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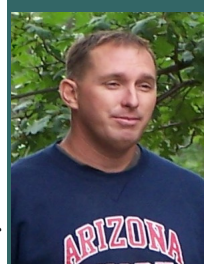
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Presidents Message

Hello Friends! I hope this newsletter finds you in good health and even better spirits. This will be my last newsletter article while serving as your Section President, and what a fun year it has been! I would like to thank you for allowing me to serve you in this capacity. It is traditional for those who find themselves in this position to become reflective upon their term and wax poetic. If you were anticipating that from me, I'm sorry to disappoint you, but the Section has too many exciting events coming up in the near future to spend too much time looking back.

Jim Sprinkle and his Planning Committee have truly raised the bar with the agenda for this year's winter meeting. The theme of **"Geological, Anthropological, Historical, and Climatic Influences on Arizona Rangelands"** is an imposing one, and can only be adequately addressed by presenters of the highest caliber. I invite you to peruse the agenda and invited speakers. I think you will quickly agree that they rise to the challenge and will not be found lacking. This year's activities will take place in two locations. The academic presentations, general membership meeting, and awards luncheon will take place at the Thunder Mountain Activity Center on Fort Huachuca during the day on January 13th and 14th. The mixer, banquet, and auction will occur at the Windemere Hotel and Conference Center in neighboring Sierra Vista on the evening of the 13th. I look forward to seeing each of you at the winter meeting in Sierra Vista/Fort Huachuca.

After many years of dedicated service to the Section, Byron Lambeth is stepping down from his position as Secretary-Treasurer. I would like to recognize Byron for his steadfast commitment to keeping the business end of the Section in good order.



The current financial health of the Section can be credited in large part to Byron's steady stewardship. Thanks to Alisha Phipps and out-going Director South Kendall Brown for teaming up to fill these critical leadership positions into the future.

As noted earlier, my term as your Section President is coming to a close, and I must say that serving as a Director and Executive Officer on the Section Board of Directors has been a uniquely enriching experience. I highly encourage any of you to accept an invitation to serve your Section in a leadership position. I say this recognizing that we are all busy, and adding one more responsibility is often an unpalatable thought. That being said, the benefits of active membership, communion with high caliber colleagues, and advocacy for our shared passion and profession far outweigh the perceived costs. Thanks goes out to our section leadership past and present who have carried this standard, as well as to the fine cadre of candidates for this year's election. Over the course of the next year, I will be contacting some of you, and asking you to consider serving on the Section Board of Directors. If you have a desire to serve in this capacity, please corner me at the winter meeting or give me a call over the next few months to prepare for next years elections.

Bill



We conducted a bit of an experiment with the last newsletter by attempting to distribute it via e-mail. Approximately 10% of the Section membership received a paper copy because they either requested one or the e-mail address we had for them was bad. The remaining 90% of the membership received their newsletter via e-mail, and the general response has been very positive. We have received comments that many members especially liked the timeliness of this distribution method. Others enjoyed being able to easily forward the newsletter to friends and colleagues who are not currently members, but should be. What a great recruitment tool! As an added bonus, e-mailing the newsletter reduced printing and mailing costs to the Section by over \$250. As always, any member can request a paper copy of the newsletter by contacting the editor, Don Luhrsen. *Bill* ●●●●

RANGELANDS AND THE SUSTAINABLE ECONOMY

Recent events have made it clear to thinking persons that we have reached a crossroads in history. We can choose to continue the policies that have resulted in our current economic and environmental predicaments or we can choose to move towards a truly sustainable economy—one in which the limits of resources and minimal pollution guide economic activity. Few professions are better equipped to lead us towards sustainability than is rangeland management.

Rangeland management is shaped by an awareness of resource productivity limits to the constraints imposed by climate and soil fertility on the production of forage for grazing animals. Ranchers, pastoralists and rangeland managers have worked with these constraints for centuries, nay millennia. Yet the larger economy has been conducted as though no limits exist; the first governmental response to an economic downturn is to infuse the system with artificial cash to stimulate consumer spending and to subsidize those components of the economy (finance, retail, the auto industry) that most depend upon and perpetuate the delusion of an unlimited pool of resources. In rangeland terms the policy is analogous to hauling hay to cattle on overgrazed range: in the long run the hay will only perpetuate the degradation of the range. The real solution is sustainable management, balancing resource consumption with resource production.

In Arizona we face an especially challenging future, because so much of what we consume is produced elsewhere. Without trucks, pipelines, powerlines and bank machines, Ari-

zona would be almost uninhabitable. At a feverish pace we have paved good farmland, subdivided good rangeland, and developed cities full of cars, stores and consumers. First the spike in oil prices and now the financial crisis sound the alarm that Arizona must develop a more self-sufficient economy. What is the role of professional rangeland management in the evolution of a sustainable future for Arizona?

First, we must recognize that status quo is doomed and that no amount of fiscal stimulus or Chinese demand can substitute for a sustainable economy. The golden bubble has popped: we are not going back to a world of cheap fuel, cheap

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food and luxury consumption. This recognition of plain facts must be extended to the public and must permeate and inform the policy levels of government so that “economics as if survival matters” becomes official. Rangeland professionals are well-qualified and in some cases well-placed to spread this message. NRCWAY is one way we contribute in the Arizona section.

Second, we must work towards integrating rangelands into local and regional food-production. The high costs of transportation will shrink the agricultural network and we can expect consequentially greater pressure to produce livestock on Arizona rangelands. There are lots of mouths to feed in Phoenix and Tucson! This is good news for ranchers, but it will require diligence in rangeland management at a time when range staffs of public land agencies are already spread thin. As professionals we must help to culti-

people do this as their profession; other agency people can emphasize education over enforcement. Ranchers will have to adapt to more local markets, including finishing beef on range or in irrigated pastures and cooperating with urban food cooperatives. A pioneer among our membership in this regard is Dennis Moroney.

As transportation costs become prohibitive and rangelands become increasingly valuable for food production and carbon sequestration the threat to “open spaces” from exurban development will diminish. Government work projects, similar to the 1930s CCC, may make gully repair a reality, and rangeland professionals should be ready to strategically harness an infusion of labor. Many urban people will probably migrate from Arizona to better-watered parts of the country, and the state may return to a configuration more like that of 1940—farm towns and mine towns separated by ranches. Jackhammers will reveal that the farmland was well-preserved under all that asphalt; too bad about the orange trees...

Pete Sundt

Director South

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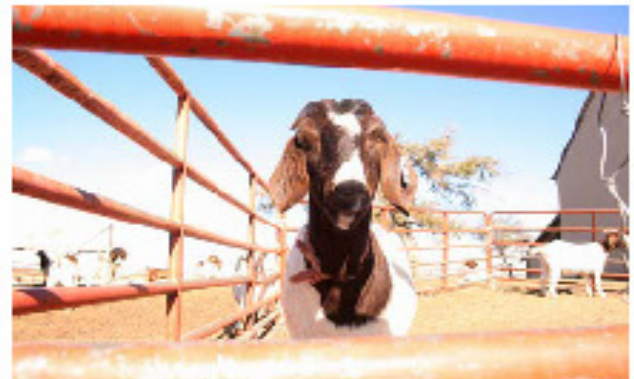
Insight gained at Grass Fed Beef Tour on 47 Ranch

In late November, a grass fed beef tour at the 47 Ranch near McNeal, AZ showcased their operation from "pasture to plate." The Hohokam RC&D was requested by the San Carlos Apache Natural Resource Conservation District (NRCD) to plan the tour for their board and the five tribal livestock associations.

The tour was well attended by the Hohokam RC&D and NRCS. Jackson Henry, San Carlos Apache member and President of the five tribal livestock association, found the tour helpful, insightful and applicable to the operations and opportunities on the reservation. The three keys for "Sky Island Brand" marketable grass fed beef are: livestock disposition (gentle cows), excellent fertility (quality bulls and healthy heifers) and the ability to produce quality carcasses. The ranch is owned by Dennis & Deb Moroney.



Solar and Wind energy is used for the ranch operations.



Boer goats are used to manage the invasive weeds.



The livestock grazes in the valley and, also, in nearby foothills.



Dennis explains the pasture needs of the 400 head of cattle.



Vacuum-sealed meat is stored in freezers at the Ranch.



The grass fed beef is primarily sold in local farmer's markets.

Nominations

DIRECTOR NORTH

As a way of getting more involved in the Arizona Section of the SRM, I volunteered (after a long silence without any takers at the Tusayan meeting) to run for the Director North position becoming vacant this year. A bit about myself: I am employed by the Tonto National Forest as the Range and Watershed Staff on the Payson Ranger District. I have worked for the Forest Service for 10 years, both in Payson and Young. Before that, I was employed as a department manager for a supermarket chain, while I completed my education with a Master's degree in Environmental Sciences from Arizona State University. I have taken a circuitous and non-traditional route into the range management profession, but it is where I love to be! I have been an Arizona Section member for about 15 years, and have had the pleasure to attend and participate in several national meetings and most section meetings as of late. I find great satisfaction in watching the land and seeing it respond to what the "science" tells us should happen – rain, the right amount of rest, and good livestock management provide us with sustainable rangelands. I have learned so much from the ranchers and professionals I have worked with during the past 10 years, and look forward to giving something back as your Director North. I enjoy hiking in the woods, skiing, dark beer, and watching football, if you want to know something a little more personal!



Chris Thiel

DIRECTOR SOUTH

Dave Arthun

I grew up in Montana (still like snow and cold weather!!); but in the 1980's I attended graduate school in New Mexico and fell in love with the Southwest and am very happy to be back!!

- B.S. Montana State University, Range Science
- Graduate School, New Mexico State University, Las Cruces
- U.S. Army (Infantry)
- Equity / Capital Markets trader, Fidelity Investments
- B.L.M. Safford Field Office, 2006 till present, Rangeland Management Specialist

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SECRETARY

Alisha Phipps

I have been a member of the SRM since 2004. I grew up in Mesa, Arizona. My family comes from a farming and ranching background in Southeastern Arizona. During high school I was involved with FFA and was a member of the Range Management and Forestry judging teams. After high school I attended the University of Arizona. I changed my majors a couple times; started with Large Animal Veterinary Science, to Animal Science with an Equine option, then finally deciding upon Rangeland Management as my major to pursue. In 2004 I received a Bachelor of Science in Rangeland Science. While attending the U of A I was a Student Range Intern with the NRCS for almost 2 years. After graduating I found a job with the University of Arizona, Cooperative Extension in Willcox, AZ. For two years I was the Rangeland Monitoring Specialist working in a cooperative agreement with the BLM and USFS. While monitoring on BLM and USFS lands I covered much of Graham, Greenlee and Cochise counties. Last year I was hired on as the new Rangeland Management Specialist in the Tucson NRCS field office. In my current position with the NRCS I cover

much of Pima, Pinal and Santa Cruz counties. Through my experience I have come to appreciate the diversity of Arizona's lands and ranchers. With each area there are different concerns and issues that professionals and ranchers have to be aware of and address.

Alisha

VICE PRESIDENT - Don Luhrsen

I was born and raised on ranches in Montana and spent my formative years in the requisite 4-H programs. After a tour in the Navy, I graduated with a BS in Range Management from Montana State where I became a member of SRM. Some six months after graduating, the Forest Service decided they'd waited long enough to hire me and the cost of my SRM membership increased. I transferred to the South Dakota Section as I took up residence in the Black Hills. That job only lasted six months because the FS transferred me to eastern Montana and converted me into a "professional" range con. There wasn't a lot of SRM activity in that desolate part of the Big Sky country. I was really learning a lot about grass management and erosion when, after four years, the FS decided I belonged back in the Black Hills and sent my next paycheck to Rapid City. The SD Section was willing to take me back. In fact they were so excited that they decided to have the SRM National Convention right there in Rapid that year. Mixed among the great presentations, I got to meet the Executive VP who had signed my original membership certificate. I met lots of people whose names were familiar from the pages of the Journal and Rangelands which we used to get both of, because back then the Society knew that young range cons needed something uplifting and enlightening to occupy their evenings. I've never met a rancher I couldn't agree with on something.

You may be wondering what all this has to do with qualifying me for an elected office. Well, four or five years later the FS thought southern Idaho would be good for my breadth of ex-

perience, maybe learn some new plants and become intimate with the fire world in addition to punching cows and providing for wildlife. That was the “seven years in the wilderness” which I will write about in my memoirs. The Great Plains Section didn’t venture much into that remote part of the country. Suddenly, lo and behold, the FS decided I really belonged back in the Black Hills. Back to a Section that wanted me. Opportunities to work with young people and old ranchers interested in good range management abounded. We put on schools for monitoring forage use and range condition. It was so exciting that the Parent Society again came to Rapid City. Six years in one place was a bit much, so the FS decided I should get more breadth of experience, this time in southwest New Mexico. The Mimbres was a long way from Albuquerque so there wasn’t much interaction with a Section again. We moved to Phoenix! What a change! I was almost immediately snapped up by the AZ Section, not just for dues but to become involved. This Section was so excited to have me, they tried to schedule the Parent Society into Tucson but alas there needs to be a little more growth there. In place of that, some unnamed member volunteered me to fill in behind himself as a Director North hoping that would fulfill me. I have attended two winter meetings and two summer meetings as a member in Arizona. I see opportunities to get others involved in protecting and enhancing our rangelands. I see sharing of ideas and members who believe in what they are doing. It has given me new incentive to participate and share my experiences. I want to help shape the future of our Section. If this story doesn’t get me your vote, at least I hope it tugged at your heartstrings.

P.S. I have a wonderful wife and three grown sons who have followed me to the ends of the earth more than once.

Don L



This semester Tierra Seca (UA chapter) has been busy participating in several activities. For seven club members, our main focus has been studying weekly with Coach Dr. Larry Howery for the Undergraduate Range Management Exam held at the annual SRM meeting. Last year we placed seventh, this year we have three returning “veterans” as Dr. Howery likes to call us, so we hope to place at least third. We have also been busy fundraising for our trip. Over a period of 3 days several members helped Dr. Mary Nichols, from the ARS, build about 27 rock dams to control erosion in two instrumented watersheds on the Santa Rita Experimental Range. Next semester Tierra Seca plans to continue to study for URME, attend the winter Arizona Section and the annual SRM meetings.

Alayna Sanford

Employment Opportunities

RangeBIZ@cabnr.unr.edu



The Arizona Section, Society for Range Management **Winter Meeting** will be held in Sierra Vista January 13-14, 2009. Scientific meetings will be held in the Sierra Grand Ballroom at the Thunder Mountain Activity Centre on Fort Huachuca <http://www.mwrhuachuca.com/restaurants.html>. To enter the base, you need a picture ID and a proof of insurance. The auction and evening banquet on Jan. 13th will be held at the Windemere Hotel and Conference Center <http://www.windemerehotel.com/>. The host motel will be the Windemere and they have provided us with a special government rate of \$78 per night for single occupancy and \$88 per night for double occupancy. There have been 70 rooms blocked at the Windemere and will hold those rooms for us under "Society for Range Management" until December 30, 2008. You will need to call and reserve your own room if you desire to stay at the headquarters motel. The Windemere includes a hot buffet breakfast and a complimentary evening cocktail. Other motels in Sierra Vista include:

Sierra Vista Quality Inn 520-458-7900; 1-800-458-0982

Sun Canyon Inn 520-459-0610

Gateway Studio Suites 520-458-5555; 1-877-443-6200



The theme for this year's program is "Geological, Anthropological, Historical, and Climatic Influences on Arizona Rangelands." We will have several accomplished speakers who will address long term and historical influences on Arizona rangelands. Look for more information in the AZ SRM newsletter later this fall.

Local attractions family may enjoy in the vicinity include Fort Huachuca Historical Museum <http://huachuca-www.army.mil/HISTORY/museum.htm>, Kartchner Caverns <http://azstateparks.com/Parks/KACA/index.html>, Tombstone, Bisbee, the San Pedro River Riparian Conservation Area, Cochise Stronghold, Mexico, and many others.

For more history and information about Fort Huachuca, see the following website: <http://huachuca-www.army.mil/History/Html/SiteMap.html>.

The Douglas Ranger District on the Coronado National Forest is looking for an energetic professional or graduating student who desires a career in rangeland management. The selectee will work with the district rangeland and watershed management personnel to monitor upland and riparian vegetation communities, conduct inspections of grazing allotments, plan and construct range improvements to include fences and water developments, construct erosion protection structures, and evaluate livestock management operations. The selectee will also be expected to support other district activities including wildland firefighting, wildlife and fisheries management with a special emphasis on accommodating the needs of threatened, endangered, and sensitive species, recreation and wilderness management, archaeology, and Forest Service business management. Arduous travel to remote work locations is a regular occurrence, so applicants should be in good physical condition and be willing to work long days. It is desirable for applicants to have some of the following skills:

- the ability to navigate using a topographic map and compass;
- experience around horses and riding in rough or broken country;
- a strong background in the principles of rangeland management;
- a valid driver's license or the ability to obtain one;
- comfort working alone or in small groups in remote locations;
- plant identification skills with an emphasis on grass species;
- good writing skills and the ability to utilize computers for writing and analysis;
- a desire for a career dedicated to public service.

RANGELAND MANAGEMENT SPECIALIST

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USDA - Forest Service,

**Coronado National Forest
Douglas Ranger District
Douglas, Arizona**

This is a very unique opportunity in the range management world - cooperative, progressive permittees, current NEPA on all allotments, tremendous biodiversity. Truly a once in a career job!

This job is being advertised on USAJOBS <http://www.usajobs.opm.gov>, listed under the following announcements:
ADS09-R3-COR-3345G (P-CL) (**Merit**) ADS09-R3-COR-3345DP (P-CL) (**Demo**)

Applications need to be submitted no later than January 16, 2009.

Questions? Contact District Range & Watershed Staff **Joe Harris** at (520) 364-6800 or josephharris@fs.fed.us

Geological, Anthropological, Historical, and Climatic Influences on Arizona Rangelands

Thunder Mountain Activity Centre, Sierra Grand Ballroom

January 13, 2009

- 8:25 – 8:30 Welcome ~ Bill Edwards, President, AZ Section, Society for Range Management
- 8:30 - 9:15 Paleobotany and Paleoclimate of the Southwest ~ *Speaker TBA*
- 9:15 - 10:15 Past and Recent Vegetation Changes in the Southwest: Emphasis on Semidesert Grassland and Riparian Ecosystems *Dr. Robert Webb, Desert Laboratory, USGS, Tucson*
- 10:15 - 10:35 BREAK
- 10:35 – 11:20 The Influences of Geology on Southeastern Arizona Rangelands
Mr. Pete Sundt, Pete Sundt Rangeland Consulting, Safford
- 11:20 – 12:05 Historical Fire Influences on Southwestern Vegetation
Dr. Tom Swetnam, Laboratory of Tree Ring Research, University of Arizona, Tucson
- 12:05 – 1:15 LUNCH (provided)
- 1:15 – 2:00 Historical Perspectives of Vegetation Manipulation
Dr. Diana Hadley, Associate Curator, Arizona State Museum & Head of Office of Ethnohistorical Research, University of Arizona
- 2:00 – 2:45 Anthropological Influences on Southwestern Vegetation
Dr. Conrad Bahre, Emeritus Professor of Geography, Department of Land, Air, and Water Resources, University of California, Davis
- 2:45 – 3:00 BREAK
- 3:00 – 3:45 Applied Historical Ecology: Using the Past to Manage for the Future
Dr. Tom Swetnam, Laboratory of Tree Ring Research, University of Arizona, Tucson
- 3:45 – 4:15 Panel Discussion
- 5:00 pm—9:00 pm

Adjourn to Windemere Hotel & Conference Center, 2047 South Hwy. 92, Sierra Vista

- 5:00 – 6:30 No-Host Social and Auction, Grand Ballroom
- 7:00 – 9:00 Banquet
- Welcome: Bill Edwards, President, AZ Section, Society for Range Management
- Interfaith Invocation: *Volunteers from various faiths sought, contact Bill Edwards*
- Moment of Silence
- Dinner
- After Dinner Speaker:
- Kim McReynolds, Workshop Director,
Natural Resource Conservation Workshop for Arizona Youth
- Special Recognition Program, Katie Cline, AZ SRM Awards Chair

Geological, Anthropological, Historical, and Climatic Influences on Arizona Rangelands Thunder Mountain Activity Centre, Sierra Grand Ballroom

January 14, 2009

- 8:00 – 9:45 AZ-SRM Business Meeting
- 10:00 – 10:45 Historical Overview of Vegetation Management on Fort Huachuca
Mr. Sheridan Stone, Wildlife Biologist, Fort Huachuca
- 10:45 – 11:30 Ethnobotany: Plants and People of the Southwest
Dr. Richard Felger, Adjunct Senior Research Scientist
Environmental Research Laboratory, University of Arizona
- 11:30 – 1:00 Awards Luncheon
- Welcome & Introductions ~ Bill Edwards, President, AZ SRM
- NRCWAY Awards ~ Kim McReynolds
- Student Awards ~ Mitch McClaran
- SRM Section Awards ~ Katie Cline
- Presidents Awards ~ Bill Edwards
- Presentation of Outgoing SRM Board Members ~ Bill Edwards
- Presentation of 2008 Board Members ~ Jim Sprinkle, President Elect, AZ SRM
- 1:00 – 3:00 Board of Directors Meeting – All Incoming and Outgoing Officers

Lunch on the first day will be a fajita bar with both julienne marinated, grilled flank steak and chicken breast. Lunch on the second day will be BBQ with both TX style pork ribs and honey chicken. The lunch buffet includes tossed salad and vegetables for those who desire vegetarian options. The banquet at the Windemere will have the choice of either a roasted New York strip (with Bordelaise sauce) or prickly pear salmon (baked fresh with a prickly pear sauce and pineapple chutney). A vegetarian option for the banquet is available if requested.

The host motel will be the Windemere <http://www.windemerehotel.com/> (800-825-4656). You will need to call and reserve your own room if you desire to stay at the headquarters motel. The motel room charge at the Windemere includes a hot buffet breakfast and a complimentary evening cocktail. The banquet and auction will be held at the Windemere and we encourage you to lodge at the Windemere Hotel and Conference Center. Scientific meetings during the days for Jan. 13-14 will be held in the Sierra Grand Ballroom at the Thunder Mountain Activity Centre on Fort Huachuca <http://www.mwrhuachuca.com/restaurants.html>.

To enter the base, you need a picture ID and a proof of insurance. **If you drive a government rig, the proof of insurance will be waived.**

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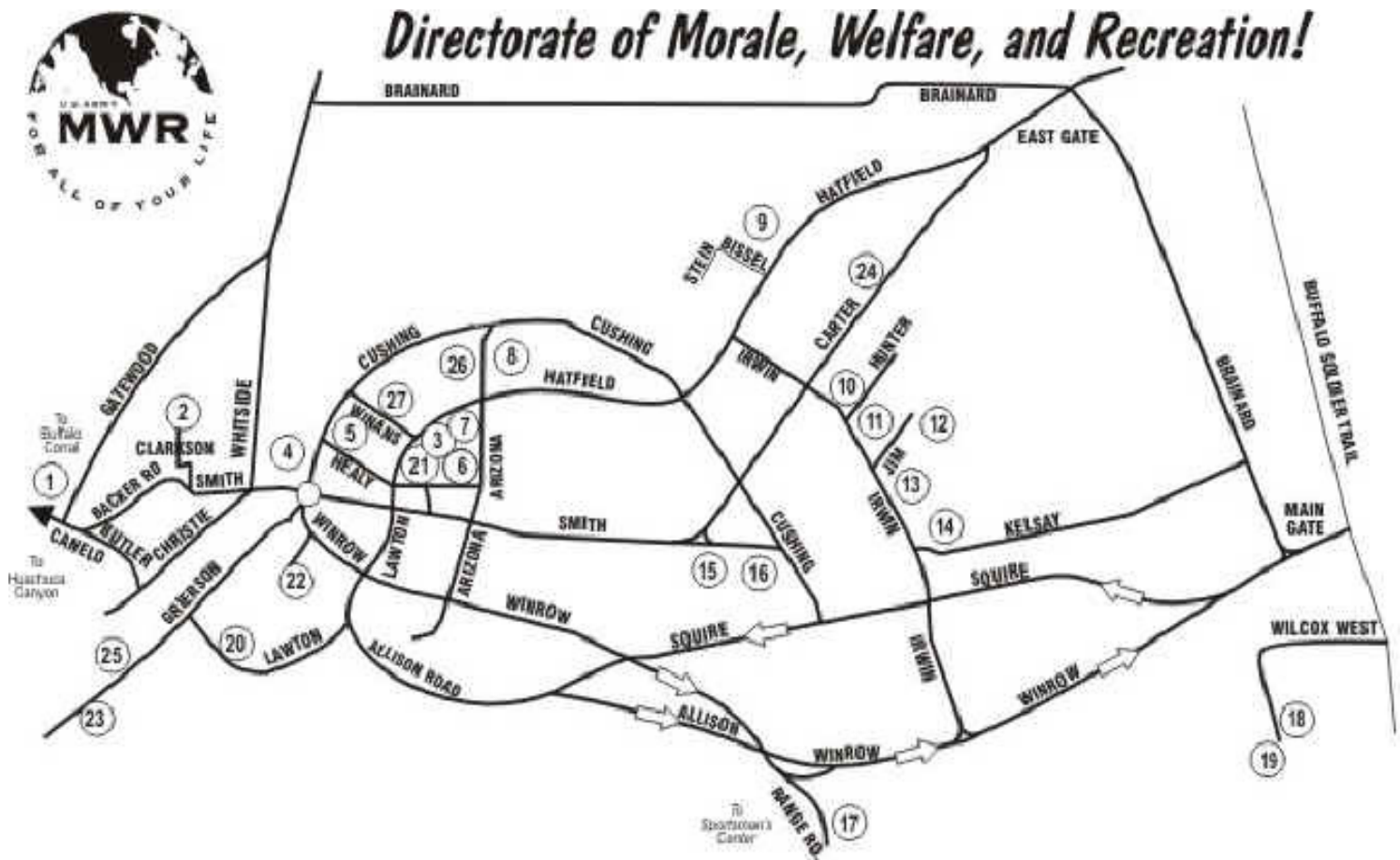
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Directions to Sierra Vista:

From I-10, turn south onto State Route 90 at Exit 302.

Directions to Thunder Mountain Activity Centre:

Turn into the Main Gate at Fort Huachuca, display your ID and proof of insurance (no proof of insurance required for a government licensed vehicle), and turn right on Brainard shortly past the guard station. Take the first left on Kelsay and see TMAC on your right.



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ARIZONA SECTION SOCIETY FOR RANGE MANAGEMENT

2008 WINTER MEETING

Geological, Anthropological, Historical, and Climatic Influences on Arizona Rangelands

WHEN: January 13-14, 2009

WHERE: Thunder Mountain Activity Centre, Fort Huachuca, Sierra Vista, AZ (Scientific Program) & Windemere Hotel and Conference Center, 2047 South Hwy. 92, Sierra Vista (Banquet)

*REGISTRATION FORM (Due January 2, 2009)

NAME and ORGANIZATION: _____

SPOUSE/CHILDREN/GUEST NAMES _____

MAILING ADDRESS: _____

PHONE: _____ EMAIL: _____

DO YOU BELONG TO AN SRM SECTION? Circle one: Yes / No

WHICH ONE? _____

\$100/member _____

\$115/non-member _____

\$85/student/youth/spouse _____

\$125/late registration (post 1/2/2009) _____

DATE: _____ TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED: _____

Registration includes lunch and dinner on January 13 and lunch on January 14th plus breaks.

Banquet entrée selection: NY Strip Prickly Pear Salmon Vegetarian

Registrations must be received prior to January 5, 2008 to guarantee meals

MAIL THE REGISTRATION FORM ALONG WITH A CHECK OR MONEY ORDER TO:

Byron Lambeth, 6221 N. 15th Street, Phoenix, AZ 85014

Phone: 480-748-8471, Email: byronlambeth@cox.net

MAKE CHECKS OR MONEY ORDERS OUT TO ARIZONA SRM (SRM TIN IS 23-7161064)

Questions about the meeting or meals? Contact Jim Sprinkle, 928-970-0589, sprinkle@ag.arizona.edu

Nominations (continued)

Kendall Brown –TREASURER

I grew up in and around Silver City, New Mexico and although my family didn't live on a ranch, I had many extended family and some friends that had ranches and I spent as much time there as possible. I've come to range management in a round about way, the same as many of you probably did. My first desire as a boy was to grow up someday and become a cowboy or maybe even a rancher. That lasted until I was able to realize the long hours and short pay that is part of that chosen profession. So I decided that I would try college and maybe end up teaching and playing cowboy on my time off. Somewhere along that route I recalled my early teen years when I volunteered with the Forest Service and decided that maybe I could work for the government and spent my time working with public land ranchers. This was about the time I discovered a thing called Range Management.

While I was figuring all this out I was attending Western New Mexico University for a bachelor's degree and then Oklahoma State University for a Master of Science in Wildlife & Range Ecology. During these years while I spent my falls, winters, and springs in the classroom, my summers were spent in the forest. I started as Wilderness patrol/Trails maintenance, then spent some time as a wildland firefighter on engines and hotshot crews on the Gila National Forest. After graduating from OSU in 1998 I spent some time back in the Gila as a range technician and wildlife biologist before moving to the Santa Fe National Forest as a wildlife biologist. It was there that I finally got a shot at a job as a Rangeland Management Specialist, where my heart had always been anyway.

I am currently the District Range Staff Officer of the Nogales Ranger District, Coronado National Forest. We've lived near Sonoita, Arizona since 2003, when I transferred to

the Coronado from northern New Mexico. My wife, Ellen, and I are enjoying the country and people of Arizona. We have a son that was born here in Arizona in 2004, and are expecting another arrival to the family this coming May.

This area is truly a great place to live and work. I am continually amazed at the productivity of the southern Arizona rangelands, and am really enjoying the country and the cooperative working relationships that are part of ranching in south-eastern Arizona.

I am honored to be considered for the position of Treasurer because I believe in the vision and mission of SRM and admire many of the professionals that make this society into the quality organization that it is. I hope my participation will add as much to this organization as I know it will add to my personal development.

Kent Ellet—DIRECTOR SOUTH

I grew up in the small town of Loa, Utah (pop. 450) on a farm that's been in the family since 1872. My father held a Forest Service permit as did Grandpa, and Great-Grandpa. Great-Great-Grandpa didn't need one, the Forest Service wasn't around then.

I first became a member of SRM in 1990 as a student at Utah State University participating in the URME and Plant ID contests. I've worked as a Rangeland Management Specialist for the BLM and Forest Service since 1992 in Nevada, Idaho, Utah, and Arizona (2002). Currently I am the Range Staff Officer for the Coronado National Forest. Strengths (few) & weaknesses (many): One of my strengths can also be a weakness. I see obstacles as things to overcome in achieving a goal and can show persistence and determination in achieving the goal. However, at times there's a fine line between being determined and being bull-

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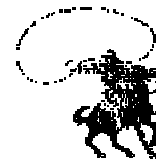
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headed. Sometimes I need to accept NO as the answer.

I do focus on cooperation and collaboration and believe that if you serve the people, then as a by-product the land management just seems to happen. I've been active in forming and working with CWMAs, CRMPs and Watershed Associations. I also know that money helps make things happen and have been active writing and assisting with grants to the tune of about \$2.4 million since 2003.

It's an honor to be nominated as Director South and I look forward to the opportunity to serve.



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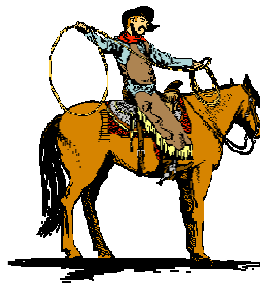
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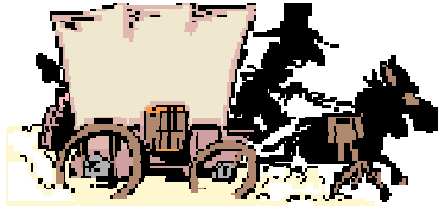
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