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Administratively Speaking

Keith Klement, SRM Director

As I complete this article, your SRM Board of Directors just ended the 2011 summer meeting (7/28/2011). While many may not find a couple days of reviewing finances and balancing the budget a fun ordeal, it is a very necessary part of SRM and required within SRM bylaws that we balance a budget each year. It is a large part of what your SRM BOD does at the summer meeting. SRM currently works with an approximate annual operating budget of \$600,000. I can proudly report that we will be operating in the black again this year. Similar to 1948, when SRM first began (but with a much smaller budget (some of you may know??), we still derive much of our income from annual membership dues (about 33%) and the annual meeting revenue. However, like any operation in these current economic times, it seems like the "cost-of-doing-business" (expenses) seems to be on the rise. The BOD must take all these items into consideration to keep SRM functioning.



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Executive Vice President's Report

Jess Peterson

We had an interesting moment at our summer SRM Board of Directors meeting when President Jack Alexander read an excerpt that outlined the evaluations and recommendations made for SRM's two publications. There were references as to whether or not SRM members should receive both publications, what the style of writing should be like, and the need to solicit ads. This report was written by Mr. Danny Freeman and appeared in the August 1978 edition of the Rangenman's Journal. Jack made the comment, "As you can see, fellow board members, it has been a continued process to make things better at SRM; and often times it seems like the same issues come up. However, it's our task to continually find ways to truly define how we improve and enhance the tasks set forth by the membership, committees, and board."

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Furthermore, I wanted to make you aware of some important SRM committees that support the SRM BOD functions. It has been a great privilege to serve as BOD representative to the Administrative Committees of SRM for the past 1 ½ years. The members and chairs to these committees are dedicated individuals who bring forward many action items for the BOD to consider each year. These committees include; the Finance, Budget, Endowment Fund, Awards, Nominations, Elections, and Program Accreditation Committees.

The Finance Committee, led by Curtis Talbot, always make sure they provide me a full sheet of action items/questions that need to be brought before the BOD, particularly following the annual meeting.

The Endowment Committee, led by Tom Bartlett, is always active behind the scenes. Two items they are working on this year are to better recognize Endowment Fund contributors (past and present) and reinstate the Trail Boss Display (\$10,000+ donors).

The Awards Committee, chaired by Barry Irving, had their hands full this year, as they reviewed 21 nominations for SRM awards and will be awarding 15 at the 2012 annual meeting in Spokane. Being on this committee for more than five years, I know that the process of reviewing and discussing the nomination packets is always challenging, yet very rewarding to see the work many of our members do to improve and educate about rangelands. Special thanks to all of you who took the time

and effort to nominate an individual or group.

Leading the Nominations Committee this year is Chuck Butterfield. This committee will be seeking out many of you to run for an SRM office this year. Look for these announcements in an upcoming RangeFlash or visit the Nominations Committee website. I hope you will consider running for an SRM office. Getting involved is the best way to help move SRM forward. The Elections Committee has changed slightly in the past year due to the unfortunate loss of Don Smith in 2010, who chaired this committee for many years. With the addition of the electronic balloting, started in 2010 and making up nearly 80% of the votes last year, this committee assists in reviewing the electronic count, tallying

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Hard at work at the SRM Summer Board Meeting at SRM Headquarters.





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This was good food for thought and definitely provided the board and staff with perspective as we worked to address the important issues facing SRM. The board meeting went well. I am confident in the solid direction that was provided and I am excited about how the rest of the year is looking!

One major issue that has plagued SRM for several years is dealing with a tight budget and limited resources. It hasn't been easy. Difficult decisions have been made and as we look at where we currently stand, the Society is well positioned to grow membership and advance the missions and goals of SRM. Turn on the news today and you will hear nothing but talk about our country's budget crisis. Problems were created because leaders avoided making difficult decisions and unpopular cuts in budgets and spending. SRM can be proud of the fact that it took the needed steps to change course in the direction of prosperity and avoided a shutdown. Congress would be well served to look at the model that SRM has followed recently, and as well-spoken as President Alexander is, that might just happen!

Speaking of SRM's mission and goals, during the board meeting we discussed how we should work to promote and position SRM. When the topic turned to SRM's role in Washington, D.C., I noted that SRM needed to go back to the original founders of SRM and focus on the need to inform Congress and the public about the value of the rangelands. Granted, all spending budgets should be on the table for a fair share of the cuts. However, some of the proposed cuts that affect rangelands via agency budgets, conservation programs along with research and education are massive.

In reports from "*A History of the Society for Range Management, 1948-1995*," Vols. I & II, Salt Lake City, 1961 saw the unveiling of the Range Conservation Postage Stamp. According to the report the "stamp was a positive step in putting range conservation before the general public." The commemorative piece noted the following, "Management of the Nation's range lands has come a long way since the days of open range and the "trail boss" which Charles M. Russell saw and painted in the Old West. Progressive ranchers and conservation

agencies have teamed up to bring about the scientific use of grass that constitutes so greatly to the production of meat, leather, and wool; to the management of wildlife, the protection of watersheds against soil erosion and water waste."

I find it alarming that the Congress and the public are becoming more out of touch regarding the returned value for investing in and supporting rangelands. Congress and the public may understand and appreciate the value of healthy rangelands, but I do not think they understand the intricate process that it takes. It is my goal to work with the SRM directors and committees to address this disconnect. Feel free to email me at evp@rangelands.org or join our next SRM Action Update Call to share your thoughts and comments on this concept.

Speaking of which, we have had some excellent SRM Action Update calls. I hope you will join us on the next one, Thursday, Aug., 11 at Noon MDT (see details below).

In closing I would like to provide a few staffing updates. Melissa Schneider of Paige One Promotions is handling SRM's website, RangeFlashes, and *Rangeland News*. Melissa is taking over the work previously handled by Ann Tanaka. I appreciate the time and energy Ann spent working for SRM and we wish her well in her ventures. We also have one more change in the SRM staff line up. After spending nearly a year at SRM Denisha Marino notified me that she would like to spend more time with family and pursue a different direction. Starting Aug. 15 she will be helping SRM on an as needed basis. Assuming the role as SRM's Director of Finance is Joan Moody. I hope you will help me welcome Melissa and Joan to the SRM team.

I am excited about the next steps for SRM and I look forward to continually working for SRM's membership!

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Western Governors, NOAA Agree to Work Together to Improve Climate Services for the West

Western Governors Association

(Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, 6-30-11) -- The Western Governors' Association (WGA) and NOAA (the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration) announced a joint agreement for improving the development and delivery of climate science and services to Western states. In the midst of a record-breaking season for extreme drought, flood, wildfire and severe storms, this timely agreement will increase collaboration and boost existing efforts to ensure Western states and the U.S. Pacific islands are better able to plan for these types of natural hazards.

The Memorandum of Understanding was signed on June 30, at the WGA's Annual Meeting in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, by NOAA Administrator Jane Lubchenco and Govs. C.L. "Butch" Otter (Idaho) and Chris Gregoire (Washington), the Chair and Vice Chair of WGA. WGA includes Governors from 19 Western states and three U.S. Flag Pacific Islands.

In the agreement, WGA and NOAA committed to improve the development, coordination and dissemination of climate information to support the important long-range hazard planning priorities and resource management decisions of WGA members. The agreement articulates two priority areas:

- disaster risk reduction focusing on the impact of extreme events, such as droughts, floods, fires and tropical cyclones; and,
- improved science and climate information to support the management of coastal, estuarine, and marine resources important to achieving resilient coastal communities and ecosystems.

The Governors recognize the inextricable link between the climate and the natural resources, infrastructure, economies and communities of the West. This agreement expresses a unified commitment to develop and use sound data and information to effectively manage natural resources and human infrastructure and build a more resilient West.

"This agreement will assist Western state resource managers, agencies and businesses who manage or are affected by natural disasters and weather variability," said WGA Chairman, Gov. C.L. "Butch" Otter.

Gov. Chris Gregoire, WGA's Vice Chair said: "A good working relationship with NOAA in providing the science and information services states need will help us all build healthy and resilient communities and economies."

"When it comes to climate, Western Governors know full well that access to timely and accurate information saves lives and property and helps local businesses. Today's agreement is about good government and good sciences coming together to help people and communities alike," Jane Lubchenco, Ph.D., undersecretary of commerce for oceans and atmosphere and NOAA administrator, said.

Given recent events in the West, immediate priorities will include improved coordination and bringing NOAA's climate information to bear to meet resource challenges related to flooding in the Northern Rockies, drought and fire risk in the Southwest, and ocean and coastal management for the West Coast states. Over time, NOAA and the Western states will coordinate with other ongoing federal and local efforts in order to build the capacity to anticipate and address climate impacts to communities, economies and natural resources.

NOAA, the WGA and Western States have a long history of working together on a number of climate service projects, ensuring the Governors have the best available information on climate phenomena to help their states best prepare for and adapt to both short-term weather events and longer-term changes in climate.

One such service that is widely used now is the National Integrated Drought Information System (NIDIS). In 2004, The Western Governors' Association called for a NIDIS program to deliver more comprehensive and relevant information on drought in the region. The NIDIS program was developed jointly with Congress, NOAA, WGA and a number of other partners, and the

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the few paper ballots that still come in, and verifying the final count.

The Program Accreditation Committee, chaired by Derek Bailey, has been active with a couple of requests for first time accreditation (Chadron State University and University Antonio Narro) and a reaccreditation (Oregon State University). Most recently, in February 2011 at the SRM annual meeting, South Dakota State University became accredited by SRM. Currently nine other schools are accredited through SRM.

I tip my hat to these committee members, their hard work and dedication to SRM, and also to the many of you who are behind the scenes helping support these individuals. SRM is better because of people like you and it is a privilege to work with each of you.

If you would like more information (contacts, reports, awards, etc.) about

these committees, visit their websites found under the Committees tab at <http://www.rangelands.org/committees.shtml>.

Unlike many of our SRM committees that are open, the members on the Administrative Committees are appointed by the 2nd VP (typically a three-year term). If you have interest in one of these committees, please let one of the BOD members know, so we can pass that information on to the newly elected 2nd VP this fall 2011.

We all know the current economic times do not seem as great as we would like for them to be. However, the freedoms and finances most of us have are beyond compare to so many others. Count it a blessing to be part of SRM. Roll up your sleeves, dig in, support rangelands and recruit a new member this week and be sure to bring them to the annual meeting in Spokane 2012!

SRM Membership Website Login Information

SRM has updated its membership database. As a result you have been assigned a new login and password.

Whenever prompted to login, you will need to enter your numeric SRM member number as your user ID, and your last name as your password. Your password can be changed in the member profile area after you login. Please also note that your current member demographics, including your contact information and section affiliation(s), can be viewed and edited within the member profile area.

If you have any problems or questions, call 1-800-627-0326 or email srm@allenpress.com.

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NIDIS Act was passed in 2006. Today, NIDIS is providing information services including early warning systems for water users, farmers, and fire managers throughout the West. The information is housed in one authoritative drought information portal at <http://www.drought.gov>.

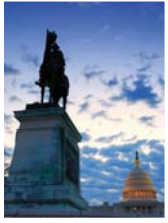
Seasonal outlooks are another valuable climate product NOAA provides to the entire United States. Based on climate information and data, NOAA was able to warn states and communities of the high likelihood of severe flooding in many

parts of the Mississippi and Missouri River basins as early as October of last year, and provide more detailed forecasts and projections on a regular basis throughout the spring, ensuring communities were as prepared as possible for the record flooding they are now seeing.

Similarly, based on the ability to detect and forecast large-scale climate phenomena, such as La Nina, and produce seasonal forecasts, NOAA's winter outlook issued last October called for drier and warmer conditions in the South that would lead

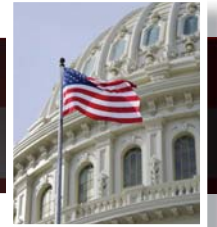
to drought and wildfires, which are now widespread throughout the South and West. NOAA's forecast information was useful in helping communities and local emergency managers to prepare for these events.

These are examples of climate services that are vital to governments, businesses and resource managers across the western region. More information on programs related to climate adaptation, water and drought can be found online at <http://www.westgov.org>.



Capital Update

From Kelly Fogarty



While the Senate has remained rather sedentary in regard to moving pieces of legislation, the House has continued its active pace this month. Of particular note within the House, environmental and energy-related issues have been the focus of several bills that have received consideration on the floor.

One such example is H.R. 2018, the "Clean Water Cooperative Federalism Act" that was passed by the House on Wednesday, July 13. The legislation would enable states to exercise more flexibility when considering their own clean water rules, even when such cases would not be within the orders from the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). H.R. 2018 would essentially put the overall authority when it comes to the declaration and administration of state water protocols within the state governments instead of through the EPA. The vote was understandably close

as for the most part, Democratic members opposed the bill as they view it as policy that undermines the integrity and effectiveness of the Clean Water Act. On the other side of the aisle, Republican members view the bill as correcting the government overreach, which they view the EPA as displaying within current actions such as the defining of nutrient criteria in Florida and Chesapeake Bay.

In reference to the 2012 Farm Bill, a special conference was hosted by the American Enterprise Institute in Washington, D.C. This conference focused for the most part on farm programs, specifically direct payments to commodities, crop insurance, subsidies, and disaster aid. However, the Farm Bill title receiving the most attention as of late is the Conservation Reserve Program. I have noted previously that this specific title would be heavily scrutinized as many are evaluating

its continued viability and necessity within the next Farm Bill.

The main source of dissention surrounding CRP rests in the desire of many to take such "retired" land out of the program and instead reinstate it as working landscape for area farmers and ranchers. This notion is gaining both increased press and momentum on the heels of the most recent natural disaster that occurred throughout the nation; many in agriculturally dense regions. In the most recent Capital Update, which was sent out this week, you may find a series of articles by Chris Clayton, a writer for DTN-Progressive Farmer, that do a great job in outlining the issue and the factors that may possibly guide lawmakers' decisions.

Here's to a great month ahead, and as always, feel free to contact me at: kelly@westernskiesstrategies.com with any range-related questions or concerns.

Have news or photos you would like to share?

Submit your news, articles and photos for the newsletter to vtrujillo@rangelands.org

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Excellence in Rangeland Management Award

The Excellence in Rangeland Management Award is a poster presentation and competition held at the SRM Annual Meeting in Spokane, Wash. This award honors exemplary rangeland management and recognizes the “best of the best” from among Section Excellence in Range Management Award winners. The award will be presented at the annual SRM awards ceremony.

The objective of the award is as follows: To demonstrate and publicize to the public, and other range managers, outstanding examples of management which result in long-term health of the range resource while providing efficient production of livestock, wood products, water, supporting wildlife, esthetic values, and other non-commodity values.

Sections are encouraged to present recent winners (2 per year maxi-

mum) of their Excellence in Range Management award or other suitable nominations in a poster presentation representing outstanding ranches or other land management operations.

Existing procedures and poster criteria for the Spokane meeting will govern the poster presentations. The posters presented will be judged on which poster best conveys Excellence in Rangeland Management. They will be judged by the Awards Committee.

Sections must indicate their intent to bring forth an ERM poster(s) no later than December 15th by submitting the following information to the SRM Awards Committee Chair, via email:

1. Section affiliation
2. Title of Poster
3. Abstract (max 100 words)

Contact your Section awards representative or the Chair of the So-

ciety awards committee if your section will be presenting a poster at the Spokane meeting.

Poster presenters can also submit Abstracts on line (follow the links on the SRM website to Abstract submissions for the Spokane Meeting), but the deadline to do so is August 19, 2011. Posters can still be submitted for the Excellence in Rangeland Management Award after August 19, but will not have the abstracts published. Only 15 poster spots have been reserved, so don't delay your submissions.

Please visit the SRM website at http://www.rangelands.org/awards/awards_handbook11.shtml for more information, including qualifications and judging criteria or contact Barry Irving, Awards Committee Chair at Barry.Irving@ales.ualberta.ca.

SRM 2012 Annual Meeting: Call for Papers and Posters

This is a call for papers for the 65th Annual Meeting for the Society for Range Management, Jan. 29 - Feb. 3, 2012, in Spokane, Wash. The theme of the meeting is “Winter Dance - 2012: Lessons from the Past - Strategies for the Future”. Technical and poster sessions will present timely information concerning the diversity of disciplines and issues represented by the Society for Range Management. Papers will address these issues from both science and management perspectives.

Volunteer papers will be presented within a 20-minute schedule; to allow for questions, plan to present papers 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.

Abstracts for volunteer oral and poster papers, organized oral sessions, and symposia are to be electronically submitted no later than **Aug. 19, 2011**. Abstracts are to be formally submitted at the following website: <https://srm.conference-services.net/authorlogin.asp?conferenceID=2683&language=en-uk>. Detailed criteria and instructions for submitting abstracts and their presentation are found on the website: www.rangelands.org/spokane2012. For Questions Please Contact:

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Calling All Cooks

Submit Your
Red Meat 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 Communications and Outreach 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
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's Cowboy Cookbook, 1985

Ralph Bick
BIX Ranch, Ltd.
British Columbia, Canada

Devil's Steak

2-3 lbs. round steak, ¾" thick
2 tbsp. dry mustard
1 ½ tsp. salt
¼ tsp. pepper

2 tbsp. cooking oil or as needed
1 10-oz. can mushrooms, bits & pieces
1 tbsp. Worcestershire sauce
½ c. dry wine

Cut meat into small pieces. Trim all membrane and fat from pieces. Pound each piece until ¼" thick or less. Mix mustard and spices and dredge meat on both sides of mixture. Have large frying pan medium hot with oil. Fry a few pieces at a time 1 to 1 ½ minutes on each side, until golden brown. Keep warm. Drain mushrooms, set aside. Add mushroom liquid and Worcestershire sauce to pan. Simmer and scrape off drippings. Add mushrooms and wine to liquid, heat, may thicken with flour or corn starch if desired, and serve over meat. Makes 8 to 10 small servings. Meat may be pounded ahead of time if desired. Refrigerate in single layers or dry slightly before dredging as it browns more quickly.

Background: Since this rancher's wife has an allergy to wheat, dredging with mustard was an alternative to flour which turned out to please all members of the family. The present owners of BIX Ranch are transplanted Montanians, bringing the name and brand with them in 1967. The original settlers came in 1918 from Holland via Saskatoon. Mr. Scheepbauwer walked into the area from the nearest railroad, 80 miles, walked the surrounding area and filed his homestead. They raised a family of nine children, most of whom still live in the general area. They built a log home and out-buildings and made miles of log snake fence, Rustle split rail, and a stake and rider type made from smaller poles; some are still in use after 40 years.



New Online Course Offered by the Soil Science Society of America: Fundamental for Life: Soil, Crop, & Environmental Sciences

A unique, introductory soil science course – designed for the practitioner hoping to build their knowledge and skills in the topics most needed for a fundamental understanding of Soil Science.

The first session begins on Monday, Aug. 22, 2011 with an orientation. Classes will meet online from Aug. 24 - Nov. 9, 2011. Times are 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. Eastern/ 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. Central/5:00 to 7:00 p.m. Mountain/4:00 to 6:00 p.m. Pacific.

The Fundamentals in Soil Science Course is designed to provide an overview of the fundamental concepts in soil science: Genesis, Classification and Morphology, Physics, Chemistry, Fertility, Biology, and Land Use. Each of the six sections will be taught for a two week period. Instructors will use the Fun-

damentals Performance Objectives (POs) as a guide for discussing topics within each section, but will not go through each objective individually. However, students are encouraged to ask questions regarding specific POs if needed. The objective of the course is to provide the student with a formalized way to build their fundamental knowledge and skills within the different areas of soil science to enhance their professional skills and/or to prepare to take the Fundamentals of Soil Science Exam.

This course is taught via distance learning, but instructors will supplement lecture material with additional readings and practical examples to illustrate the concepts and provide practical examples of how the concepts are used in practice. This course is not designed to teach a student how to take the Fundamen-

tals Exam, but instead is designed to complement the students existing knowledge of soil science and help the student understand the principles behind the POs.

Cost of the course is \$495 plus the cost of additional resources. Full participants in the course who hold the SSSA CPSS and/or CPSC certification(s) and/or American Society of Agronomy CCA and/or CPAg certification(s) will automatically receive CEUs. The CEU review is currently pending. Lecture quizzes must be passed in order to receive the CEUs for this course.

Detailed information, the syllabus, and registration is available at: www.soils.org/education/fundamentals-soils. Contact Michele Lovejoy (mlovejoy@sciencesocieties.org) with any questions.

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Intermountain Native Plant Summit: Presentations Available

Due to high demand, many of the presentations from the Intermountain Native Plant Summit, held in March 2011, are available online. To access presentation files go to the ARS Forage and Range Research Laboratory home page at <http://ars.usda.gov/Main/docs.htm?docid=3826> First, click on NEWS AND EVENTS on left green panel, then click on MEETINGS on left green panel. Then click on MARCH 29-31, 2011.

Lost Resource: Kyon Hobbs

Kyon Hobbs, son of NMCGA Director and NM SRM Board of Directors Member Mike Hobbs, passed away in Denver on Friday, July 1.

A service was held at the Express UU Bar Ranch on Sunday, July 10, 2011. Cards may be sent to:

Mike Hobbs
1115 Hwy 21
Cimarron NM 87715

Please keep Mike and his family in your thoughts and prayers.



Beautiful, but Problematic, Nonnative Invasive Plants Identified in Field Guide

(*Pacific Northwest Research Station/U.S. Forest Service News & Information*, 7/13/11) -- Thumbing through this guide and viewing the color and beauty of each plant, it is hard to realize that these are pests and invasive species. The recent release, *Nonnative Invasive Plants of Pacific Coast Forests: A Field Guide for Identification*, by the Forest Service's Pacific Northwest Research Station, is a concise and well-illustrated field guide for novice botanists and managers alike.

"Nonnative plants affect the composition and function of natural and managed landscapes. They can have a large economic effect on landowners and local governments through eradication costs and lost or degraded land use," according to lead author and Forest Service research ecologist Andrew Gray.

The 91-page color guide provides detail on each plant in nontechnical language and photos of different stages of plant development are included to allow reliable identification in the field at different times of the year. Information was synthesized from various national, regional, and state lists, assessments, and botanical guides.

"Our final list was designed to capture species believed to be most prevalent or problematic for use in strategic forest inventories like the Forest Service's Forest Inventory and Analysis Program," adds Gray.

Little comprehensive information exists on the abundance, distribution, and impact of nonnative plants. The lack of identification guides with sufficiently specific descriptions and detailed images makes collecting information on the impact of invasives difficult. Gray and his colleagues, Katie Barndt, an instructor at North Seattle Community College, and Sarah Reichard, professor at the University of Washington's School of Forest Resources, designed a study to prioritize a list of nonnative invasive plants affecting forest lands in the Pacific coastal states. This field guide is the result of their study and covers California, Oregon, and Washington.

To download the guide visit http://www.fs.fed.us/pnw/pubs/pnw_gtr817.pdf or order a hard copy by sending an e-mail to pnw_pnwpubs@fs.fed.us. Ask for PNW-GTR-817.

Collaborative Conservation Learning Network Launches

The Center for Collaborative Conservation at Colorado State University has just announced the launch of their web-based Collaborative Conservation Learning Network (CCLN). The purpose of the CCLN is to facilitate the exchange of ideas, innovations, tools and study results, and to foster connections among academics, practitioners and others, to help worldwide collaborative conservation efforts become effective and sustainable.

The CCLN includes a multi-media library for resources related to collaborative conservation, opportunity



listings (including jobs, funding, trainings, conferences and workshops), collaborative conservation organizations and initiatives, discussion boards, a members' directory with direct messaging, links to resources related to policy and law, blogs and podcasts. They will be working to continually add new,

useful information to the CCLN, but others are invited to contribute.

For more information please contact Jill Lackett: Jill.Lackett@colorado-state.edu or visit the CCLN website at: <https://www.collaborativeconservation.org/learning-network>.



July Rangeland Photo Quiz - Answer

It must be a busy summer, field and fire, and, in some parts, flood, season over all our diverse rangelands when we receive only one response to our ever popular monthly photo quiz.

Cynthia Landing, Kremmling, Colo., RMS, made the best of a somewhat fuzzy photo: "While it's really hard to distinguish the subshrubs, the overall appearance seems to be that of the skeletons of tumble mustard (*Lepidium* sp.) That's a shame, because that should be blue and black gramma, or at least Lehman's lovegrass."

Indeed it is a shame as our range shutter bug, James Holden, Hassayampa AZ RMS, tells us that, "This area has seen a state change from a grassland to annual invasives; specifically wild oats and black mustard [nice try Cynthia!]. The historic plant community has been completely replaced except for areas of higher rock cover, as evidenced



by the patches of green shrubs in the sea of dead annuals. As far as I understood it, they had initially used wild oats along the interstate to stabilize the soil, and it has since invaded the entire southern end of Black Mesa. That's most of the lighter colored dead grass in the photo. The darker, taller stalks are actually black mustard. Not really sure when that was introduced, but it also covers the entire mesa south of the

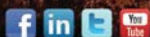
Sunset Point interchange. The area burns annually along the highway and onto the mesa, which has killed off most of the tobosa grassland, and induced the state change to invasive annuals."

"We're still figuring out how we're going to treat the area, be it intensive grazing or herbicide." We're sure the folks in Hassayampa would welcome any of your "armchair" suggestions!

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August Rangeland Photo Quiz Question



Imagine, if you will, an inter-agency team arriving at this site (once again in Arizona) to conduct a preliminary rangeland health assessment using “the indicators.” What things might they immediately notice? How might they describe the prominent runoff feature, and what speculation might they make as to its origins?

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

Rangeland Ecology & Management Increases Audience Impact

David Briske, Editor-in-Chief, *Rangeland Ecology & Management*

If you haven't seen *Rangeland Ecology & Management* lately, you're missing the latest peer-reviewed research addressing global rangelands.

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David Briske,
Editor-in-Chief



Upcoming Events

America's Grasslands Conference, Aug. 15-17

The National Wildlife Federation and South Dakota State University are pleased to announce that registration is now open for the upcoming "America's Grasslands: Status, Threats, and Opportunities" conference, to be held in Sioux Falls, S.D., on Aug. 15-17, 2011.

The conference will bring together biologists, policy experts, ranchers, federal and state agency staff, representatives of elected officials, and conservationists for two days to discuss the latest information on the status, threats and opportunities related to North American grasslands. The goal is to raise the national profile of this endangered ecosystem and inform those interested in developing a roadmap for its conservation.

The event will be immediately followed by a "Grasslands Policy Summit" on August 18, 2011, sponsored by the National Wildlife Federation, Ducks Unlimited, The Nature Conservancy, and World Wildlife Fund.

The conference website, <http://www.sdstate.edu/wfs/grasslandconference> has information to register and see a list of speakers for this important event.



Joint Meeting: Animal Production and Range Management 2011, Sept. 6-9

The 2nd International Congress in Range Management and the International Meeting on Beef and Dairy Production in Warm Climates: Heat Stress Management and Production Efficiency will be held in Chihuahua, Mexico. The inaugural meeting will be on Sept. 6, 2011 and the Joint Meeting will be Sept. 7-9, 2011. Deadline to submit papers: Aug. 15, 2011. For more information, visit: <http://www.pastizalescarneyleche2011.com.mx>.



Grasslands in a Global Context Symposium, KSU, Sept. 12-14

The dates are rapidly approaching for this landmark synthesis of International grassland research, and registration is still open! For more information and to register, please visit <http://www.dce.k-state.edu/conf/grassland>.

This conference strives to develop a current, comparative synthesis of grassland/savanna ecosystems within a global framework. With the development of Konza Prairie as a global research platform in grassland studies coinciding with the benchmark 30th and 40th year anniversaries of our research station and LTER program, the stage is set for a synthesis of past, ongoing and new research results in the context of global understanding of grassland systems.

Professional interaction and academic outcomes of this symposium will form the foundation of a collaborative publication, advancing the synthesis of complimentary research on an international level. In short, with this symposium, we seek to place site-based research from Konza Prairie in a global context to improve our understanding of grasslands and savannas in both North America and around the world.



Upcoming Events

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 - Sept. 13-15, 2011, in Park Valley, Utah. To learn more or to register, visit www.ebipm.org or contact Brenda Smith at brenda.smith@ars.usda.gov or 541-573-4084.

New Agrarians: How the Next Generation of Leaders Tackle 21st Century Challenges

Quivira Coalition's 10th Anniversary conference, will be held Nov. 8-10, 2011, in Albuquerque, N.M.

"In this historic conference we will hear from a wide variety of new farm, ranch and conservation leaders and their innovative, hands-on ideas and practices that are changing the way we look at the land, our water and ourselves," according to Courtney White, Executive Director.

The New Agrarians Conference speakers will feature well-known authors, experts, and practitioners, with 80% being diverse, young agrarian leaders working hard to successfully meet the challenges of the 21st century. Come be inspired and take their knowledge and excitement home with you! Online registration opens July 1, 2011, through Quivira's webpage. Visit the Quivira's Conference webpage for more information on sessions and speakers. For more information contact Catherine Baca at cbaca@quiviracoalition.org.



2012 GLCI Grazing Forum: Riparian Grazing Management - Highlighting Successful Producers

The Grazing Lands Conservation Initiative and the Society for Range Management would like to announce a Riparian Grazing Management Forum to be held in conjunction with the Society for Range Management 2012 Annual Conference in Spokane, Wash. The intent of the forum is to highlight successful ranchers who practice progressive and ecologically sound riparian grazing management practices in their day-to-day operations. The forum will highlight the conservation benefits of not only riparian systems and their ecological function, but how cattle can be utilized as an effective natural resource management tool. The forum will discuss the value of grazing management in riparian systems and the benefit provided by the proper use of sound grazing principles.

Presentations at the forum will be given by ranchers from the Pacific Northwest who have a history of riparian grazing management success and have learned lessons along the way. The forum will be held on Monday Jan. 30, 2012 from 1-5 PM PST.

For more information please visit the Society for Range Management's website at <http://www.rangelands.org/> or contact Jeff Goodwin at jeff.goodwin@tx.usda.gov



Upcoming Functions & Continuing Education Pre-Approved Courses

The following functions 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
Aug. 3	Minot, ND	Shepherds Clinic. Rick.Schmidt@NDSU.edu	4
Aug. 3-4	Bismarck, ND	Managing Land for Balance & Complexity - Jeff Printz, jeff.printz@nd.usda.gov	9
Aug. 3-5	Mahan Park, AZ	AZ Section Summer Meeting: AZ Rangelands: Past, Present, and Future - Partial Credit (TH-6 / F-4) - http://azrangelands.org	10 Total
Aug. 4	Beeville, TX	Profiling Profitable Ranchers: Ranch Management Clinic http://www.tx.nrcs.usda.gov/news/events/docs/2011%20ranch%20mgmt%20clinic.pdf	6
Aug. 4-5	Leadville, CO	2011 High Altitude Revegetation Summer Field Tour - http://www.highaltitudereveg.org	4
Aug. 9-10	Kearney, NE	11th Annual Nebraska Grazing Conference - http://grassland.unl.edu/web/grassland/current-conference	12
Aug. 13	Santa Rosa, CA	Weed Management on Rangelands - Theresa Becchetti, tabecchetti@ucdavis.edu	4
Aug. 15-17	Sioux Falls, SD	America's Grasslands: Status, Threats, and Opportunities (M-1/T & W - 7/each) http://www.sdstate.edu/wfs/grasslandconference	15 Total
Aug. 17-19	Orofino, ID	Idaho Section Summer Tour: Dworshak State Park - Partial Credits: (W Eve-1/TH-6)	7 Total
Aug. 22 - Nov. 9	Online, WEB	Fundamentals in Soil Science https://www.soils.org/education/fundamentals-soils	16
Aug. 23-25	Cheyenne, WY	Ecological Site Description (ESD) Training Workshop - http://www.rangelands.org/ESD	16
Sept. 7-9	Chihuahua City, MX	Joint Meeting: Animal Production and Range Management 2011 http://www.pastizalescarneyleche2011.com.mx	TBD
Sept. 12-14	Manhattan, KS	Grasslands in a Global Context Symposium - http://www.dce.k-state.edu/conf/grassland/	16
Sept. 13-15	Park City, UT	2011 EBIPM Field School - Partial Credits (d1-7/d1 eve- 1/d2-8/d3-6) http://ebipm.org/map/173	16 Total
Sept. 21-23	Cranbrook, BC	PNW Fall Tour: Rangeland Partnerships: Successes & Challenges on Public & Private Lands - Partial Credits (TH -1 / F - 1) - http://www.rangelands.org/links_srm_sections.shtml	2 Total
Oct. 1	Hettinger, ND	Shepherds Clinic: julie.kramlich@ndsu.edu	4
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
Oct. 18	Davis, CA	Managing Rangelands for Ecosystem Services Workshop & Field Day http://rangelandwatersheds.ucdavis.edu/main/upcoming_outreach.html	4
Oct. 29	Tucson, AZ	8th Annual Research Insights in Semi-arid Ecosystems (RISE) http://www.tucson.ars.ag.gov/rise/	6
Nov. 8-10	Albuquerque, NM	Quivira Coalition 10th Anniversary Conference: New Agrarians http://quiviracoalition.org/10th_Anniversary_Conference/index.html	TBD
Dec. 7-8	Colorado Springs, CO	Joint CO Section SRM (CSSRM)/CO Weed Management Association (CWMA) - Winter Annual Meeting - http://www.rangelands.org/links_srm_sections.shtml	TBD
Dec. 15-16	Winnemucca, NV	NV Section Winter Meeting	TBD

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.



Welcome to Our New Members - June & July

Name:	City, State	Section
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Marlene Schmidt	Westmoreland, KS	KS
Blayr Beougher	Stillwater, OK	OK
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Bridger-Teton National Forest	Jackson, WY	WY
William Edward Rogers	College Station, TX	TX
Lydia Renneisen	Laramie, WY	WY
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- Society for Range Management 2012 Annual Meeting — https://www.facebook.com/home.php?sk=group_105091779527160

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