Many thanks !!!

To both the SILENT AUCTION donors and buyers. Total Sales amount will be announced at a later date.

Items from the Silent Auction that were not picked up yesterday afternoon during closeout can be picked up today by contacting Stan Tixier at 801-710-1888. Thereafter, all items will be transported to SRM Denver office.

Also, many thanks to RAFFLE buyers as sales exceeded $7,000.00.

Native Range Session
The Native Range Session will meet on Thursday, Feb. 10. 8:00 AM – 5:00 PM.

Location: The Prospector at BHCC
Tribal members, tribal range managers and others directly involved with range management on tribal lands are welcome. Sign up sheet at the Main Registration Desk.

!!! Room Changes !!!
Thursday morning and afternoon all sponsored coffee breaks moved from Trade Show to Holiday Inn Grand Restaurant Foyer.

Thursday concessions moved from the Trade Show to the Holiday Inn Grand Atrium.

Speaker Change – Workshop: BHCC Ballroom
Page 100. 8:10 AM

National Implementation of Ecological Site Descriptions
Speaker Mike Hubbs will be replaced by Terrell Erickson.

!!! Please Recycle !!!
There will be receptacles at both the Holiday Inn and the Billings Hotel Convention Center to recycle your name tags and lanyards.
Notice!!
2011 Abstracts available on CD At the Registration Area or near the Bitterroot Room.
Hot Coffee

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2011 SRM International Plant ID Contest Winners

**Team Awards**

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Congratulations to all of the winners! Thank you to all the coaches and participants for all your hard work. We look forward to seeing you next year.

**2011 Undergraduate Range Management Exam**

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Alumni Mixers

Tuesday night was an opportunity for alumni of the various universities to get together with friends and reminisce about the “good old days”. For many of us, it was the first time in a long time that we have seen fellow classmates and professors from whom we took range classes. It was a time to tell stories of the senior trip we took together, or reminisce about how hard the plant identification test was at the Colorado Springs meeting in 1994. However, the test may have paled in difficulty compared to remembering all the names of friends you have made over your tenure in SRM. It was also a time for the professors to feel a sense of pride at the accomplishments of the students that graduated from their range program. The excitement in the rooms was contagious and an evening that many won't forget for some time.

SRM Luncheon/Business Meeting

Members attending the SRM Luncheon/Business Meeting were treated to good food and informed of some important changes taking place in the Society. Jess Peterson has recently been hired as the Executive Vice-president (EVP). Jess
hales from Montana, where his family ranches. Jess is a Washington, D.C. registered lobbyist and will wear two hats; he will serve as SRM EVP, as well as SRM's Washington Liaison.

The “changing of the guard” took place at the business meeting. Jeff Mosley assumed his new role as Past President, while Jack Alexander assumed the position as President. Gary Frasier moved into the 1st Vice-president position and Wally Butler took over as 2nd Vice-president. Misty Hays and Val Jo Anderson were introduced as the newly elected Board members. Candidates running for SRM offices next year include: Jennifer Pluhar and Richard Orr for 2nd Vice-president; and Kent Ferguson, Ken Fulgham, Barry Irving, and Barry Perryman for Board of Directors.

SRM initiated a new Outreach Internship in 2010. The two primary goals of the program are to facilitate the sharing of personal insight between SRM members and to establish relationships and gain experience interacting with professionals. Julia Workman, a range major from U. Idaho, occupied this position this past fall. SRM will be recruiting for a new intern soon.

SRM Dance 2011 – And a good time was had by all ...
You know you’ve done something right when your session is so popular every seat is filled, and folks are willing to stand in the back listening to speaker after speaker.

Bob Budd kicked off the 2011 Producer’s Forum with an inspirational welcome and introduction of speakers. Bob also gave a historical perspective of the “problem” - the disconnect between grazing management and research.

Wally Butler and Jess Peterson also welcomed the group and thanked the producer’s for taking the time to come and speak with us.

Jim Faulstich, a rancher from Highmore, South Dakota, started the morning session with a talk on high intensity—short duration grazing systems. Jim talked about how his family run ranch began using electric fence to help manage for grass and soil health.

Blain Hjertaas, from Redvers Saskatchewan spoke next about his journey to change over from a high tech grain farm to a low input sustainable grazing system. He stressed the importance of leaving lots of material behind to build up soil horizons and ultimately soil health.

Chase Hibbard, a 4th generation Montana rancher, closed out the morning session. He spoke on his experience working with Gus Hormay to implement a rest rotation grazing system on the Sieben Ranch. Chase also spoke about using electric fence as a tool to create a high intensity—short duration system to minimize hay feed in the winter months.
Ray Banister, an Eastern Montana Rancher, woke everyone up during the afternoon session by sharing how he manages his ranch for species composition and varying age classes—which will help better enable the range to deal with disturbance. Ray also believes in adapting his herd to his management style rather than changing the management to match the herd.

Gene Goven, from Turtle Lake, North Dakota shared photos and quotes from his journals to illustrate how his management has gone from the old cowboy days to a manager of soil health. And what a history it was!

Tim Clark, a rancher and a Forage & Pasture Specialist for Manitoba Agriculture, Food, and Rural Initiatives discussed the makeup of Manitoba’s grazing clubs including how they are organized and function. Tim also discussed the extreme wetness/flooding with which producers in his area of Canada often struggle.

What an amazing line-up! A big thanks is owed to all the producers who took time to come and speak with the members, especially with the weather causing havoc at home.

Action Call Update Live

SRM Board Members fielded questions on Society issues large and small Wednesday morning. Board members were asked to give updates, society position and activities on such topics as member dues, Capital Hill activities, Rangelands magazine, financial challenges, and how the Society is dealing with the ever evolving issue of communication/communication technology.
Fredric G. Renner Award

Please join us in congratulating Dr. James Stubbendieck the 2011 Fredric G. Renner Award recipient. Dr. Stubbendieck’s sustained outstanding accomplishments in and contributions to range science, education, and the profession is recognized by SRM. Few rangeland scientists and educators have provided such consistent, long-term excellence in research, teaching, leadership, and service. Thanks for 42 years of excellence!

W.R. Chapline Research Award

Dr. Richard Frank Miller is our 2011 W.R. Chapline Research Award recipient. Dr. Miller is one of the most prominent authorities on juniper woodland and sagebrush ecology with an emphasis on fire. Rick has conducted research that has advanced science and been readily transferable to managers. Rick exemplifies what an outstanding scientist should be. He fully deserves our highest recognition!

W.R. Chapline Stewardship Award

Roy Roath has worked tirelessly to help land managers improve rangeland resources throughout the west and internationally since 1974 as a researcher, teacher, and most of all as a mentor to ranchers and agency personnel. He earned the Society’s Fellow award and numerous other recognitions by the university, federal and state agencies and his peers. It is with great honor that we congratulate Dr. L. Roy Roath, the 2011 W. R. Chapline Land Stewardship Award recipient.
**Breakfast Buffets**
For Billings Convention Center
Cost: $7.95

All Buffets get:
bacon, sausage, potatoes, and eggs
fruit, cereal, orange juice
milk, yogurt, coffee, pastries

Thursday: Pancakes and syrup
Friday: Biscuit and gravy

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**Lunch Buffets**
For Billings Convention Center
Cost: $8.95

All Buffets get:
Soda, tossed salad
Ranch and Italian

Thursday: Taco Bar: Corn tortillas, seasoned beef, shredded cheddar, lettuce, diced onions, tomatoes, sour cream and salsa, tortilla chips.