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SRM at a Crossroads

Gary Frasier, 1st Vice President



In the past couple of years I have heard the comment made “SRM Meetings have changed. It is not the same.” Most of these comments have come from older members (or their spouses) who have been attending the meetings for 20-30 years. It is true, SRM has changed. In the past the meetings were the place to meet old friends and have time for social activities and gatherings. Today the meetings still have various social events but there are also more “business” activities, symposia, technical sessions, and workshops. The pace seems more hurried.

Within the past year there have been several organizations and groups that have encouraged SRM to become more involved, become the authority and entity that stands up for proper management of our natural resources for all users. We can do this because our journals are fast becoming recognized as providing the scientific basis for our management practices. We are currently in the midst of providing extensive workshops and training short courses so our members can stay abreast of the newest management information. At the same time SRM is changing from a social-oriented group to a business-oriented activity. This means that we have

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Executive Vice President's Report

Jess Peterson

First the good news...SRM has finally made the complete transition toward an integrated bookkeeping program. Thanks to the hard work of Denisha Marino and the Allen Press team, SRM is now seamlessly uploading all the financial transactions with a few clicks of a button. Previously, the procedure involved a long, time-consuming manual process. This created several delays; with the most time consuming and tedious process involving the manual inputting of all of the annual meeting and section meeting registration deposits. This was a directive passed along

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SRM Action Update Call

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to change how we conduct our activities. We have to operate as a business and not a social club.

We have a number of SRM committees that are conducting workshops and technical sessions at our Annual Meetings where the newest information is being presented. That is one of the reasons that we have approximately 30-50% of our membership at each Annual Meeting. Participation in these activities is one of the major benefits of being a SRM member.

These activities remind me of a statement made by a staff member at a place when I was employed by the USDA-ARS a number of years ago. I was a research scientist and thought my work was important. There was a Laboratory Librarian in an adjacent office. This lady was convinced that

her duties as Librarian were the major reason the Laboratory was known worldwide for its research accomplishments. Without the library function the Laboratory would cease to exist. She was one of the most dedicated individuals you would want to meet.

I see this attitude in many of the SRM committees. There is a passion and dedication of the committee members that transcends just "being a member." There is a dedication to being the best, and helping SRM meet the goals and missions as established by our founding members and modified to meet the current environment and political conditions. I see this manifested in our older members who have served SRM in many capacities such as committee members, committee chairs, and Board Director. Each year we

have a group of individuals who have given up a major portion of their spare time to plan and put on an Annual Meeting. The Annual Meetings are getting better each year. We are the envy of other natural resource professional societies in our ability to attract our members to meetings. What is even more exciting is that we have a group of Young Professional members that are even more dedicated and enthused to what SRM is doing. All of this is happening because each SRM member has in the back of his or her mind the belief of the Librarian that "without me SRM will cease to function."

Times are changing. SRM is changing. There is no obstacle that we can not overcome. We are a great organization and each member is an important cog, no matter what role you play.

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 please call 1-800-627-0326 or email srm@allenpress.com.



Executive Vice President's Report Jess Peterson

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from the SRM board of directors to the SRM staff; we are turning the curve on making this happen. We'll keep you posted on how this works out. I know several folks have asked about how the SRM staffing restructure has led to increased efficiencies and this is one prime example. We'll keep you posted on more as they continue to take place.

One of the steps that takes a bit more time is streamlining the membership database and renewal process. The new SRM database is operating at a high and efficient level and I am confident with how it is functioning. We continue to make tweaks on data input, output, and management. Our greatest obstacle is dealing with renewals. SRM membership is down slightly due to a delay in finalizing the database and sending out renewals. We are now back on track. To ensure that we can gauge the success of our efforts, the SRM executive committee and staff have implemented key membership benchmarks, along with a multi-level action plan for increasing SRM renewals and new members. To assist with this special effort, Aleta Rudeen and I are working with Jim Sullins, Summer Schulz and all the great folks that make up the SRM Advisory Council. We will be working with this committee to reach the SRM sections to gather input and advice for both the renewal and recruitment effort.

The format of this week's SRM Action Update Call will change a bit as we'll have the SRM Advisory Council members, section leaders, and hopefully YOU on the call. We'll be discussing membership strategies and goals. Several folks, and especially SRM Past President Dr. Merwyn "Mort" Kothmann, have advised me several times about the need to have a comprehensive membership strategy in place. Friends, we are making that happen. I hope we have a great turnout for this Thursday's SRM Action Update Call (see call info below).

On the Certified Professional in Rangeland Management (CPRM) side of things, if have received a renewal notice, please renew today. For questions about your certification call Vicky Trujillo at (303) 986-3309 or email: VTrujillo@rangelands.org. Vicky has been working hard to get everyone updated and appreciates your prompt follow-up!

Jack Alexander, Kelly Fogarty and I recently had a successful set of meeting meetings in Washington, DC. Please read Kelly Fogarty's Capital Update (page 6) to get a better sense of what all occurred. In brief, our joint meeting with the Wildlife Society and BLM Director Bob Abbey was very productive. Bob encouraged us to engage Congress to make legislative changes in how feral horses and burros are managed. The Technical Service Provider (TSP) signing ceremony with NRCS was also a great event. Jack had some excellent face time with NRCS Chief Dave White. Jack also spent time on the Hill getting the latest on Farm Bill budgets and conservation programs. Jack and other SRM leadership will be in DC this fall for follow up meetings.

The SRM board of directors will be at SRM Headquarters Wednesday, July 27 and Thursday, July 28 for the summer board meeting. Same as last year, we'll be hosting a special SRM Action Update Call...President Jack Alexander will give an update from the meeting and the progress on action items. The call will function on the usual format that enables ANY SRM member to direct questions to SRM directors. Please join us: Wednesday, July 27 at 12:00 pm MDT Dial-in Number: 1-213-416-6650 and Access Code is: 012010 # (please note the different the time).

Thanks and talk to you on Thursday and the following Wednesday!

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Federal Agencies to Use State Landscape-level Wildlife Mapping to Inform Land Use Decisions Across the West

Western Governors Association

(Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, 6-3-11) -- Western governors announced today an agreement with the U.S. Department of the Interior (DOI) and the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) that will enable the federal government to make extensive use of state information about crucial wildlife habitats and important wildlife corridors.

The wildlife information, being developed by Western states, is pursuant to the work of the Western Governors' Wildlife Council. The agreement signed by leadership of the Wildlife Council and representatives from DOI and USDA builds upon a June 2009 memorandum of understanding (MOU) between the Western governors and the secretaries of USDA, DOI, and the U.S. Department of Energy.

The primary objective of the 2009 MOU is to support the development of spatial planning tools that provide information from states about important wildlife areas in the West and to coordinate the states' efforts with complementary federal initiatives.

"This agreement is an important step in reaffirming State authority to manage fish and wildlife populations," Governor Otter, WGA chairman, said. "Local offices of these federal agencies will use this agreement to work closely with our State wildlife experts to inform their land use, land planning and natural resource decisions."

The agreement also seeks to align Western states' wildlife mapping objectives with federal initiatives such as the Landscape Conservation Cooperatives and the Bureau of Land Management Rapid Ecoregional Assessments to make wildlife mapping approaches compatible across political boundaries.

DOI Secretary Ken Salazar said, "This partnership with the Western states will help provide additional, helpful information to Interior as we work to manage our public lands and natural resources in a sustainable, science-based manner."

USDA Under Secretary for Natural Resources and Environment Harris Sherman said, "Working together with our state and federal partners in identifying priority wildlife areas will benefit forest managers as they implement restoration projects and new forest plans once the National Planning Rule is in place."

Gov. Christine Gregoire (Wash.), WGA's incoming Chairman, empha-

sized the importance of states and federal agencies not duplicating efforts.

"It is in our mutual interest - particularly in these difficult budget times - to avoid duplication of effort, make efficient use of limited state and federal resources, and ensure complimentary end products. This agreement will allow us to achieve all of these goals."

The Western Governors' Wildlife Council is in the midst of identifying important wildlife habitats and corridors and displaying that information in geospatial tools that will be publically available in 2013.

The wildlife tools are intended to better conserve wildlife and important habitats on a large scale and also provide wildlife information early to assist in the pre-planning of economic development projects that are vital to the region.

More information can be found at: www.westgov.org/initiatives/wildlife.

Payment with Foreign Currency

Because of the high fees charged to convert foreign currency payments, SRM can only accept payments made in U.S. funds. If you are a member outside of the United States, please make your payments either by: Money Order (U.S. funds only) - a check drawn on a U.S. account (U.S. funds only) - or a credit card.

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



Registration for ESD Workshop Now Open!

An Interagency Ecological Site Applications Workshop located in Cheyenne, Wyo./Nunn, Colo., will be held on Aug. 23-25, 2011.

Registration opened on June 27, 2011, and is limited to the first 40 participants. Spots are filling up fast - REGISTER NOW - don't miss out!!

The Ecological Site Description workshop series hosted by SRM and agency partners is a landmark effort that involves opportunities for critical interagency discussion. The Cheyenne workshop offers participants time in the field each day with current ESD state of the art specialists from different agencies and networking opportunities with local and international experts. Registration is limited to 40 participants, so sign up now to hold your place.

Visit <http://www.rangelands.org/ESD> for registration details, agenda, accommodations and additional information.

For registration and lodging questions, please contact:

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ECOLOGICAL SITE DESCRIPTIONS

Announcements & Events

International 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. Visit: <http://ars.usda.gov/SP2UserFiles/Place/54281000/inps-vi.pdf> to access presentation files. Scroll through the agenda and click on downloadable presentations.

2011 New Mexico Summer Field 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 6,700 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.

Online registration is now open! Visit <http://nmsrm.nmsu.edu/> for more information and registration.

2011 AZ Section SRM Summer Meeting, August 3-5, 2011

Arizona Rangelands; Past, Present, and Future is the theme for the 2011 Arizona Section SRM Summer Meeting. The Aug. 3-5, 2011 events will take place at the V Bar V Ranch summer headquarters near Happy Jack, Ariz.

Wednesday's schedule includes an introduction to Mogollon Rim and Verde Valley and a segment on Navajo Ranching. The V Bar V Ranch operation will be the focus of Thursday morning's tour; with Prescribed Fire/Grazing project and Cattle/Elk interaction on the Mogoon rim in the afternoon. A tour on Friday includes a Wickiup Draw, and Russel Wash and Walker Creek Restoration projects.

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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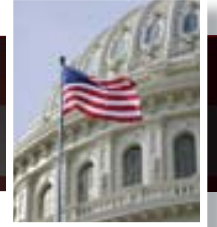
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Capital Update

From Kelly Fogarty



The Society for Range Management continued its presence in Washington, D.C. this month as President Jack Alexander made the trek out to the East Coast for another round of meetings in the nation's Capital on the heels of the successful SRM Spring Fly-in, which occurred at the beginning of May. While in D.C., Jack managed to fit in a full schedule of meetings on the Hill as well as multiple briefings within the U.S. Department of Agriculture and the Bureau of Land Management.

SRM was represented in multiple meetings on the Hill as Jack Alexander sat in on several briefings with both committee staff and member meetings that focused on the state of the 2012 Farm Bill and how different coalitions will address the current budgetary concerns that will be at the forefront of any decisions made on this piece of legislation. These meetings gave Jack the opportunity to see how the various conservation titles and programs that focus on natural resources will fare when funding restrictions are addressed.

In addition to the time spent on the Hill, SRM also participated in two unique meetings within the federal agencies. SRM joined multiple organizations in a signing ceremony that signified the renewal of agree-

ments with the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) that maintained each group's ability to continue offering training and certification as a Technical Service Provider (TSP). Immediately following this event, SRM representatives President Jack Alexander, SRM Executive Vice President Jess Peterson, and I went to the Bureau of Land Management to conduct a joint meeting with The Wildlife Society (TWS) on the feral horse issue within the United States. This meeting provided a glimpse into how the application of the society's science-based research may be of particular use in Washington, D.C. SRM will remain engaged on this subject with TWS as the two societies hope to provide valuable input on this critical issue.

SRM's presence in D.C. has been welcomed by both agency officials and staff representatives. The looming 2012 Farm Bill and agency issues will provide numerous opportunities for the Society to weigh in with any information and studies on issues of importance to rangelands.

I encourage anyone who wishes to receive more information or has any questions, concerns, or suggestions regarding current range-related policies in Washington, D.C. to contact me at: kelly@westernskiesstrategies.com.

Board of Directors Monthly Meeting Notice

During 2011-2012, the Board of Directors will be meeting the fourth Monday of every month at 8:00 a.m. MDT.

The next meeting will be July 27-28, 2011 at 8:00 a.m. MDT. The meeting agenda and past minutes are available online in the Members Area under "Member Resources."

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SRM BLM Liaison Moving On

Hi all - Back in June 2006 Bob Bolton called me and offered me the BLM-SRM Liaison position and what a rewarding ride it has been for me. Thank you to all of you who have supported me in any number of ventures throughout these past five years. I feel like we have done good things and accomplished a lot to benefit the rangeland profession.

Now another opportunity has presented itself and one that I cannot pass up. So officially my last day as a full-time liaison with SRM was Thursday June 30 2011.

Although still working for BLM-WO, I now report to the BLM National Operations Center at the Denver Federal Center, just south of the SRM headquarters. So I will be "just down the street" so- to-speak. Please see my new contact information.

For awhile I will carry-on with about 10% of my time allocated to part-time Liaison duties. I would like to finish up some BLM-SRM projects; primarily including further distribution of the 28-minute Hope on the Range, a special issue of Rangelands on Agency On-the-Ground Accomplishments and coordinating the Rangeland JOBFair and Career Development Workshops for the 2012 Spokane Annual Meeting.

I also hope to stay involved in other ways as, after all, I have been a SRM member since 1995 and would like to volunteer my services like so many members have for so many years.

Again - thank you all so much for the opportunity to serve you as BLM-SRM Liaison. Above all I have admired the amazing dedication and passion of the support staff in the headquarters office and the SRM membership. It has been a real pleasure.

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SRM 2012 Annual Meeting: Call for Papers and Posters

This is the first announcement and 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 FISH AND
POULTRY 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**

**James Newland
Greenwood Ranches
Bell Fourche, South Dakota**

Mona Basin Ham-Stuffed Trout

| | |
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| 4 cleaned trout, 1-lb each | ½ tsp thyme |
| 4 thin slices smoked ham | ½ tsp basil |
| 4 cloves finely minced garlic | ½ tsp sugar |
| ½ c breadcrumbs | ½ c parsley |
| Juice of one lemon plus a bit of grated rind | |



Combine all ingredients but ham and trout. Add salt and fresh ground black pepper to taste. Stuff each trout with a slice of ham and enough crumb mixture to fill body cavity. Close with a skewer if necessary.

Put about ¼ c olive oil in a heavy cast iron or earthenware dish, add fish and put into oven at 350° until done, 15 to 20 minutes. While fish are in the oven, heat ¼ cup each butter and olive oil in a heavy pan on stove top. Add finely minced garlic, 1 tsp. paprika, 1 tbsp. fresh minced or ½ tsp dried basil and ½ cup cream sherry. Cook over a high flame stirring constantly until liquid is somewhat thickened. When the fish are done, cover with sauce and garnish with cress and twist of lemon.



Lost Resource: Dr. Harold F. Heady

Dr. Harold F. Heady, a charter member and former president of the Society for Range Management, passed away at the age of 95 on April 28, 2011 in La Grande, Oregon.

Harold was born in Buhl, Idaho, and overcame many obstacles at an early age like the deaths of his parents and putting himself through high school. He entered the study of range management at the University of Idaho in 1934, graduating as Outstanding Senior with a B.S. Degree in 1938. Harold went on to earn an M.S. in forest botany and ecology from the New York State College and a Ph.D. in plant ecology from the University of Nebraska in 1949.



He joined the University of California-Berkeley faculty in 1951, where he remained for the balance of his career until retirement in 1984. At Berkeley he was engaged in teaching and research and several administrative positions including Associ-

ate Dean, Associate Director of the California Agricultural Experiment Station, Assistant Vice-President for Agriculture, and Director of the UC Wildland Resources Center.

Dr. Heady's primary interests centered on the ecology and management of grasslands and scrublands in their worldwide setting. His teaching, research, and consulting activities took him to 23 countries, with the concentration of work in Africa. Dr. Heady wrote more than 170 scientific and professional publications and is most well known for his textbook entitled "Rangeland Ecology and Management" co-authored with Dr. Dennis Child.

Dr. Heady received numerous awards and honors for the achievements of a long and distinguished career. The Society for Range Management honored Harold with a Certificate of Merit for Outstanding Achievement in 1969, the Fellow

Award in 1977, and the Frederic G. Renner Award in 1980. Harold was a Guggenheim Fellow and twice held Fulbright Research Scholarships. He received the Honor Alumnus Award (1986) and the UI Alumni Hall of Fame from the University of Idaho (1988). In 1994, Harold and Ruth Heady established the Heady Professorship of Rangeland Ecology at the University of Idaho. This Professorship is dedicated to the career development and professional standing of its recipients and has brought great honor and distinction to the University of Idaho Rangeland Ecology program.

Dr. Heady is remembered as a scholar, artist, and great outdoorsman. He has undoubtedly had a profound influence on our profession and on the Society for Range Management. His achievements are celebrated and he will be sorely missed. Harold leaves behind his daughter Carol DeMaria of Longview, Wash., and son Kent Heady and wife Celia of Dale, Ore.; three grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

SRM Publications Are Now Available on CD-ROM

Titles available include:

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- Rangeland Entomology
- Rangeland Hydrology
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Have news or photos you would like to share?

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

**Next Deadline:
July 25, 2011**



Lost Resource: Charles E. “Chuck” Jordan

On June 14, 2011, Charles E. “Chuck” Jordan, Rapid City, S.D., was laid to rest at the Black Hills National Cemetery, not far from his Meade County ranch home north of Rapid City. He was born in Rapid City in 1927, graduated from high school in 1944, then served in the U.S. Army 1945-46. In 1950 he received a B.S. degree in mechanical engineering from SD School of Mines & Technology. After a couple of years working in business and industry, he took over the cow-calf-yearling operation started by his parents in Meade County.

Chuck was a long-time member of the Society for Range Management (SRM) and the South Dakota Section and generously supported both for many decades. He served as SD Section president, president-elect, and past-president as well as on several committees. Chuck also served on the SRM Board of Directors, Advisory Council, and was a member or chair of several committees. Since the early 1980’s Chuck attended most SRM annual meetings as well as many summer meetings, and was especially interested in attending ranch tours to generate ideas that might help his operation.

He was an invited speaker on the Rancher Forum and frequently an invited speaker at South Dakota State University classes. He usually emphasized that “good ranch management is management of rangeland to produce the maximum continuous profit without depletion of the resources, and this required continual and careful attention to range, livestock, equipment, and financial resources.” Those who had the opportunity to observe the condition of his livestock, pastures, fences, and other improvements became acutely aware of his prac-

tical nature and dedication to the land that supported his livestock. Chuck was the recipient of the SD Section Rangeman of the Year Award (1988), Top Hand Award (1994), and the SRM Fellow Award in 2000.

Chuck served on the Board of Directors of the SD Stockgrowers Association, was elected to the Meade County Commission, was a charter member of the Black Hills Stock Show Foundation, member of the SD Advisory Board and Regional Executive Committee of the SRM Old West Regional Range Program. He was also a life member of the Over the Hill Gang, a ski organization for age 50 and over ski enthusiasts. His hard work on the ranch, together with sustainable ranch management, enabled him to meet his goal of visiting all the continents on the planet. Along with his work ethic, Chuck found time to play hard. Besides travel, he was an expert snow and water skier and taught both sports to several young persons in the Black Hills. He will be greatly missed by those of us who enjoyed those sports with him. At future occasions on water, on snow, and at SRM functions we will lift our glasses in a toast to Chuck, a great outdoorsman as well as the consummate rancher and rangeland manager.

Survivors include his son, Jon P. Jordan, and his wife, Nancy, three grandsons, Travis, Austin, and Karsten, Rapid City, S.D., a sister, Shirley Koons and her husband, Harry, San Diego, Calif., two nieces, Terry Culpepper, New Zealand, and Krista Peterson, San Diego, and one nephew, Weston Koons, San Diego. He was preceded in death by his wife Joanne, his parents, John and Ethel Jordan, and a niece, Michele Koons.

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
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June Rangeland Photo Quiz - Answer

Regarding our June Photo Quiz from the near the West unit of Saguaro National Park and the Arizona-Sonora Desert Museum, one of our anonymous quiz co-editors gushed, "Wow, I'm impressed by the responses we've had so far; even if they aren't correct!" But it's not that they weren't trying their darndest!



Matt Barnes prolifically notes, "I just took a look at the most recent photo quiz posted by our erudite colleague and wide-ranging desert sage Cindy Salo. The photo shows the Sonoran Desert in the Tucson Basin, with creosote bush (*Larrea tridentata*) green -- as well as saguaro (*Carnegiea gigantea*) and prickly pear (*Opuntia* sp.). The sub-shrub which has died is burro-weed (*Isocoma tenuisecta*). It died due to a lack of winter precipitation during the previous year or couple of years. The years 1998-2000 saw a weak to moderate, but remarkably persistent, La Nina pattern and resulting low winter precipitation in the Sonoran Desert. Thus the bust in the boom-bust cycle of burro-weed; despite the fact that overall annual precipitation was actually above normal in 1998 and 2000. There is also ocotillo (*Fouquieria splendens*) in the background, which is not dead. It just was not leafed out at the time the photo was taken (prior to the monsoon)."

And Thomas Matza adds, from the Bridger-Teton Forest adds, "Well to start with, I see at least three shrubs in the picture, rather than two (and there's probably more than that). The medium shrub with the yellow-green leaves scattered across the mid-ground of the photo is creosote bush (*Larrea tridentata* for the scientifically inclined), the shrubs in the foreground that appear dead, I'll call burro brush (*Hymenoclea salsola*). The tall shrub on the left is one of my favorites, Ocotillo (*Fouquieria splendens*). Since the question refers to a length of time covering a couple years, I'd say it was yet another extended dry period in the desert. The saguaros are all shrunk down and the ocotillos are in their semi-dormant state. I think it's interesting that creosote seems to save itself in periods of extended drought by sacrificing some of its stems. You'll see a quarter or more of the stems of a creosote sacrificed in order to preserve the rest of the plant."

Less erudite, but still game was Steve Nelle from San Angelo. "I'm a Texas boy and don't know much about the Sonoran Desert except what I saw many years ago on a Texas Tech field trip. The shrubs appear to be creosote and bursage (*Ambrosia dumosa*). And it looks like the area was Spiked (tebuthiuron) or

possibly burned. That's my guess for the June photo. I'll be anxious to hear the correct answer."

Well in truth everyone would like to know the "correct" answer, including our photographer, the erstwhile "wide-ranging desert sage" (per above) Cindy Salo.

"This photo shows dead triangle leaf bursage (*Ambrosia deltoidea*) and live creosote bush (*Larrea tridentata*). It was taken after winter droughts from 1998-2000, which was dominated by La Nina weather patterns. The area down slope is dominated by creosote bush and the area upslope is dominated by triangle leaf bursage. This seems to be an ecotone between the two."

"My guess is that the drought killed the bursage because it requires more water than creosote bush - but I'd love to hear what other folks think is going on!" And so now we have!



July Rangeland Photo Quiz

Rangeland scenery may or may not always be pleasing to the eye, depending of course on one's perspective as to what is "normal" or even "desirable" in terms of management goals. As an example, and in response to our call for more Range Quiz Photos, James Holden of the BLM's Hassayampa Field Office emailed this submission.



"Like any good range con, I've taken thousands of pictures on the job. This is a photo taken on a mesa-top north of Black Canyon City, Ariz. This series of photos was taken early September of 2009. Slightly beyond that power line is Interstate 17."

What might be the story behind this photo, and should it be so pleasing to the educated rangeland eye?

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More Upcoming Events

America's Grasslands Conference

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.



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 cbaca@quiviracoalition.org.





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JOINT MEETING: Animal Production and Range Management 2011

The Second International Congress in Range Management and the International Meeting on Beef and Dairy Production in Warm Climate: Heat Stress Management and Production Efficiency will be held in Chihuahua, Mexico. The inaugural meeting will be held, Sept. 6, 2011 and the Joint Meeting will be Sept. 7-9, 2011.

Some of the meeting events include:

- Forage and Additives Symposium
- Climate Change in Rangelands Symposium
- Human Dimensions in Rangelands Symposium
- Heat Stress in Cattle
- Plenary Sessions
- Posters Session
- Oral Presentations
- Workshops
- Producers Forum
- Cultural Activities
- Plants ID Contest
- Cattlemen Field Day

Deadline to submit papers: Aug. 15, 2011. For more information, please visit: <http://www.pastizalescarney-leche2011.com.mx>.





Job Opportunities

Large Mammal Landscape Ecologist

The School of Natural Resources and the Environment (SNRE) in the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences (CAL) at the University of Arizona (UA)

The School of Natural Resources and the Environment (SNRE) in the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences (CAL) at the University of Arizona (UA) is seeking to fill a tenure-eligible position in the area of large mammal landscape ecology. The successful candidate will be expected to develop a progressive and productive research program focused on the ecology, conservation, and management of large mammals on watershed and larger geographic scales with relevance to environmental change, and to teach and contribute to the overall mission of the School of Natural Resources and the Environment.

Teaching will include an upper-level undergraduate course in the conservation and management of mammals and a graduate-level course in the candidate's area of expertise. The extramurally funded research program should demonstrate a commitment to seek solutions to

applied problems in the conservation of large mammals in collaboration with state and federal land management agencies. Areas of expertise could include but are not limited to conservation biology, disease ecology, population dynamics, and predator-prey relations.

This recruitment is supported by the UA Provost's Environmental Initiative. Questions about the position can be directed to John Koprowski, Chair of the Search Committee (squirrel@ag.arizona.edu). Review of applications will begin July 1, 2011 and will continue until a suitable candidate is found. Interested candidates must submit an application packet electronically to the UA Human Resources site at <https://www.uacareer-track.com/applicants/Central?quickFind=200609> (Job # 47180). Anticipated start date is January 2012, but a later starting date can be negotiated. For more details see <http://www.snr.arizona.edu/node/1381>.

Assistant Professor of Range Science – Rangeland Plant Ecologist Montana State University - Bozeman

The Department of Animal and Range Sciences at Montana State University is looking for a cluster hire of three faculty members to support the "managing grazing livestock" future area of excellence.

One position is in rangeland plant ecology. The rangeland plant ecologist will build a nationally recognized research and teaching program that emphasizes plant-animal (domestic and wildlife) interactions, plant community response to herbivory, and influence of plant community structure and composition on livestock and wildlife productivity/population dynamics. The successful candidate will be expected to develop a competitive research program focused on rangeland plant ecology and will be expected to contribute to undergraduate and graduate courses, mentor, recruit and retain undergraduate and graduate students, and participate in outreach activities. As a tenure-track faculty member, the successful candidate will be expected to publish in refereed journals, secure extramural funding, meet demands of teaching and advising, and provide appropri-

ate outreach, departmental and university service. The individual would interact and complement the following programs: animal physiology (cattle, equine), animal nutrition (cattle, sheep), and rangeland and wildlife habitat ecology and management.

Other positions include a physiology and/or quantitative geneticist and a ruminal/gastrointestinal tract microbiologist. This position would serve as one of the nuclei for the rangeland resource programs, applied and basic. Required qualifications include an earned Ph.D. degree in Range Science, Animal Science, Environmental Science or related discipline; knowledge of plant taxonomy, plant community ecology, ranch management strategies and production systems; and demonstrated accomplishments in research and evidence of teaching experience.

Complete position description and the application procedure can be found at: <http://www.montana.edu/jobs/faculty/11165-2>.



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The following functions have been pre-approved for SRM Continuing Education Units (CEUs)

| Date | Location | Title | Credit |
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| 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 |
| July 17-20 | Washington, DC | SWCS 66th International Annual Conference http://www.swcs.org/index.cfm?nodeID=27786&audienceID=Credits Depends on Sessions Attended | TBD |
| July 22 | Corona, NM | NM Section SRM Summer Tour: The Corona Range and Livestock Research Center: http://nmsrm.nmsu.edu | 5 |
| July 23 | Farmington, CA | Weed Management on Rangelands Stephanie Larson-Praplan, slarson@ucdavis.edu | 4 |
| July 27-28 | Mandan & Solen, ND | Riparian Complex Ecological Site Description (ESD) Workshop Jeff Printz, jeff.printz@nd.usda.gov | 6 |
| July 29 | Fort Pierre, SD | SD 1st Annual Leopold Conservation Award Ranch Tour: Doud Ranch | 2 |
| Aug. 3-4 | Bismarck, ND | Managing Land for Balance & Complexity Jeff Printz, jeff.printz@nd.usda.gov | 9 |
| Aug. 4 | Beeville, TX | Profiling Profitable Ranchers: Ranch Management Clinic http://www.tx.nrcs.usda.gov/news/events/docs/2011%20ranch%20mgmt%20clinic.pdf | TBD |
| 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. 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 |
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| 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 |
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| Nov. 8-10 | Albuquerque, NM | Quivira Coalition 10th Anniversary Conference: New Agrarians http://quiviracoalition.org/10th_Anniversary_Conference/index.html | TBD |


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