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## It's All About You(th)

**Dr. Val Anderson, SRM Director**



I have always been impressed when during the awards ceremony at our annual meeting someone asks everyone to stand who had participated in SRM activities as a college student. I am always proud to be one of the large percentage of the audience who stands.

I recall having transferred to Utah State as a junior and being recruited to present an undergraduate paper at the February meetings. While at those meetings, I was exposed to the Plant ID contest and the following year I was humbled as I took the ID exam for the first time. There were a few specimens where "bare stick" was both my ID guess and best descriptor. That year I was elected as an officer in the student conclave and through the ensuing year we developed the URME contest. Mercifully, I graduated and was not eligible to take the inaugural exam even though I attended the meetings as a graduate student. A few years later I participated in the first graduate student oral paper competition and won second place in the Ph.D. division (only 2 Ph.D. papers were entered)! Through involvement, mentoring and participation I found a professional home with the Society

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## Executive Vice President's Report

**Jess Peterson**

I hope the summer is treating you well! It is moving along too fast as it always seems to do.

By now you should have your SRM 2012 Election of Officers ballot either via email or hard copy mail. If you did not receive a ballot please call the SRM home office at: (303) 986-3309. Please be sure to VOTE...We need your input to help decide the leaders that will continue to guide this fine organization.

On the operations side I am pleased to announce that we have set up a dedicated SRM Business Office phone number. Now if you have any questions on your SRM membership or publications please call 785-865-9456. As always feel free to let me know your feedback as to whether or not this is helpful.

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## SRM Action Update Call

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**Next Deadline:**  
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for Range management and I have been a member for over 30 years.

The Society for Range Management does a better job of integrating students into the annual meetings than any other professional society of which I am aware. It is not uncommon to have 400 to 500 students register for our meetings representing 25 to 35 percent of attendees. Most of these students are participating in contests or presentations at the meetings. Through the years additional student activities have been created. The following is a listing and brief discussion of SRM student activities:

**High School Youth Forum:** In this organization, high school delegates from supporting states come together for a well-structured program of events over the course of the conference week that include public speaking, resource tours, professional interactions and social activities, all under the direction of range professionals.

**Undergraduate Student Conclave:** This is the organization of undergraduate students in SRM. They have elected officers and preside over the student activities. They also produce multiple newsletters

through the year to try to keep students from all universities linked.

**Range Plant ID Competition:** Across the year, students study the ID characteristics of 200 plants selected from rangeland communities throughout North and Central America. At the meetings they have study sessions and then an ID competition over specimens that look like the real deal to specimens that are emerging seedlings, or specimens that look like sticks and other debris one might find along any roadside.

**Undergraduate Range Management Exam:** Students prepare for this competition by studying every aspect of rangeland management. They must be familiar with historic concepts and approaches as well as the most recent advances in our science. They must be able to answer questions that are concept oriented as well as scenario's requiring computations to answer quantitative questions.

**Undergraduate Technical Paper Session:** In this session, undergraduate students prepare oral paper presentations based on mentored research experiences, practical range issues they've encountered

in seasonal jobs, or hot topic items in contemporary rangeland management or ecology. This is not a competitive event, but a non-threatening environment that allows students to get their feet wet in this kind of event.

**Undergraduate Extemporaneous Speaking Competition:** This is one of my favorite events to watch. Students select a topic from three that they draw out of a hat and then have two hours to prepare a 5 to 7 minute speech. Participants are given a judging rubric to help them organized their speech. They give this speech to an audience of peers and professionals (three of which are judges).

**College Display Competition:** Range clubs from the various universities prepare a Display that generally follows the theme of the annual meetings. These are displayed generally as part of the trade show. They are judged on theme fit, creativity and originality.

**Rangeland Cup Competition:** In this competition a group of students will partner with a rangeland professional to develop a poster presentation on a given theme for that meet-

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## Executive Vice President's Report Jess Peterson

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This summer we were fortunate to have a Colorado State University student and a real go getter, Maggie Haseman in the SRM office as our summer outreach intern. She did an outstanding job and we can't thank her enough for taking the initiative on some very helpful and important projects. From organizing the publications in SRM's library to enhancing annual meeting functions as well as creating a very impressive annual meeting notice/SRM membership renewal reminder post card, and several other helpful projects Maggie did it all. Thank you Maggie; your work and contribution was greatly appreciated. Aleta Rudeen and I are twisting Maggie's arm to be available for special projects throughout this year. We will keep you posted.

Don't forget we'll have our next **SRM Action Update Call on Thursday, Sept. 8 at 11:00 a.m. MDT (12:00 p.m. CDT, 1 p.m. EDT). Dial: 1-213-416-6650 / Access Code: 012010#**. We'll be discussing the upcoming annual meeting, the success of the recent ESD workshop, along with hearing from committee chairs and the latest happenings with our committees. As always your questions and comments on all things SRM related are welcome on this call.

Thanks for your continued support and we'll talk to you Thursday, September 8 at 11:00 am MDT.

Jess Peterson, SRM Executive Vice President

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ing. Students present their poster as part of a poster session and are judged on merits.

**Student Employment Workshop:** Here students work with rangeland professionals to learn about job opportunities, develop effective resumes and improve job interview skills.

**Masonic Scholarship:** This is a national level scholarship awarded to an outstanding student (incoming freshman, current freshman or current sophomore) who will be or is majoring in a rangeland related degree. This scholarship provides funding for up to four years.

**Tapping the Top Mixer:** This event is aimed at linking rangeland professionals with students in a social setting. Students have

unfettered access to these professionals and can ask questions about further educational opportunities and discuss the nature of various jobs and the projection of such jobs. This can be the beginning of critical networking for range students.

**Graduate Oral and Poster Presentation Competition:** Graduate students at both M.S. and Ph.D. levels have opportunities to prepare presentations on their research and present in the regular paper and poster sessions of the annual meetings. These are all judged and a first and second place award is given in each competition to both levels of student participants.

Through these activities, students gain professional

level experience, develop marketable skills, network with professionals and have fun. Students are some of the very busiest people at these meetings. While SRM has done much to encourage student participation, we have had less success at retaining these students as members as they move into the workforce. There are efforts being made to retain these individuals such as the Young Professional Conclave which strives to integrate young professionals into fulfilling and useful roles in the Society. Yet we need more! I think of my experience as a student and recognize the association I had with faculty and rangeland professionals in summer employment. My continued experience and mentoring by them has

cemented my ties to this organization. I have continued to be involved with student activities in my professional life, coaching Plant ID and URME teams from BYU for 17 years and chairing the undergraduate paper session at the annual meeting. I have come to recognize that continued interest by individual members will connect these emerging young professionals to us as a society. I urge each of you to take every opportunity, in fact, create opportunities to establish and maintain connections to these fine students. Attend their activities. Encourage them. Involve them. Value them! While we continue to recruit from other disciplines and interests, the future of this Society rests in and is all about you connecting with the youth.



## Latest Version (2.1) of Web Soil Survey Available

### USDA - Natural Resources Conservation Service

Web Soil Survey 2.1 (WSS) was recently launched by the USDA's Natural Resources Conservation (NRCS) and can be accessed at <http://websoilsurvey.nrcs.usda.gov>

The web-based program provides a wealth of soils information along with soil maps, properties and interpretations aimed at helping its visitors with land use decisions. The website, originally launched in August 2005, continues to be improved and enhanced to meet the demands of its growing customer base of several million hits a year.

A "Search" feature has also been added. This feature allows the user to type in a keyword or phrase, and WSS will return a list of links to the places within the application that provide information containing the keyword or phrase.

Another major addition provides the user the capability to download

the raw soil data clipped to the geographic extent of the defined area of interest (AOI). This data can then be used in the user's local geographic information system (GIS.)

In addition, a distance measuring tool and the ability to print soil and interpretive maps on multiple pages has been added. Based on the size and shape of the AOI and the map scale chosen by the user, the WSS application offers the user a choice of page layout configurations and page sizes.

On the Soil Map tab the customer can access a pop-up map unit description. In WSS 2.1 the user can now print these individual descriptions. Another enhancement provides more accurate and up-to-date navigational data layers such as streams, roads and political boundaries to WSS. The availability of high resolution, color background imagery has been expanded.

An additional server computer was added to allow more concurrent users to access the Web Soil Survey, and should improve the performance of the application.

Soil surveys provide critical information for land use decisions, both on the farm and in the city. Whether a developer is looking to build on or purchase land, or a farmer is considering alternative crops, soil survey data is a critical element in the equation that produces profits. This is essential to rural America and the need for producers and ranchers to maximize productivity without harming natural resources.

Making soils information available on the web has been a major achievement for NRCS. NRCS is committed to making the process better and easier for the customer, the important information can find its way into the hands of those making natural resource decisions.

## 2012 SRM International Travel Fellowship Acceptance Applications

The Society for Range Management (SRM) has established a program to support attendance at the annual meeting by rangeland scientists or managers from developing countries and to foster international exchange about advances in rangeland ecology and management.

We anticipate awarding two International Travel Fellowships (ITF) at the SRM 2012 Annual Meeting in Spokane, WA, Jan. 29 to Feb. 3, 2012. Each recipient will receive US \$1,000 at the Annual Meeting. It is the recipient's responsibility to make all transportation arrangements and cover all transportation and lodging costs associated with participating in the meeting.

Submit ITF application materials to the address below by Oct. 21, 2011 via email to [sageman@centurytel.net](mailto:sageman@centurytel.net)

or [lstewartphelps@fs.fed.us](mailto:lstewartphelps@fs.fed.us) or by post (please include a disk copy with all materials in a single file in Microsoft Word, Rich Text Format or Adobe Acrobat (pdf) format) to :

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Visit [www.Rangelands.org](http://www.Rangelands.org) for more information about eligibility, selection criteria, and how to apply. Awards will be announced before November 22, 2011.



# Integrating Old and New Knowledge Helps Build a Future Land Management System

*Rangelands* – New and competing uses of rangeland and threats to its resources have reached unprecedented levels. At the same time, we are seeing a high turnover of rangeland management staff and private lands historically handed down through families are being sold more frequently to third parties. Land knowledge accumulated over generations is being lost.

There is a need to capture and integrate existing knowledge of Rangelands with newly acquired knowledge. People who have lived on the land for generations have unique insights learned by experience and passed down. New technologies have great potential to accurately collect information and share it widely. Both kinds of information must be captured and recorded and, most important, used to make effective decisions in land management.

A special issue of the journal *Rangelands* explores the possibilities of creating a knowledge system from information collected about rangelands. This knowledge system is not simply an information database residing on a server, but an evolving integration of information, tools and resources.

This issue of *Rangelands* describes techniques and technologies that can help form the foundation of a future land management knowledge system. Among these are a new approach to monitoring and assess-

ment being adopted by the Bureau of Land Management and several new, easy-to-implement approaches to collecting and monitoring data. Other articles present interactive web tools, review websites that offer extensive land management knowledge, and discuss building online communities.

Mobile technologies offer new potential to directly collect data electronically in the field. This approach not only eliminates the step of transcribing data, which can introduce errors, but also helps create a consistent standard that makes data reusable for addressing other objectives. Monitoring a large landscape with methods such as remote sensing presents challenges. A new option discussed is very-high-resolution aerial images and new tools to analyze these that are useful to rangeland managers.

Technologies are broadening the range of possibilities for land management knowledge systems. “The challenge,” one author notes, “will be to figure out how to combine scientific and traditional knowledge sources in a way that increases understanding of rangeland systems and promotes good decision-making.”

Full text of “Turning Information Into Knowledge for Rangeland Management,” and other articles in this special issue of *Rangelands*, Vol. 33, No. 4, August 2011, are available at <http://www.srmjournals.org/>

## 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 issues, email [membership@rangelands.org](mailto:membership@rangelands.org) or call 785.865.9456.

## Foreign Currency Payments

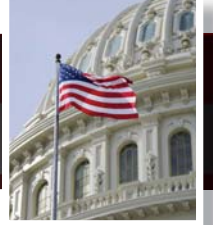
Because of the high fees charged to convert foreign currency payments, SRM can only accept payments made in U.S. funds. If you are a member outside of the United States, please make your payments either by: Money Order (U.S. funds only) - a check drawn on a U.S. account (U.S. funds only) - or a credit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

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



# Capital Update

From Kelly Fogarty



After lengthy debates and heated discussions, the debt ceiling package was passed and as such, Congress was able to leave Washington, D.C. for the annual August Recess. Both the House and Senate will return to the Hill in September.

While this month is traditionally quiet in the nation's capital, look for things to ramp up again once both Congressional bodies return from their state-visits in a month. On the agenda for post-August Recess legislative action are the following issues: the 2012 Farm Bill, multiple Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) regulations that are currently in proposed-rule form, as well as ongoing discussions within the federal agencies concerning Wild Horses. Also, it remains to be seen how the much-talked about 'Super Committee' that is to be tasked with establishing further cuts within the federal budget will affect such issues

as the upcoming Farm Bill development as well as multiple appropriation issues. It has been predicted by many in Washington that cuts developed within this committee will not be across the board; rather, targeted areas and budgets will be targeted instead. With this in mind, conservation and agriculture programs and agencies will likely endure budget cuts in several areas.

However, while the budget cuts have cast a shadow over much of Washington, the U.S. Department of Agriculture and NRCS announced two new initiatives this month that support conservation efforts in two areas of the country. The department announced in mid-August that an additional \$21.8 million in financial assistance would be given to landowners in Wyoming in order to fund additional easements on land utilized by the Great Sage-grouse. In addition, the depart-

ment announced an initiative that aims to restore wetlands within the Northern Everglades Watershed in Florida. \$100 million in financial assistance was awarded to the area in order to assist eligible landowners in the targeted region to secure permanent easements in an effort to conserve the nearly 24,000 acres in the watershed.

Look for all of the above mentioned issues, as well as countless others, to be in the news, and of course in the SRM Capital Updates, once August ends and legislative activity returns to Washington, D.C.

Here's to everyone enjoying a great summer and as always feel free to contact me with any range-related questions or concerns.

-Kelly Fogarty  
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**Have news or photos you would like to share?**

Submit your news, articles and photos for the newsletter to [vtrujillo@rangelands.org](mailto:vtrujillo@rangelands.org)

**Next Deadline: Sept. 15, 2011**

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## Lost Resource: Dan Merkel

Dan Merkel passed away July 31, 2011 after several months of health problems.

Dan joined the Society in 1960 and attended every annual meeting until 2011 when his health prevented him from attending—a total of 50 consecutive meetings. He became a life member of SRM in 1973 and served as president of SRM in 1979. Prior to being elected Society president, he served as a Nebraska Section councilman, New Mexico Section president, and SRM Director. Prior to and after serving as president, he was a member or chairman of many SRM committees being particularly active in membership and public/governmental affairs.

He served as general chair for the 1977 annual meeting in Portland, Oregon and as co-chair for local arrangements and host activities for the 2009 annual meeting in Albuquerque, New Mexico. He was also responsible for arranging and leading several section meetings and tours in the Nebraska, New Mexico, Pacific Northwest, and National Capital Sections. Dan was recognized by the Society with the Fellow Award in 1978 and the Sustained Lifetime Achievement Award in 2005.

During Dan's term as President, a major thrust was to establish better recognition of the Society in the USA by members of Congress, the Departments of Agriculture and Interior, and natural resource and producer organizations. Similar but more limited efforts were made in

Canada and Mexico. These efforts helped strengthen Civil Service standards for range conservationists; increased federal funding for range research; established a rangeland program leader position in the USDA Extension Service and a program leader for range research in the Forest Service; and increased Society representation in the programs of several agencies and organizations.

At the end of Dan's tenure as President SRM had 5,907 members, the highest number ever achieved by the Society. During his presidency, The Florida Section became a reality and several other Sections strengthened their organizational structure through incorporation, securing IRS tax free status, strengthening their public affairs activities, and improving their newsletters. To improve communications between committees and the Board of Directors, individual officers and directors were, for the first time, assigned as primary contacts between each committee and the Board.

Dan was born and raised on a Kansas wheat and livestock farm. After receiving his BS and MS degrees at Fort Hays Kansas State University, he started his career with the Soil Conservation Service (now the Natural Resources Conservation Service, NRCS) in 1958 in Nebraska. Although he remained with NRCS during his whole career, he served on extended details to the Forest Service, Extension Service, and Environmental Protection Agency. During his career with NRCS, he

worked as a field office, area, and state range conservationist, and in the plant materials, resource inventory, and conservation planning programs. His work with the Forest Service involved looking at a variety of ways to classify and evaluate the nation's resources and the results of this work have been used by the Forest Service and NRCS to conduct national inventories of rangeland status and conditions. While assigned to the Extension Service, Dan led or assisted in national efforts to strengthen rangeland and pasture land programs at the county, state, and national levels. He led or assisted in the development of the Grazing Lands Forum and in organizing several National Rangeland Conferences. During his assignment with EPA he was stationed in Denver, Colorado and worked to address water quality problems associated with rangeland throughout Region 8 (northern plains and mountain states). Dan retired in 1994 and lived in Albuquerque, New Mexico at the time of his death.

Dan is remembered as being dedicated to the proper use and management of the rangelands and to all who work with this resource. Besides his activities with the Society, some of his fondest memories were of working with ranchers to help them improve the management of their ranch operations. His work and involvement in SRM made us a better profession and Society. He will be missed. Dan leaves behind his wife Sue of Albuquerque, four sons, two stepsons, 7 grand children, and one great grandchild.



# Calling All Cooks

Submit Your 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](mailto:srmcookbook@yahoo.com)  
Please Include Your Name, Ranch Name, SRM Section and City, State with each submission. In the subject line of your email please write SRM Cookbook.

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

## Featured Recipe Of The Month: From: Trail Boss's Cowboy Cookbook, 1985

Rosemary Boykin  
Botswana, South Africa  
Washington, D.C.

### KING RANCH CHICKEN

(Casserole)

- 1 3-lb. chicken
- 1 can cream of chicken soup
- 1 med. Onion
- 2/3 c. tomato and green chilies
- 1 rib celery
- 1 1/3 c. chicken broth
- 2 1/2 tsp. salt
- 1 doz. Corn tortillas
- Water
- 2 c. grated American Cheese
- 1 c. chopped onion



Cook until tender: chicken covered with water, onion, celery and 2 tsp. salt. Bone and cut into small pieces. Reserve 1 1/3 cups chicken broth. Combine: soup, tomatoes with green chilies, broth and 1/2 tsp. salt in saucepan and heat. Layer chicken, tortillas (cut into 1/2 inch strips), cheese, onion and heated sauce in casserole. Repeat layers ending with cheese. Bake 250° for 20 minutes, then 200° for 40 minutes. Serves 10.



## Lost Resource: Rudy Pederson

Rudy James “Pete” Pederson, 93, a longtime range conservationist in San Angelo who devoted his life to preserving grasslands and water resources, passed away Wednesday, August 3, 2011.

During his career, he established conservation programs from the banks of the Concho River to the remote bush country of Tanzania and the tropical terrain of Jamaica. Rudolph Pederson was born December 28, 1917, in a sod house on a wheat farm on the plains near Dutton, MT, the son of Norwegian immigrants to the United States, Marie and Mattias Pederson.

Following his father’s death, Rudy lived at the Montana State Home and graduated as valedictorian of his class at Virginia City High School. He earned money to continue his education the hard way, feeding pigs, cleaning barns and breaking wild horses on local ranches. He was encouraged by a mentor, rancher Jim Dzur, to attend college and later added James as a middle name in his honor. Rudy graduated from the University of Montana at Missoula with a Bachelor of Science degree in forestry and range management in 1939, working summers as a forest ranger and fire fighter. He went to Idaho with some of the first “smoke jumpers” in the country to fight forest fires.

Rudy joined the Soil Conservation Service of the U.S. Department of Agriculture as a field specialist on June 26, 1939, in Billings, MT. He was transferred to Brady, TX, and served there from 1939-1940, in

Eden from 1940-1942, and in Midland from 1942-1943. While serving in Brady, he married Helen Rowena Stevenson (who passed away in 1976). Rudy received a furlough from the SCS in 1943 to join the U.S. Navy during World War II. He served as chief gunnery officer on the USS Salomonie, a fleet oiler and participated in the American Theater, European Theater, Caribbean Theater, Pacific Theater, the battle for Okinawa, the battle of Leyte Gulf, the China Sea and the Philippines.

After the war, Rudy resumed his career with the SCS and had a series of postings to San Angelo, Sterling City and then Victoria. He returned to San Angelo in 1953, and served in the SCS staff there until his retirement on June 22, 1974. At one time, the territory he was assigned to cover included more than half the state of Texas.

He served as president of the Texas Section of the American Society of Range Management in 1957. The many honors he received for his work include the “Outstanding Rangeman Award” in 1980, from the Texas Section of the American Society of Range Management.

Rudy tested many grasses for use in the field, helping single out the best species for use in the Texas climate. He taught many ranchers how to root plow bushes that pirated precious water and replace them with Buffel grass that could plump up cattle. He wrote the guidelines for range management for the SCS and many of the practices he developed

are still in use today. Thanks to the pioneering efforts of the SCS, the giant dust storms that used to carry off rich topsoil were diminished, stabilizing wide swaths of farm and ranch lands. From 1975-1978, Rudy served as a consultant for Texas A&M and U.S. AID in Dar es Salaam, Tanzania, providing technical assistance in livestock marketing and range management for three years. With Pederson’s help, the government turned a series of rangelands into large ranches. Pederson’s job was to work with ranchers and government officials in designing sensible grazing and conservation programs. Working in the remote fields of East Africa often was risky work. Outlaws and cattle rustlers killed five of the government workers during Pederson’s tenure and two members of his survey team died from poisonous snakebites.

From 1979-1981, he held a similar U.S. AID position in Mandeville, Jamaica, where he designed runoff systems in the country’s mountainous regions where erosion was the most severe. The aim, he said, was to start healthy forests on steep, eroded land and establish pastures along steep hillsides. He also designed a series of bench terraces for the country’s cultivated land and trained local technical assistants.

Rudy was a member of the Rotary Club for many years and was a master Mason. He was a member of St. Luke Methodist Church in San Angelo, enjoyed teaching Sunday school and for a time helped deliver Meals on Wheels. His favorite say-

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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](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](mailto:Barry.Irving@ales.ualberta.ca).

## Lost Resource: Rudy Pederson

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ing was, “Well, an ordinary person might not be able to do that, but...” and then he would try to do it, whether it was water-skiing or going to the other side of the world to teach range management. He loved the great outdoors and could name the trees and flowers and birds from Montana to West Texas. He planted trees all his life. He taught his grandchildren how to fish for trout and chop wood. One of his greatest joys late in life was riding his little tractor and watching the wildlife at a ranch retreat on the Concho River that he called “Valhalla,” his own little bit of Norwegian heaven. As long as he was able, he enjoyed going outside to feel the breeze and look up at the stars. He loved the earth and his family and just about everybody he met.

In addition to his wife of 48 years, Doris, Rudy is survived by two daughters, Karen Newsom and husband Mike of Hideaway, TX, and Rena Pederson of Dallas, TX; as well as a sister, Esther Pederson Lee of Great Falls, MT; and a brother, Arnold M. Pederson. M.D. of Plainville, KS. Family members also include Doris's children, Michael White of Odessa, TX, David White and wife LaFreta, Susan Arnold and Tammie Kerley and husband Greg, all of San Angelo, TX. Rudy was the proud grandpa of Brandon Newsom, Scott Newsom, Gregory Pederson Gish, Grant Gish, Jeremy White, Jessica Kerr, Chelsea Arnold, Trevor Arnold, Dane White and Morgan White. Five great-granddaughters, Reese and Rachel Newsom and Mara and Emory White and Theodora Gish survive him. Memorials may be made to your favorite charity.



## August Rangeland Photo Quiz - Answer

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

We received but one response for our quiz – an indication that we are either too challenging or too dull (or that most everyone was away on vacation)?

“The first thing I notice,” writes quiz-regular Julie Elliot of Colorado. “is the unnatural ditch. It looks just like something my Dad’s old Ford tractor would make with a blade on the back. Intentional or not, I would speculate that someone drove out there with an ATV or little tractor with a blade and drug a blade out there. The other thing I notice is the high percentage of shrubs and bare ground. However, I know there are areas that are shrub dominated with bare ground in between. Without an ESD in my hand, I can’t say much about the vegetation except that it is there.”

Yes, we’ve certainly come to rely upon those trusty ESDs, haven’t we?

“I don’t have an official ESD,” comments our most prolific range quiz shutterbug Doug Tolleson, “but these photos from central Arizona’s Verde Valley are from a site classified as Lowland Plains on the Terrestrial Ecosystem Site description, soils are in one of several inclusions between limestone and basalt covered hills



and mesa’s; generally deep, loams to fine sandy loams... Vegetation is mesquite and juniper in the over-story, with understory snakeweed, tobosa, 3 awns, and vine mesquite.”

“I guess the main story here is that the “ditch” is a motorcycle trail and it is not an approved USFS travel plan “road” as you might imagine. The trail is just above the eroded section with the tobosa “hanging on.” The trail is of course only one contributing factor to the erosion (drought, soils, topography, animal trails, etc...) but it is not unusual in this country, if you find a head-cut starting, to also find an off-road vehicle track of some sort, just up slope a ways.

This is also very near a place where the ranch manager stopped a couple riders and told them they were riding in an area closed to cross country vehicle travel; they replied that first of all they were not likely to get caught by law enforcement, and second, if they did, they would just pay

the fine, and rode off. This pasture is grazed sometime during winter to early spring, 2-3 weeks, depending on the rotation schedule each year.”

“So, the human element of disturbance on rangelands is obviously one we have to factor in, especially on multiple use public lands.”

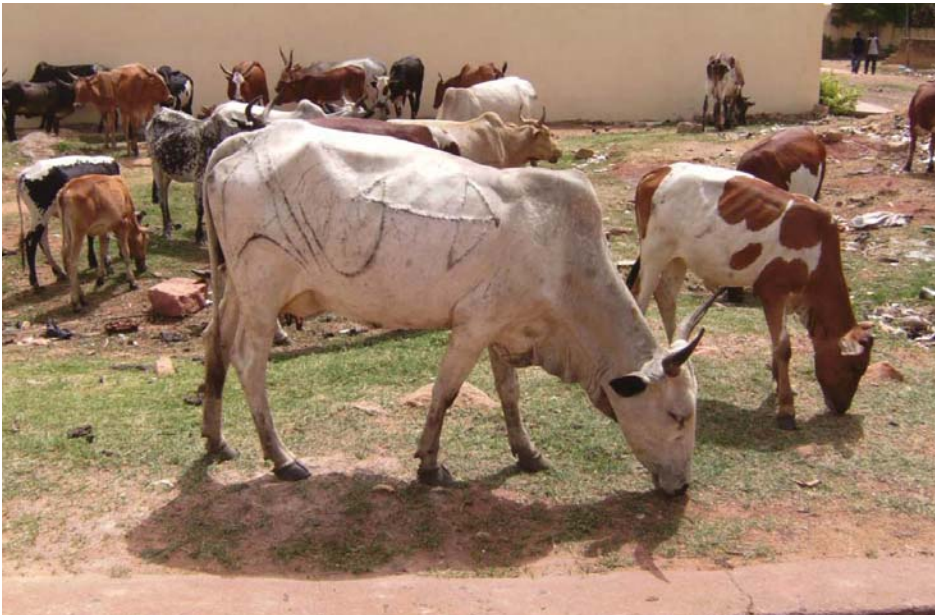
Better include renegade recreationists among those S&T drivers?

### Lost Resource: Mike Stroud

Mike Stroud passed away on July 31, 2011 after a long battle with cancer. Mike, a leader in Navy Natural Resource Management, joined the Society for Range Management in 1966. He was very active in the California Pacific Section of the SRM and was a great supporter of educating the youth on conservation and range management.



## Rangeland Photo Quiz Question



Experienced range riders know not only how to assess range readiness and condition but also how to recognize whether the livestock they encounter are those that are suppose to be there (and at prescribed levels). Being able to read brands and provide other tell-tale descriptions are among the skills that sometimes require a considerable apprenticeship. How might our range rider describe what's seen here, and what management recommendations might be forthcoming? (Bonus Question: Where in the world is this range anyway?)

Send your observations (and your own quiz-worthy range photos) to [vtrujillo@rangelands.org](mailto:vtrujillo@rangelands.org), subject line "Range Photo Quiz."

## Managing Rangelands for Multiple Ecosystem Service Workshop and Field Day, Oct. 18, 2011

The University of California, Davis, California Rangeland Conservation Coalition is holding a Managing Rangelands for Ecosystem Services Workshop and Field Day at the UC Sierra Foothill Research and Extension Center, Browns Valley, CA, on Tuesday, Oct. 18, 2011.

Livestock and range managers, agricultural and environmental advocacy organizations, resource conservation districts, natural resource and conservation agencies and organizations, and researchers among others are welcome to attend.

The event is open and free to the first 75 respondents. For registration please contact Tracy Schohr at (916) 444-0845 or [tracy@cal-cattlemen.org](mailto:tracy@cal-cattlemen.org). Visit [http://rangelandwatersheds.ucdavis.edu/main/upcoming\\_outreach.html](http://rangelandwatersheds.ucdavis.edu/main/upcoming_outreach.html) for more information.

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## Upcoming Events

### **ND Chapter and NGP Section SRM Meeting & Tour Oct. 6 - 7, 2011**

The ND Chapter and NGP Section SRM Meeting and Tour will be held in Bowman, North Dakota. The business meeting will be on Oct. 6, 2011 and the Tour will be Oct. 7, 2011. Please register by Sept. 30, 2011. For more information, visit: [http://www.rangelands.org/events/nd\\_srm\\_registration\\_bowman\\_2011.pdf](http://www.rangelands.org/events/nd_srm_registration_bowman_2011.pdf)

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### **Texas Section Society for Range Management**

Rangeland Stewardship: A History of Heritage, A Future of Change is the theme for the Texas Section of SRM. The meeting will be held at the San Angelo Convention Center in San Angelo, TX, October 12-14, 2011. For more information, go to: [http://rangelands.org/events/tx\\_section\\_annual\\_meeting.pdf](http://rangelands.org/events/tx_section_annual_meeting.pdf)

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### **Annual Meeting: Cal Pac SRM Annual Meeting, Nov. 7-8, 2011**

The Cal Pac SRM Annual Meeting will be held in Modesto, California. Expect registration to be available Sept. 9, 2011. For more information, visit: [http://www.rangelands.org/events/2011\\_cal\\_pac\\_srm\\_annual\\_meeting.pdf](http://www.rangelands.org/events/2011_cal_pac_srm_annual_meeting.pdf)

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### **Wyoming Assn. of Conservation Districts and Wyoming SRM Meeting**

The Wyoming Association of Conservation Districts and Wyoming Section Society for Range Management convention will be held in Lander, WY, on Nov. 15 - 17, 2011. For more information, visit: [http://www.rangelands.org/events/2011\\_wy\\_save-the-date.pdf](http://www.rangelands.org/events/2011_wy_save-the-date.pdf)

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### **Colorado SRM and Colorado Weed Management Association Meeting**

The joint Colorado Section Society for Range Management (CSSRM)/Colorado Weed Management Association (CWMA) Winter Annual Meeting will be held Wednesday and Thursday, Dec. 7-8, 2011 at the Cheyenne Mountain Conference Center in Colorado Springs, CO. A CSSRM Board of Directors meeting is scheduled Tuesday evening, December 6th at 7:00 pm.

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

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. For more information and to register, please visit <http://www.dce.k-state.edu/conf/grassland>.



## Upcoming Events

### **Joint Meeting: Animal Production and Range Management 2011**

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>.

### **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](http://www.ebipm.org) or contact Brenda Smith at [brenda.smith@ars.usda.gov](mailto: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. 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!

"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.

Register online through Quivira's webpage. Visit the Quivira's Conference webpage for more information on sessions and speakers. Contact Catherine Baca at [cbaca@quiviracoalition.org](mailto:cbaca@quiviracoalition.org) for more information.

### **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](mailto: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 <a href="http://californiarangeland.ucdavis.edu/Grazing%20Management/online_course.htm">http://californiarangeland.ucdavis.edu/Grazing%20Management/online_course.htm</a>	16/ module
Online	WEB	2010 Jornada Web Seminar-Practical Tools for Multi-scale Sample Design & Selection jkarl@nmsu.edu - <a href="http://www.landscapetoolbox.org/train">http://www.landscapetoolbox.org/train</a>	1
Aug. 22 - Nov. 9	Online, WEB	Fundamentals in Soil Science <a href="https://www.soils.org/education/fundamentals-soils">https://www.soils.org/education/fundamentals-soils</a>	16
Sept. 7-9	Chihuahua City, MX	Joint Meeting: Animal Production and Range Management 2011 <a href="http://www.pastizalescarneyleche2011.com.mx">http://www.pastizalescarneyleche2011.com.mx</a>	TBD
Sept. 12-14	Manhattan, KS	Grasslands in a Global Context Symposium - <a href="http://www.dce.k-state.edu/conf/grassland/">http://www.dce.k-state.edu/conf/grassland/</a>	16
Sept. 13- 15	Park City, UT	2011 EBIPM Field School - Partial Credits (d1-7/d1 eve- 1/d2-8/d3-6) <a href="http://ebipm.org/map/173">http://ebipm.org/map/173</a>	16 Total
Sept. 21- 23	Cranbrook, BC	PNW Fall Tour: Rangeland Partnerships: Successes & Challenges on Public & Private Lands - Partial Credits (TH -1 / F - 1) - <a href="http://www.rangelands.org/links_srm_sections.shtml">http://www.rangelands.org/links_srm_sections.shtml</a>	2 Total
Oct. 1	Hettinger, ND	Shepherds Clinic: <a href="mailto:julie.kramlich@ndsu.edu">julie.kramlich@ndsu.edu</a>	4
Oct. 5-6	Sidney, NE	NE Section Annual Meeting: Understanding Past Management & What it Means Today - <a href="http://www.rangelands.org/links_srm_sections.shtml">http://www.rangelands.org/links_srm_sections.shtml</a>	TBD
Oct. 12- 14	San Angelo, TX	TX Section Annual Meeting: Rangeland Stewardship: A History of Heritage, A Future of Change - <a href="http://www.rangelands.org/links_srm_sections.shtml">http://www.rangelands.org/links_srm_sections.shtml</a>	TBD
Oct. 18	Davis, CA	Managing Rangelands for Ecosystem Services Workshop & Field Day <a href="http://rangelandwatersheds.ucdavis.edu/main/upcoming_outreach.html">http://rangelandwatersheds.ucdavis.edu/main/upcoming_outreach.html</a>	4
Oct. 29	Tucson, AZ	8th Annual Research Insights in Semiarid Ecosystems (RISE) <a href="http://www.tucson.ars.ag.gov/rise/">http://www.tucson.ars.ag.gov/rise/</a>	6
Nov. 8-10	Albuquerque, NM	Quivira Coalition 10th Anniversary Conference: New Agrarians <a href="http://quiviracoalition.org/10th_Anniversary_Conference/index.html">http://quiviracoalition.org/10th_Anniversary_Conference/index.html</a>	TBD
Dec. 7-8	Colorado Springs, CO	Joint CO Section SRM (CSSRM)/CO Weed Management Association (CWMA) - Winter Annual Meeting - <a href="http://www.rangelands.org/links_srm_sections.shtml">http://www.rangelands.org/links_srm_sections.shtml</a>	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](mailto:vtrujillo@rangelands.org), Fax 303-986-3892.

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Collaborate with colleagues on projects focusing on grazing management, soil quality, water quality, invasive species and food safety. The stakeholders for this position may include landowners and managers, federal, state and local agencies, policy makers, NGO's, private businesses, industry organizations, livestock industry and the general public.

Beginning salary will be in the Cooperative Extension Assistant Advisor Rank and commensurate with applicable experience and professional qualifications. For information regarding Cooperative Extension Advisor salary scales, please refer to the University of California, ANR website: <http://ucanr.org/sites/anrstaff/files/63660.pdf>

A minimum of a Master's Degree is required, though other advanced degrees are encouraged, in disciplines of rangeland management or a closely related field. Ideally the applicant will have a degree in animal science or related field(s) and one degree in range management or have the minimum course work to be a Certified Rangeland Manager. For a full position vacancy announcement and application procedures, please visit <http://ucanr.org/jobs>. To assure full consideration, applications should be submitted by **Sept. 16, 2011**. The University of California offers an attractive benefits package. For more information, please visit the UC Benefits Web site: [atyourservice.ucop.edu](http://atyourservice.ucop.edu). AA/EOE

### Research Leader, Great Basin Rangelands Research Unit, Reno, NV

**Supervisory Research Ecologist/Supervisory Research Rangeland Management Specialist/ Supervisory Research Plant Physiologist:** The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA), Agricultural Research Service (ARS), Great Basin Rangelands Research Unit in Reno, NV is seeking a permanent, full-time scientist to lead a dynamic/diverse research group and to conduct personal research targeted at developing innovative approaches for maintaining and enhancing the rangelands of the Great Basin to meet national agricultural production and environmental conservation objectives. This position provides an exciting leadership opportunity to improve the productivity and sustainability of livestock production while improving ecosystems services including water resources, wildlife habitat, air quality, recreational opportunities and biodiversity. The Research Unit is located on campus at the University of Nevada-Reno. Excellent ongoing collaborations and partnerships exist with the University of Nevada, as well as with agricultural and natural resource conservation groups. The Reno area provides year-round recreational opportunities, with close proximity to Lake Tahoe, numerous ski facilities, and pristine areas for biking, camping, hunting, fishing and mountain climbing. A PhD in Ecology, Plant Physiology, or Rangeland Management is desired. Salary Range of \$96,690 to \$147,857 per annum.

For details and application directions, a full text vacancy announcement may be obtained via the Internet at: <http://jsearch.usajobs.opm.gov> Keyword: ARS-X11W-0218. U.S. Citizenship is required. Questions about the position may be directed to Dr. Robert Matteri, Associate Area Director, 510-559-6071 or E-mail: [Robert.Matteri@ars.usda.gov](mailto:Robert.Matteri@ars.usda.gov). An attractive Federal benefits package is available. Announcement open: **8/15/11-9/30/11**. USDA/ARS is an equal opportunity provider and employer.



## Welcome to Our New Members - August

Name:	City, State	Section
Alexis Robertson	Davis, CA	CP
Duane Lee Coleman	Flagstaff, AZ	AZ
Khodabakhsh Zabihi Afratakhti	Laramie, WY	WY
Timothy L. Darter	Carrizo Springs, TX	TX
Brad Brummond	Park River, ND	NGP
Matthew J. Wacker	Davis, CA	CP
Jacey Roche Cerda	Bellvue, CO	CO
Austin Shero	Mineral Wells, TX	TX
Nickolas Alois Dufek	Fargo, ND	NGP
Sarah H Burnett	Las Cruces, NM	NM
Scott Flynn	Ankeny, IA	NC
Bo Wagner	Billings, MT	IM
Stephanie Winters	Arcata, CA	CP
Carolyn Leilani Wong	Kamuela, HI	CP
John Thomas Holbrook	Cave Creek, AZ	AZ
Crystal Kathryn Danheiser	Mckinleyville, CA	CP
Bridgette Flanders-Wanner	Brush Prairie, WA	PNW
Jana Lynn Heisler-White	Fort Collins, CO	CO
Randall Joe Linex	Buffalo Gap, TX	TX

## Job Opportunities, cont.

### Range/Wildlife Conservationist

The Range/Wildlife Conservationist position, located in Craig, CO, is a partnership between the Natural Resources Conservation Service, the Intermountain West Joint Venture, and the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation focusing on delivering wildlife conservation programs on private lands through Farm Bill and other sources of funding. This position will have an emphasis on Greater Sage-Grouse and elk conservation including assistance with the range management and restoration projects through the Sage Grouse Initiative utilizing Environmental Quality Incentive Program, Wildlife Habitat Incentive Program and the Conservation Reserve program and others. Please visit [www.rmef.org](http://www.rmef.org) for complete position details. To apply, email a cover letter, resume and at least three references to [jobs@rmef.org](mailto:jobs@rmef.org) by September 14, 2011. RMEF is an Equal Opportunity Employer

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### Candidates for SRM Second Vice-President: Orr, Pluhar



**Richard A. Orr**  
Caliente, NV

**Education:** B.S. in Forestry with a major in Range Management, University of Montana (1976)

**Occupation:** Rangeland Consulting for the Nevada Sustainable Grazing Coalition; Retired NRCS Area Conservationist

**Section Activities:** President, NV Section, (1996); NV Section Rangeland Professional of the Year (2009); NV Section Endowment Fund Chair (1986 – Present); NV Youth Range Camp volunteer (7 years)

**SRM Activities:** Board of Directors (2008 – 2010); Leadership Development Committee; Reno Annual Meeting Planning Committee; Member since 1980

#### Statement by Richard Orr

I joined SRM in 1980 being drawn to the values we place on solving resource concerns and diverse thought. Recently I have observed a widening disconnect between different SRM membership segments. Although SRM has developed the most diverse and best methods at our disposal to disseminate knowledge and understanding of these complex biological and ecological processes to those constituencies we work with closely, we also have fallen short at effective communication within our organization, the public at large and even other scientific disciplines.

My goal as Second VP and beyond will be to pursue solutions to these communication gaps. We'll maintain our

relevance as a profession and science only through our ability to educate, inform, work with, communicate, partner, respect, encourage, support, hold accountable, understand, enlist, cooperate with and value every person, member, segment, occupation, and interest of the wider rangeland management profession and general public. To quote my high school Ag instructor who said simply, "You can't fix a motor if you don't know how it works, because if you don't know how it works, you can't find what's wrong." This applies to SRM in that all our research and scientific knowledge is great, but until we work with, communicate, and enlist the on the ground producers, practitioners and publics to make this knowledge applicable on a pasture, allotment, forest, management unit or landscape scale, it provides the resource no benefit and we haven't accomplished anything. I would like the opportunity to try to shepherd SRM through this maze.



**Jennifer J. Pluhar**  
Canyon, TX

**Education:** B.S., Montana State University; M.S., Texas A&M University

**Occupation:** Senior Ecologist, Enercon Services, Inc.; Manager, Taylor Properties (75,000 ac range & farm land); & Range Consultant, Tengo Hambre, Canyon, TX

**Section Activities:** President (2003); Vice-President (2002); Secretary (1993-1995, 1996-2002); Director (1991-1993); Youth Range Workshop Director (22 years); Committee Chairs: Youth Activities, Annual Meeting Co-Chair (1994 & 2008), Activities, I & E, Membership, Publication, Awards,

Nominations & Elections

**Texas Section Awards:** Fellow 1995  
**SRM Activities:** Member since 1980; Director (2008-2010); *Rangelands* Editorial Board (12 years); Committee Chairs: Partnership/Sponsorship, Student Activities, Professional Affairs, Summer Meeting-1985; Served on numerous committees: I&E, Fund Raising Task Force, Advisory Council, CPRM, Annual Meeting

**SRM Awards:** Fellow (1995), Outstanding Achievement (2008)

**Other:** CPRM, Author *Texas Range Plants* (published 1993, fifth printing, second edition in process); 4-H Horse Judging Team Coach, Texas State 4-H Horse committee; "Salute to Excellence" Texas State 4-H winner (2008); Texas & Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association; Texas Wildlife Association; U.S. Cattleman's Association; Texas Quarter Horse Association; American Quarter Horse Association; Tri-State Fair Range & Pasture Plant ID Contest Superintendent

#### Statement by Jennifer Pluhar

SRM has been an important part of my life since I attended my first Annual Meeting in 1981. There, I met SRM's leadership and joined a committee. My involvement spans thirty years, missing only two meetings. In SRM, I have found the professional experience to keep me current in my field, valuable networking, fellowship and friendships to last a lifetime.

Rangelands have many uses, each with advocates; be it quail, four-wheelers, wild horses, elk, endangered species, you name it! SRM is the only group advocating for the sound **Stewardship of Rangelands**. I have long thought the line on the TSSRM stationery says it best: "*Providing Leadership for the Stewardship of Rangelands Based on Sound Ecological Principles.*" That is who we are; expressing the sentiment we need the world to know.

I feel SRM is moving in the right direction with recent reorganization efforts. The road may be bumpy at times, but ultimately will allow us, SRM members, to focus wholly on our passion for



concerned about the financial solvency of our Society, the recruitment of student members and retention of them after graduation (Young Professionals), developing stronger relationships with other professional organization such as the Society of American Foresters, The Wildlife Society, and the Soil Science Society of America, and the regionalization of director membership. Should you elect me as your SRM Director, these are some initiatives on which I would work towards.



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**Occupation:** Research Stations Manager, Faculty of Agricultural, Life, & Environmental Sciences, University of Alberta

**Section Activities:** President, Vice President, Director, Newsletter Editor, Youth Chair, Awards Chair

**SRM Activities:** Member since 1984; Student Affairs, International Affairs (Chaired), Nominations Committee (Chaired), Billings Planning Committee (Student Liaison co-Chair), Awards Committee (current co-Chair), Strategic Plan Taskforce (Current Chair)

**Statement by Barry Irving**

It has been said that your biggest strength is also your biggest weakness. There is no doubt that SRM's biggest strength is the diversity of membership, leaders, agencies, institutions and private businesses that call the Society their home. That same diversity brings challenges as each member has a slightly different view of what the Society should provide and the

messages it should send on the behalf of all members.

SRM is a clearing house for information on rangelands. *Rangeland Ecology and Management, Rangelands*, and the Annual Meeting are methods of information dissemination that have stood the test of time; each serving a different purpose and audience. SRM needs to continue to do what it has done best, disseminate diverse, peer reviewed information on rangelands. Local, national, and international policy and societal trends will ebb and flow, but will eventually follow the direction given by good science and practice.

SRM is its members and the primary service that members receive is access to information and experts and forums for discussion and dialogue. If I should be fortunate enough to be elected as Director, I will channel my efforts to advocate for a continuation and improvement in service to members, primarily through information dissemination.

On the operational side, SRM has suffered from non-continuity in the office of the Executive Vice President. Can SRM afford a full time EVP? In my view, SRM needs continuity and control in the Denver office; that is only possible if SRM employs a full time EVP.



**Dr. Barry L. Perryman  
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**Occupation:** Associate Professor of Rangeland Management, University of Nevada-Reno; formerly Assistant Professor, University of Wyoming & Rocky Mountain District Director of Vetco/Gray, a Division of Combustion Engineering

**Section Activities:** Section President, Area Representative

**SRM Activities:** Public Affairs & Targeted Grazing Committees; Range Science Education Council; General Co-Chair 2007 Annual Meeting in Reno, NV; Chair of 2009 SRM Wild Horse & Burro Symposia, Reno, NV; Advisory Council Sub-Committee on Annual Meeting Locations; Annual Meeting Handbook Update Committee; Advisory Council ; Range Club Advisor; Plant ID & URME coach

**Statement by Barry Perryman**

The general public has never been more detached and disconnected from natural resources and agriculture than they are today. A case in point, judges rendering natural resource court decisions at all levels are not required to have any ecological or natural resource management education, while adjudication of simple traffic laws requires certified training.

Judicial decisions affect millions of lives and millions of acres of rangeland, yet even a basic knowledge of ecology is not required. Public schools use biology curricula that make no reference to rangelands. It is common for a child to complete K-12 and never receive instruction on the topics of animal agriculture, rangeland ecology, or rangeland water issues. Elected leaders also make natural resource based decisions and policy with little or no understanding of the consequences of those decisions. This must change and SRM must lead the way!

Should you ask me to serve as one of your Directors, I will begin the exploration and evaluation of SRM's potential role in developing a K-12 curriculum that could be adopted by public school systems throughout the various States. I will also explore the potential for judicial training. If we are to educate the public, that education must begin now, and the first load of work must be carried by SRM. If not us, who will it be? This will be a generational process, but one I believe we must attempt. We cannot abide having the next generation of range folks asking why our generation didn't at least try.

