in the form of wind erosion and will be followed by water erosion. Rehabilitation efforts cannot happen fast enough to prevent that scenario.

To make the above a reality, we need to take the opportunity to become politically astute. As a professional society, we have chosen not to be politically active in lobbying efforts and that may be best left to industry, but we certainly need to make our policy statements and position statements readily available to the political decision-makers. Those statements are based on the sound science produced by and peer reviewed by our members, and we should willingly share and support them as advocates for proper rangeland management.



## Ecological Site Descriptions as a Management Tool: Understanding and Improving Applications for Wildlife Habitat Management in Sagebrush Ecosystems

#### October 23-25 2007 Park City Marriott Hotel Park City UT

Sponsors: Society for Range Management, Western Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies, Natural Resources Conservation Service, The Wildlife Society

**Background and Purpose**: Widespread loss, alteration and degradation of sagebrush ecosystems have created complex challenges for managers seeking to conserve sagebrush-dependent wildlife species. A half century of research has created a diverse and extensive base of information upon which to plan and implement land management decisions. However, this mass of highly variable technical information has exposed a critical need to develop and use transparent tools for organization and communication of this information in conservation decision-making. Ecological Site Descriptions are one such management tool that potentially could improve our ability to describe and manage sagebrush ecosystems.

The purposes of this workshop are to:

- 1) Introduce habitat managers, planners and policy makers to the use and development of Ecological Site Descriptions.
- 2) Encourage interdisciplinary improvement of wildlife interpretations in Ecological Site Descriptions and enhance the utility of this tool for managing sagebrush ecosystems.
- 3) Identify information gaps and define priorities for research and development.

Audience: Western North American land and wildlife/habitat managers, biologists, range ecologists and soil scientists, technical assistance professionals, local sage-grouse working group members, consultants, and petroleum industry land managers.

Registration and Full agenda now online at http://www.rangelands.org/events\_esd.shtml





Seasonal Changes: Maintaining SRM's Organizational Focus

The middle of August: For some folks these are the last lazy days of summer. Typically, August is the quietest time of the year here in Washington, DC. Most everyone gathers up their outdoor gear and head for the beach or the mountains. They are all trying to get away from the oppressive heat and humidity that blankets the DC region in late summer. Congress goes on extended leave, and many folks look forward to taking a well deserved break from the annual grind of keeping regulations, policies, legislation, and budgets moving forward. August is also a good time for professional societies and other associations to begin organizing year end plans for any special projects or cooperative programs that might be tied to the end of the federal fiscal year.

SRM is hard at work circling a few of our own wagons for some key budget and project meetings here in Washington in September. We will also be focusing on some key relationships with many of the federal program managers that we work with on a pretty consistent basis. Here are a few of the DC activities on the calendar for September

- The US Forest Service is moving ahead with plans to place an SRM/USFS liaison position in the Washington Office for USFS Range Program, so SRM is very excited to be seeing this program moving forward.
- The International Rangeland and International Grassland Congresses are going to be back in town to finalize a few year-end funding commitments for their joint meeting in China early next summer, <u>http://www.rangelands.org/events.shtml</u>.
- The program managers for the 2008 joint meeting of AFGC and SRM in Louisville will also be having some meetings in Washington in September to firm up federal participation in the 2008 Annual Meeting, <a href="http://www.rangelands.org/louisville2008/louisville2008\_index.shtml">http://www.rangelands.org/louisville2008/louisville2008\_index.shtml</a>.
- Even the SRM Executive Committee will be getting into the swing of things when they come to Washington the week of September 15 to work on strategic plans and to help build understanding, support, and goodwill for key SRM initiatives and programs.

August might be the last chance to catch the tail-end of the vacation wave, but September quickly draws us back into business mode for our interactions with the federal government agencies. So while our friends in farming and ranching community are looking to begin their annual harvest, and the hunters and sportsmen are readying their gear for the fall game seasons, SRM is also busy working with our federal partners to expand and develop opportunities to see our cooperative agency/SRM relationships and programs bear fruit as well.

On a closing note, I wish to express my gratitude and appreciation to all of the individuals and organizations, including the SRM Wildlife Habitat Committee, The Western Governor's Association, the Wildlife Society, NRCS, and Western Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies, who worked very hard this summer to develop the program for the first "Ecological Site Descriptions (ESDs) as a Management Tool" Workshop at the Park City Marriott Hotel in Park City, Utah, on October 23 - 25, 2007. The meeting registration and background materials have been posted on the SRM website (http://www.rangelands.org/events.shtml) and the hotel room block is open for reservations. This meeting is one of the first of its kind, as far as resource management conferences go. One of its main goals is to bring together a number of ecological and biological experts, researchers, landowners, and both wildlife and land management practitioners to discuss the application of ESDs in wildlife habitat assessments and evaluations. Please don't miss this great opportunity to learn about the practical application of ESDs in habitat management.

So as you wash the sand off your beach shoes and put the camping gear back in the garage, remember this is also the time of year that we all have to shift our focus from summer mode to our back-to-business or school mode. Please also remember that SRM is still hard at work maintaining its presence in Washington, and doing the best we can to ensure that our work in the Nation's Capital provides a broad spectrum of benefits, understanding, and appreciation for rangeland science and management, and for all of our members who work and live in rangeland communities.

#### K. Jason Campbell, Executive Vice President



# **CPRM and Member Survey Results (Part 1) Barry Imler, CPRM Committee Chair**

If you have been following recent issues of Rangeland News and Rangelands, you are aware of a recent member survey. This survey was part of a continuing effort to better serve member needs.

Question number ten dealt with certification through SRM as a range management professional. Based on volume, the answers to the CPRM question I have reviewed were pretty evenly split between those favorable toward the program, those opposed, and those that were neutral. I've been told that there also was an age split, with younger members tending toward favorable answers and older members tending to be more negative.

I believe that if you ask folks to respond to surveys, then you should tell them about the results. I also believe in starting with positive statements. Therefore, in this issue of Rangeland News I'm going to share the favorable responses. Part 2 will be a discussion of the negative responses.

I am really impressed with these responses. Especially when I hear that they reflected the thoughts of our younger members. The younger members are the future of SRM.

#### **On Certification**

Certification through the CPRM program provides a higher level of professional credibility among peers, in administrative and court hearings, and with the general public. CPRM designation demonstrates commitment to a code of professional ethics and a willingness to remain current on the science and issues in range management through continuing education. It is a resume builder based on both education and work experience.

Certified Professional Range Managers should be able to provide a higher level of service to their clients than non certified professionals. Some employers support or even require certification. Some survey respondents indicated they use certification as a criterion in client referrals.

#### **On the CPRM Program**

Supporters of the program like the level of difficulty involved in the certification process. They believe that the process needs to be difficult or certification is meaningless. They believe the program is needed to ensure the quality and integrity of range management professionals.

#### **On the Programs Importance to SRM**

Professional organizations should provide professional certification. Society certification is important to improve visibility of the profession on a national and international level. Certification increases credibility with audiences who do not fully comprehend the complexity involved in managing rangelands. It should be used to improve public standing of the range management profession. Existence of the CPRM program is important to the future of the Society for Range Management and its members.



We wish to thank all the members who took the time to give us their feedback to the Membership Survey. It was very enlightening and informative. We learned a great deal which we passed on to the BOD at the July meeting. The results of the survey will be printed in an upcoming Rangelands. We will keep you posted as to which issue that will be.

Again, thank you, The SRM Staff

#### **Special Note:**

Calendar of Functions Pre-approved for SRM Certificaton credit (CEUs)

The calendar was updated September 4 with additional functions. For an updated calendar, Click Here.

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Date	Location	Title	Credit
Sept 5-7	Grand Junction, CO	Plant Community Restoration Workshop	15 CEUs
Sept 6	Shelby County, IL	Illinois Forage Expo http://www.illinoisforage.org/#dates	6 CEUs
Sept 10-12	Oacoma, SD	SD2007 South Dakota Grazing School http://www.sdgrass.org/	12 CEUs
Sept 12-13	Ardmore, OK	OK Section 2007 Annual Meeting-Rangelands & Alternative Ene	rav 9 CEUs
Sept 17-27	Shepherdstown, WV	River Assessment & Monitoring Short Course http://www.wildlandhydrology.com/html/courses.htm	16 CEUs
Sept 18-20	Logan, UT	Restoring the West 2007-Sagebrush Steppe Restoration	12 CEUs
Sept 20-21	Big Timber, MT	2007 Governors Range Tour http://www.mt.nrcs.usda.gov/news/events.html	3 CEUs
Sept 20-21	Brookings, SD	SD Section Annual Meeting	6 CEUs
Oct 2-4	Ardmore, OK	http://sdsrm.sdstate.org/Activities.htm Noble Foundation Grazing School http://www.noble.org/WebApps/Events/EventPages/AgEvents.as	16 CEUs
Oct 3-5	Arlington, VA	9th Annual Environmental Performance Summit http://www.performanceweb.org/CENTERS/EN/Events/E110/	16 CEUs
Oct 3-6	Denver, CO	Rally 2007-20th Annual National Land Conservation Conf http://www.lta.org/training/rally.htm	16 CEUs
Oct 8-9	Nebraska City, NE	The Practice of Restoring Native Ecosystems	12 CEUs
Oct 10-12	Lubbock, TX	2007 TSSRM Annual Meeting and Tour	5 CEUs
Oct 11-12	Grand Island, NE	http://www.tssrm.org/index.cfm NE Section SRM & The Wildlife Society Annual Meetings	9 CEUs
Oct 23-25	Park City, UT	http://www.ianr.unl.edu/srm/index.html (additional CEUs for optional workshop-Oct 10) Ecological Site Descriptions as a Management Tool	7 CEUs 16 CEUs
Nov 5-6 Jan 7-8	Lake Ozark, MO Columbia, MO	http://www.rangelands.org/events_esd.shtml MO Forage & Grassland Council/GLCI 2007 Annual Conf Heart of America & Mid-Missouri Grazing Conference http://www.uky.edu/Ag/Forage/	9 CEUs 8 CEUs

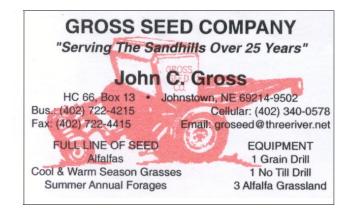
If you know of a function that you want to attend but do not see it here, please send the information to: SRM, ATTN: Vicky Skiff, 10030 W 27<sup>th</sup> Ave, Wheat Ridge, CO 80215-6601; <u>vskiff@rangelands.org</u>, Fax 303-986-3892



## "It's All about Range - We support SRM!"

We appreciate our first business card supporters of SRM. This is our pilot program to strengthen SRM while helping SRM provide better value to its members. For a very small amount (\$20) you too can show that you support SRM while at the same time putting your name in front of 3,500 range-oriented people. Contact <u>caitlin@rangelands.org</u> for details!





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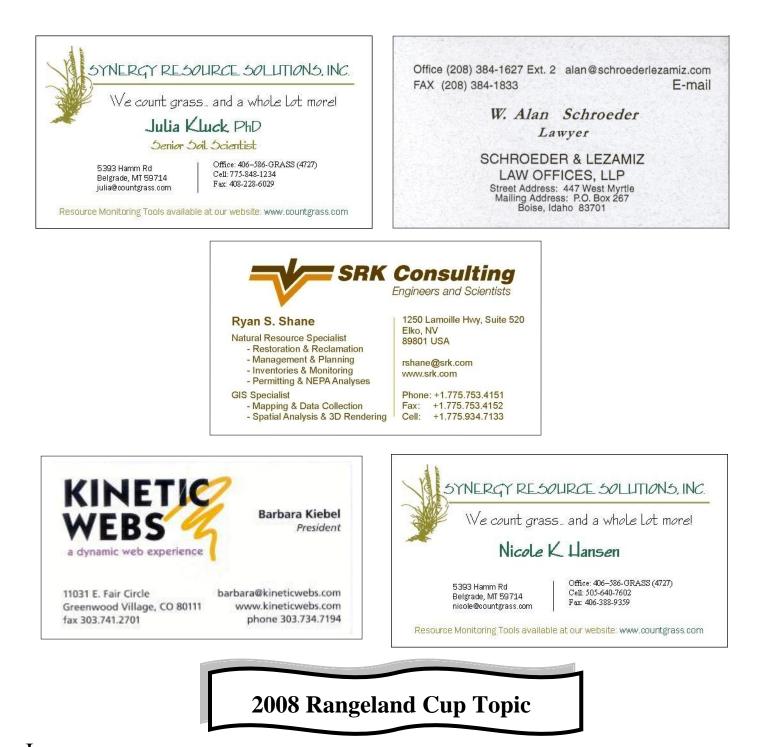
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Livestock grazing and rangelands have historically been connected in perception, and often in definition. Management of rangelands however, increasingly, emphasizes multiple uses that often include conservation goals. What role does livestock grazing play in the long-term conservation of rangelands? What are the benefits and consequences of livestock grazing in this contemporary conservation-livestock production interface? Explain your answer using support from scientific literature. Design an educational program to inform those people who may not be familiar with rangeland ecology and management about your concept of the relationship between livestock grazing and rangeland conservation.

To register your team send an email to rangelandcup@rangelands.org including your school/university, names of team members and mentor, contact information (email, phone, address) of at least one team member. Contest guidelines and regulations may be found at <u>http://agronomy.unl.edu/range/</u> or by emailing the address above.





Office of the Press Secretary (Crawford, Texas)

For Immediate Release

August 17, 2007

## EXECUTIVE ORDER

#### FACILITATION OF HUNTING HERITAGE AND WILDLIFE CONSERVATION

By the authority vested in me as President by the Constitution and the laws of the United States of America, it is hereby ordered as follows:

<u>Section 1.</u> <u>Purpose</u>. The purpose of this order is to direct Federal agencies that have programs and activities that have a measurable effect on public land management, outdoor recreation, and wildlife management, including the Department of the Interior and the Department of Agriculture, to facilitate the expansion and enhancement of hunting opportunities and the management of game species and their habitat.

Sec. 2. Federal Activities. Federal agencies shall, consistent with agency missions:

(a) Evaluate the effect of agency actions on trends in hunting participation and, where appropriate to address declining trends, implement actions that expand and enhance hunting opportunities for the public;

(b) Consider the economic and recreational values of hunting in agency actions, as appropriate;

(c) Manage wildlife and wildlife habitats on public lands in a manner that expands and enhances hunting opportunities, including through the use of hunting in wildlife management planning;

(d) Work collaboratively with State governments to manage and conserve game species and their habitats in a manner that respects private property rights and State management authority over wildlife resources;

(e) Establish short and long term goals, in cooperation with State and tribal governments, and consistent with agency missions, to foster healthy and productive populations of game species and appropriate opportunities for the public to hunt those species;

(f) Ensure that agency plans and actions consider programs and recommendations of comprehensive planning efforts such as State Wildlife Action Plans, the North American Waterfowl Management Plan, and other range-wide management plans for big game and upland game birds;

(g) Seek the advice of State and tribal fish and wildlife agencies, and, as appropriate, consult with the Sporting Conservation Council and other organizations, with respect to the foregoing Federal activities.

Sec. <u>3</u>. North American Wildlife Policy Conference. The Chairman of the Council on Environmental Quality (Chairman) shall, in coordination with the appropriate Federal agencies and in consultation with the Sporting Conservation Council and in cooperation with State and tribal fish and wildlife agencies and the public, convene not later than 1 year after the date of this order, and periodically thereafter at such times as the Chairman deems appropriate, a White House Conference on North American Wildlife Policy (Conference) to facilitate the exchange of information and advice relating to the means for achieving the goals of this order.

Sec. <u>4</u>. <u>Recreational Hunting and Wildlife Resource Conservation Plan</u>. The Chairman shall prepare, consistent with applicable law and subject to the availability of appropriations, in coordination with the appropriate Federal agencies and in consultation with the Sporting Conservation Council, and in cooperation with State and tribal fish and wildlife agencies, not later than 1 year following the conclusion of the Conference, a comprehensive Recreational Hunting and Wildlife Conservation Plan that incorporates existing and ongoing activities and sets forth a 10-year agenda for fulfilling the actions identified in section 2 of this order.

<u>Sec. 5.</u> <u>Judicial Review</u>. This order is not intended to, and does not, create any right, benefit, trust responsibility, or privilege, substantive or procedural, enforceable at law or in equity by any party against the United States, its departments, agencies, instrumentalities, or entities, its officers or employees, or any other person.

GEORGE W. BUSH

THE WHITE HOUSE, August 16, 2007.



## **Nominations Sought for SRM Officers**



## Nominations for Society for Range Management Officers Sought

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 2009. Nominations are sought from SRM members, Committees, and Sections. A total of six candidates, two for 2<sup>nd</sup> 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)
- <sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>-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 the nominee cannot participate in the interview process, a written statement may be submitted in lieu of the 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); and
- 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. The preferred method of submission for nomination packets is via email with the above information submitted as attachment(s) in MSWord or WordPerfect rather than in the body of the email message. Nomination packets may also be submitted by mail.

Additional information on the Nominations process is available at: <u>http://www.rangelands.org/nomcom</u>

Submit Nominations by **Friday, December 7, 2007**, to: Amy C. Ganguli Chair - SRM Nominating Committee Ecosystem Management Research Institute PO Box 717 Seeley Lake, MT 59868 E-Mail: <u>Amy\_Ganguli@emri.org</u>

Successful candidates will be informed at the Annual Meeting and announced during the Annual Meeting Membership meeting.





Pat McIlvain, 88-year-old Woodward, OK resident, died Thursday, July 26, 2007 in the Woodward Regional Hospital. A memorial service will be held at 2 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 2, 2007 in the First Christian Church. Arrangements are under the direction of the Billings Funeral Home.

E. H. "Pat" McIlvain, Jr. was born in Prescott, Ariz. on Oct. 29, 1918; he was the son of Ellen Rose (Throne) and E. H. McIlvain, Sr. He grew to manhood there, graduating from Prescott High School in 1936. He attended Colorado State University, graduating with honors in Forestry and Range Management. Immediately following his graduation in May of 1940, he came to Woodward where he was employed by the U. S. Southern Great Plains Research Station. Except for time spent doing graduate work at Utah State University, and four years serving in the Army during World War II, he spent his entire professional career here. He directed the Range Research and was Superintendent from 1954 until his retirement in 1977. Pat was married to Mary Jane Covey on March 1, 1941 in Shawnee, OK This marriage was blessed by two children, Ruthie and Mike. They in turn blessed their parents with five grandsons and one granddaughter. Pat entered the U. S. Army in March of 1942. He served in the Field Artillery, going overseas with the 103rd Infantry Division. He fought in the Battle of the Bulge, and was awarded the Bronze Star. He served later in the U. S. Army Reserves, retiring with the rank of Lt. Colonel.

Some of the most rewarding years were spent in Boy Scouting. He chartered Troop 246 at the First Christian Church in Woodward in 1946. He was their Scoutmaster for many years, during which time he shepherded 32 boys through to their Eagle rank. He was awarded the Silver Beaver award for outstanding adult scouts.

Pat was very active in professional groups concerning his career. He held many office, and served on many committees in The American Society of Range Management. He was awarded their Distinguished Scientist Award in 1973. He was also honored by OSU by being given their Outstanding Professional Agronomist Award in 1979. He was also honored by the Oklahoma Cattlemen's Association for achievements helping the beef industry.

Besides working with the Boy Scouts in the First Christian Church, where he has been a member since 1942, he chaired the Education Committee, and served on the Worship and Membership committees. He served both as a deacon and an elder for many years.

During the last 30 years he has had the privilege of being in partnership with his son, Mike, in the ranching business. Working together to form the business, to improve the quality of their operation, has been a highlight in his life.

He loved nature, the outdoors, and all of its beauties. He was imbued with a curiosity that knew no bounds. He wanted to see it, experience it, and understand it. He and his wife, Mary Jane, were able to travel and enjoy many of the beauties of this world. A constantly questioning mind was his "trademark." Fishing was a special joy, he loved the setting, the challenge, and the skills and patience it took to do it well. He was a wonderful, loving and considerate husband, father and grandfather. He tried hard always to be fair and non-judgmental in his dealings. He was preceded in death by his wife , Mary Jane and his parents, Ellen and E. H. McIlvain, and his brother Joe McIlvain.

He is survived by his daughter, Ruth Leierer of Papillion, NE and her three children, Chuck and wife Melissa of Decorah, IA; Darci of Naperville, IL.; and Tim of Alva; his son Mike and wife Patsy and their three sons, Joe and wife Stacy of Enid: J. P. and wife Jackie of Woodward, OK; Jonathan of Alva, nephew, Charles McIlvain and wife Sharon of Prescott, AZ. He also leaves behind many people whose lives he influenced and helped through the years, who loved and appreciated him.

Remembrances may be made online at www.billingsfuneralhomewoodward.com

#### Deadline for the October 2007 SRM Rangeland News

Remember to get your position announcements, columns, section announcements, agency information, etc. in by the 15<sup>th</sup> of September for the October issue of the newsletter. Send to Lesley Radtke at: lradtke@rangelands.org



# The Department of Natural Resource Ecology and Management Job Position Available

The Department of Natural Resource Ecology and Management (NREM) at Iowa State University seeks to fill a tenure-track faculty position in Natural Resource Economics at the assistant or associate professor level. Approximately 45% of the position will be in teaching, 45% in research, and 10% in service. We seek a faculty member with expertise in the area of natural resource economics, with a strong background in natural resource ecology (e.g., fisheries, forestry, wildlife). We encourage applications from those interested in the economics of natural resource use, recreation, land use and land cover, ecological economics, forest economics, and the valuation of ecosystem services, environmental risk, and regulation. For a profile of NREM see <a href="http://www.nrem.iastate.edu/">http://www.nrem.iastate.edu/</a>. For fullest consideration, apply online at

<u>https://www.iastatejobs.com/applicants/jsp/shared/frameset/Frameset.jsp?time=1187640095439</u> and attach a cover letter, curriculum vitae, description of teaching and research interests and experiences, and contact information (including e-mail address) of three references by October 15, 2007. *Iowa State University is an EO/AA employer*.



# SRM welcomes its new members. Following is a list of new members, their section and recruiter for July 27, 2007 to August 14, 2007.

<u>Member</u>	<u>Company</u>		Section	<b><u>Recruited By</u></b>
Debbie Castle	USDA-Forest Service	Roosevelt, AZ	AZ	
Adam Cline	5 Dot Land and Cattle Co.	Woodland, CA	Cal-Pac	
Yvonne Wood	University of Calf. Coopertive Ext.	Bishop, CA	Cal-Pac	Robert Pearce
Willard McLaughlin	Arkansas Valley Seed	Longmont, CO	CO, AZ, KS	
			NE, NM, SD	
			TX, UT, WY	
Peggy Desserud	University of Alberta	Calgary, AB	IM	
Eldon Ayers	TriStar Land Technologies, LLC	Dillon, MT	IM	Kris Havstad
Holly Sessoms	Montana State University	Bozeman, MT	IM	
Brian Laycraft	Lorell Ranch	Nanton, AB	IM	
Peggy Desserud	University of Alberta	Calgary, AB	IM	
Jeff Duchene	Fillmore Soil and Water District	Preston, MN	NC	
Amin Kashipazha		Minneapolis, MN	NC	
Tim Leadingham	USDI-BIA	Coulee Dam, WA	PNW	Kris Ray
Matt Pruner	USDA-NRCS	Andrews, TX	TX	
Jacob Shaffer	USDA-NRCS	Mount Pleasant, TX	TX	Mike Stellbauer
Derek Scasta	Texas Coop. Extention	Corsicana, TX	TX	Dr. Barron Rector
William Juett	Sul Ross State University	Alpine, TX	TX	
Natalie Wolff	USDA-NRCS	Throckmorton, TX	TX	Dr. Robert Knight
Kiketso Tshireletso	Utah State University	Logan, UT	UT	Dr. John Malechek
Juliane Zimmerman	USDI-BLM	Buffalo, WY	WY	



## **Upcoming Deadlines, Events and Meetings**

(For more information <u>www.rangelands.org</u> Links, SRM Sections)

#### September 2007

Sept 6	North Central Summer Meeting, Shelbyville, IL
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- Sept 12-13 Oklahoma Section 2007 Annual Meeting, Ardmore, OK
- Sept 20-21 South Dakota Summer Tour, Brookings. SD

#### October 2007

Oct 10-12	Texas Sections Annual Meeting, Lubbock, TX
Oct 11-12	Nebraska Section Annual Meeting, Hastings, NE
Oct. 18-20	Pacific Northwest Section Annual Meeting, Corvallis, OR

#### November 2007

Nov 1-2	Utah Section 2007 Winter Meeting, Price, UT
Nov 2-3	California/Pacific and Nevada Joint Fall Section Meeting, Bishop, CA
Nov 27-28	Wyoming Section 2007 Winter Meeting, Lander, WY
Nov 28-29	Colorado Section 2007 Winter Annual Meeting, Fort Collins, CO

#### 2008

Jan. 26-Feb. 1 SRM/AFGC 2008 Joint Annual Meeting, Louisville, KY June 29-July 5 Joint International Grassland Congress and International Rangeland Congress Hohhot, Inner Mongolia, China



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