

2015 Rangeland Cup Sacramento

An issue paper on biodiversity of rangelands from the SRM states: “Biodiversity is important for four basic reasons: morality, aesthetics, economics and the services that it provides to society,” and that “the least understood, but most important, value of biodiversity is the array of environmental benefits provided by natural ecosystems.” Although many management decisions are often based on impacts to biological diversity, how managing for diversity (at multiple scales) impacts rangeland management goals may depend on the situation.

- 1) Is more diversity always better? Explain.**
- 2) Identify a potential threat to rangeland diversity that may also present an opportunity for enhancing the goods and services provided by a specific rangeland ecosystem. Discuss how your approach addresses the four reasons for the importance of biodiversity as stated in the SRM issue paper (quoted above).**

SRM's Issue Paper on Biodiversity of Rangelands can be found here:

http://www.rangelands.org/pdf/Biodiversity_Issue_Paper_FA.pdf

**Use logic and literature to support your conclusions for your poster.*

***There will be no additional video portion for this year's competition*

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