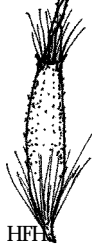


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Newsletter

"Advancing the Science & Art of Rangeland Management"

FALL MEETING SPECIAL EDITION

Block of rooms at Yosemite Expires October 1

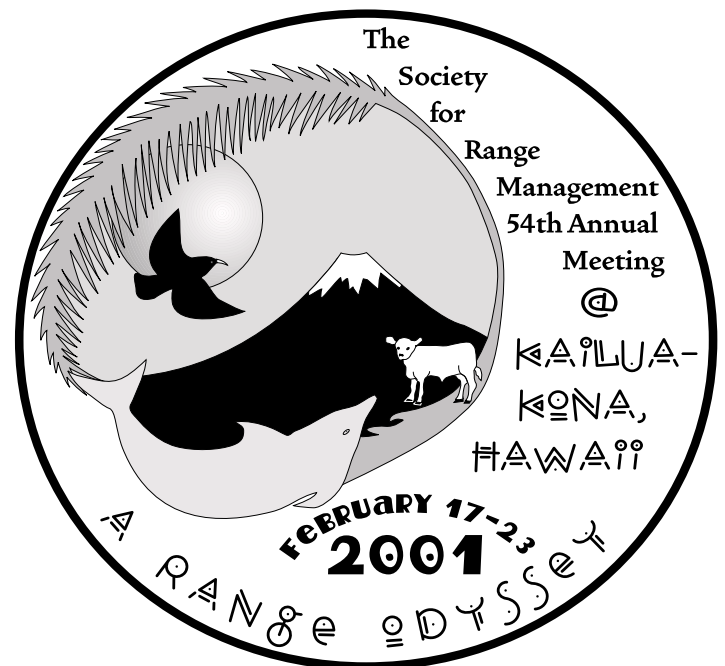
A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

November 2-4, our Fall Meeting will be held at the Tenaya Lodge in Fish Camp, with a tour of the San Joaquin Experimental Range. Many thanks to Neil McDougald and Don Neal for getting this organized. It looks like it will be a great meeting and I hope many of you can attend. **One thing you need to know: the block of rooms we have reserved at Tenaya Lodge expires Oct. 1—make your reservation now for the best rates.**

Wow, I can't believe it is already time for our fall issue of Needlegrass Notes. The summer has flown by with many acres of range and forest land going up in smoke. There has been a lot of discussion locally and nationally about fuel loads in our forests and rangeland and a renewed effort to use livestock to help reduce that fuel load. There is a great opportunity for that and I hope SRM can be an active participant in getting some new direction on this subject. With the help of Monte Bell, our Section will hopefully take a resolution on this subject to the Advisory Meeting in Kona.

The Hawaii Planning Committee is busy with final arrangements for Kona. This has been quite and undertaking with lots of coordinated efforts from all involved. Don't forget to sign up to help. As the date gets closer, there are always last minute problems that arise that need someone to work on. I know that this Annual Meeting will be memorable, but to make it a success will take the effort of many of us. Thanks to all those who have worked so hard already and to those who plan to help in Hawaii.

November will also be the month that I become past-President and John Stechman becomes the new President. John has lots of plans for the Section and I'm sure will do an outstanding job. This year has been really fun for me, a little hectic, but fun. I have found that one can only do so



much with their time. Being a mother of two beautiful children, working as a Rangeland Management Specialist for NRCS, being a director and secretary of the Lassen County Cattlemen's Association, being President of California Section of SRM and selling a house now and then is about the limit of anyone. I truly think it is the passion I have for our rangelands and land management that keep myself and many of us going. It is that kind of dedication that has made our Society successful and will continue to make it even better in the future.

Don't forget our membership drive. The person who signs up the most new members will receive a case of wine.

See you in Fish Camp!!!!

Ceci Dale-Cesmat, Section President

California Section, Society for Range Management, Fall Meeting

The Fall Section meeting will be held at the beautiful Tenaya Lodge, near the south gate to Yosemite National Park. This is a AAA 4-Diamond facility with natural rock and wood décor that will put you in the mood to enjoy its beautiful forest setting. This is an opportunity to bring your family and tour the Park before or after the meeting, you will be only minutes from the Mariposa Giant Sequoia grove.

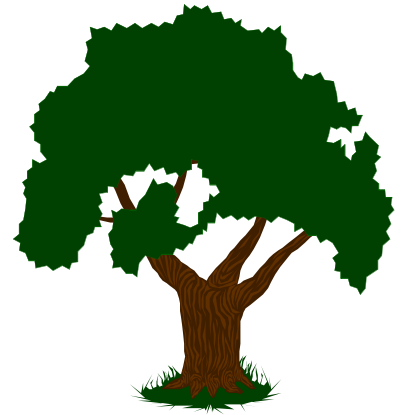
The program will focus on the annual rangelands and the San Joaquin Experimental Range. At the Lodge on Friday, we will hear about the past work at the Range and learn how much of what we know about annual ranges today came from the early research at this facility. On Saturday there will be a tour of the Range and we will hear about the vital and timely research going on there today.

FIELD TOUR: SAN JOAQUIN EXPERIMENTAL RANGE, NOV. 4

November 4, 2000

Saturday (1 CEU Credit)

7:30 AM	Depart to SJER Headquarters	
9:00 - 9:30 AM.	SJER Headquarters (coffee & donuts)	Coarsegold RCD
9:30 - 9:45 AM	Welcome	Bill Laudenslayer
9:45 - 10:00 AM	Range Unit #1 and Introductions	Mel George
10:00 - 10:40 AM	Current rangeland watershed research	Ken Tate
10:40 - 11:10 AM	Fate & transport of rangeland pathogens	Rob Atwill
11:10 - 12:00 PM.	Current research on foothill wetlands	Mel George
1200 - 1:00 PM	Box Lunch	
1:00 - 1:30 PM	Current beef cattle investigation	Randy Perry
1:30 - 2:30 PM	Current wildlife research	Kathy Purcell
Adjourn and Depart		



The CA Section, SRM Annual Fall Meeting will be held at the TENAYA LODGE in Fish Camp, CA during 1—4 November 2000, with a tour of San Joaquin Experimental Range. I have reserved 10 rooms for Wednesday (1st), 15 rooms for Thursday (2nd), and 25 rooms for Friday (3rd). Call 1-800-635-5807 and request **CA SECTION - SOCIETY FOR RANGE MANAGEMENT** when making reservations. Reservations must be made by **1 OCTOBER 2000**. The rate is \$135.00 per night with 10% bed tax.



Please complete the registration form and return to me, with check payable to CA Section, SRM, at POB 383, Arcata, CA 95518 no later than **15 October 2000**. You can register by e-mail at: **fulghamk@humboldt.edu**, and pay at the door. I need an accurate headcount for the Friday lunch, banquet dinners, and the field tour lunch.



PROGRAM: FALL MEETING IN FISH CAMP

November 1, 2000

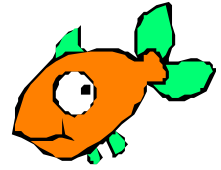
Wednesday

1:00 - 10:00 PM. Hawaii 2001 — Executive Committee Planning Meeting Mike Connor & Bill Frost

November 2, 2000

Thursday

8:00 - 12:00 PM	Board of Directors Meeting	Ceci Dale-Cesmat
10:00 - 12:00 PM	Certification Committee	Edie Jacobsen
12:00 - 1:00 PM.	Lunch and early registration	
1:00 - 5:00 PM	Hawaii 2001 – Full Committee	Bill Frost & Mike Connor



November 3, 2000

Friday (4 CEU Credits)

7:00 - 10:00 AM	Registration	Neil McDougald & K.O. Fulgham
8:00 - 8:15 AM	Welcome and introductions	Bill Frost
8:15 - 9:00 AM	History of the San Joaquin Experimental Range	Don Neal
9:00 - 9:45 AM	SJER contributions to understanding California annual rangeland	Jim Bartolome
9:45 - 10:00 AM	Break	
10:00 - 10:45 AM	Beef cattle investigations on the San Joaquin Experimental Range	John Glenn
10:45 - 11:30 AM	Historic wildlife research at the San Joaquin Experimental Range	Walter Howard
11:30 - 12:15 PM	Recent wildlife research at the San Joaquin Experimental Range	Kathy Purcell
12:15 - 2:30 PM.	Lunch & CA Section Business Meeting	Ceci Dale-Cesmat
	SRM Video – Journey to Change	John McLain
2:30 - 3:00 PM	Break	
3:00 - 4:00 PM	Certified Rangeland Managers Panel	Mike Stroud, Dan Sendek, Edie Jacobsen, Henry Giacomini, & Jim Bartolome
6:00 - 7:00 PM	No Host Social & Silent Auction	
7:00 - 8:30 PM.	Banquet & Introductions	Bill Frost
	Special Recognition	Renee Denton
	Rangeland Manager of the Year	Ceci Dale-Cesmat
8:30 - 11:30 PM	End Silent Auction & Live Auction	Ken Fulgham Mel George & Don Neal

REGISTRATION FORM

Name _____ Companion _____

Address _____ City, State, Zip _____

Registration Fee: \$20.00/person X _____ people = \$ _____

Late Registration Fee: After 15 October = \$25.00/person X _____ = \$ _____

Friday Section Luncheon: Little Italy Buffet @ \$20.00/person X _____ = \$ _____

Friday Section Banquet: Seared Chicken @ \$20.00/person X _____ = \$ _____

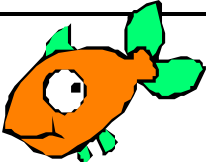
Tri-tip Beef @ \$23.00/person X _____ = \$ _____

Field Tour Box Lunch: \$15.00/person X _____ = \$ _____

TOTAL AMOUNT PAID: = \$ _____

CA SECTION -- SOCIETY FOR RANGE MANAGEMENT
1- 4 November 2000
Annual Fall Meeting
Tenaya Lodge, Fish Camp, CA

ACTIVITIES CALENDAR

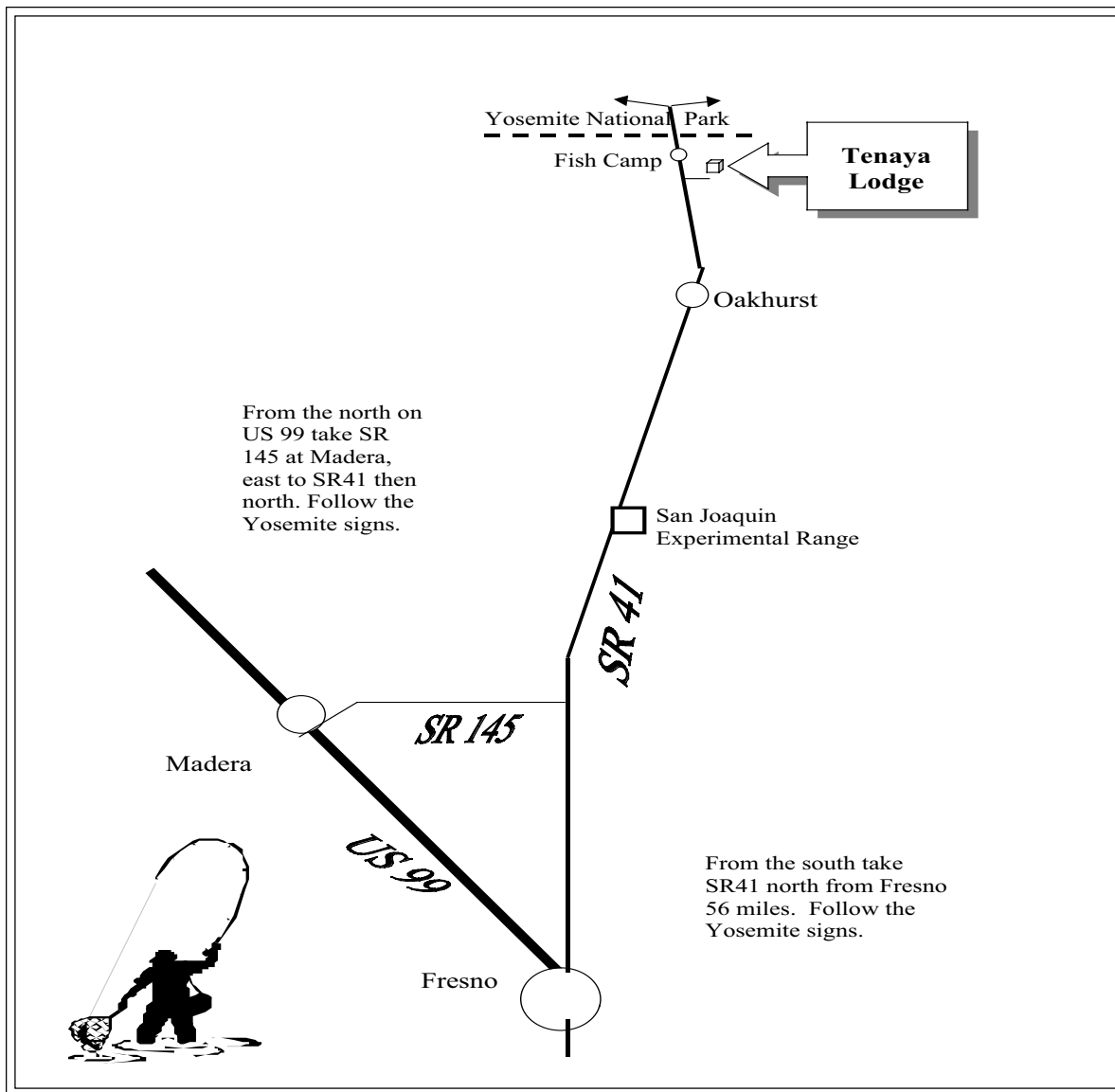
Wednesday November 1, 2000	Thursday November 2, 2000	Friday November 3, 2000	Saturday November 4, 2000
1:00 PM - 10:00 PM Hawaii 2001 Executive Committee Planning Meeting	8:00 AM - 12:00 PM CA Section Board of Directors Meeting	8:00 AM - 12:15 PM Professional Education Workshop Presentation	9:00 AM - 12:00 PM Professional Education Tour of San Joaquin Experimental Range
	10:00 AM - 12:00 PM CRM Certification Committee Meeting	12:15 PM - 2:30 PM CA Section Business Meeting and Lunch SRM Video - Journey to Change	12:00 PM - 1:00 PM Box lunch
	1:00 PM - 5:00 PM Hawaii 2001 Full Committee Planning Meeting	3:00 PM - 4:00 PM Certified Rangeland Managers Panel	1:00 PM - 2:30 PM Professional Education Tour of San Joaquin Experimental Range
		6:00 PM - 7:00 PM No Host Social & Silent Auction Begins 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM Banquet & Program 8:30 PM - 1130 PM End Silent Auction & Live Auction	

Notes:

SECTION AUCTION

This annual event held after the Section Banquet is an important fund raising event for the Section college students. There will be a Silent Auction during the Social Hour and Banquet & Awards Ceremonies. The Live Auction will begin after the ceremonies are concluded. Funds are provided to partially cover the travel expenses of the plant identification team from Humboldt State University. Please bring worthy auction items and tons of money to purchase items at this fun and worthwhile event. Call K.O. Fulgham (707-826-4127) if you have any questions.

SEE YALL THERE !!!!!!!!!!!



**ASSORTED
ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Hospitality Volunteers Needed for 2001 Range Odyssey, Hawaii

Non-member attendees – here is an opportunity to meet people and renew friendships. The Host/Hostess committee needs volunteers for the hospitality area.

We will be setting up a schedule with teams working for two to three hour shifts on Saturday through Tuesday, February 17-20. If you would like to help, please e-mail or phone Sally Weitkamp at bill.weitkamp@gte.net, (805) 489-5107, Dottie Stechman at jstechma@calpoly.edu, (805) 595-7941 or Heather Jensen at wajensen@ucdavis.edu, (805) 489-0234.

Hawaii: The Odyssey Continues

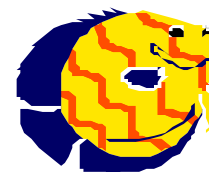
Part of the 2001 planning group just completed a successful trip to Kona to make the near-final arrangements for the 2001 SRM meeting. We were able to plan and get agreements for all meeting space, special meal functions, tours (both technical and non-technical), audiovisual equipment, etc. Despite some challenges, the trip ended on a successful note. The stage is now set for a great meeting.

We are now actively soliciting volunteers to help on-site during the meeting. If you are interested in helping for a few hours, or a few days, during the 2001 meeting, we'd like to hear from you. You can contact people responsible for portions of the meeting directly, or contact Bill Frost (wefrost@ucdavis.edu) or Mike Connor (jmconnor@ucdavis.edu) and they'll pass your name along. Watch for more details on the Section website.

THANKS—*Bill Frost.*

Those responsible for various functions are:

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Meeting Co-Chairs	Bill Frost	wefrost@ucdavis.edu
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Volunteer today and avoid the rush!

California Certified Rangeland Manager Program and Non-Federal Rangelands

Section board members, at their June 2000 meeting, adopted this statement regarding the California Certified Rangeland Manager Program as it applies to agencies and organizations conducting range management activities on non-federal rangelands in California:

To: Agencies and organizations conducting range management activities on non-federal rangelands in California
From: Ceci Dale-Cesmat, President (or Certification Panel?) California Section, Society for Range Management
Re: California Certified Rangeland Manager Program

In 1995, the California Board of Forestry began licensing Certified Rangeland Managers (CRMs) under provisions of an amended Professional Foresters Licensing Act. Professionals who manage non-federal rangelands in California, or who make recommendations for those lands, may be required to be licensed or to work under the supervision of a licensed CRM. As explained in the enclosed brochure, certification by the California Section of the Society for Range Management is required before individuals can be licensed and legally recognized by the state as Certified Rangeland Managers.

The intent of this certification program is to provide evidence of professional competency, to protect the public interest and to ensure proper management of the state's rangeland resources as embodied in the Code of Professional Ethics of the Society for Range Management. Certification by the section requires meeting educational and experience requirements, providing letters of reference and passing a written rangeland management examination.

If you or others in your organization have questions about this program or would like to apply for certification, you may contact James Bartolome, executive secretary of the Certification Panel, or Daniel Sendek, executive officer of Professional Foresters Registration, at the addresses or phone numbers listed in the enclosed brochure.

Suggested Changes for SRM Policy and Position Statements

Underlined words in the following draft were submitted to the section board by SRM member Monte Bell as suggested changes and additions to SRM Policy and Position Statements. The official statements can be found online through the SRM home page, <http://srm.org>, or in the June 1999 issue of the Trailboss News. Board members would like to read your comments before acting on these suggestions at their November meeting. Please e-mail comments to Monte Bell, mbell@glenncounty.net, or Bill Weitkamp, bill.weitkamp@gte.net, before November 1. Comments can also be mailed to Bill Weitkamp, 251 James Way, Arroyo Grande, CA 93420.

POLICY STATEMENTS RANGELAND AND RANGE RESOURCES •Management of Rangeland Resources The Society for human welfare. This can economic principles. The use of valid of rangeland resources. New paragraph: Manipulative management practices, including fire, grazing, animal impact, any other living organisms and integrated pest management may be employed to create positive changes in the landscape through development of sustainable, desired plant communities. Animal impact is defined as all effects on the rangeland ecosystem due to the presence of animals, apart from grazing and browsing. Examples are hoof action, urine, dung and saliva. Living organisms include biological control and plant and animal introductions. DESERTIFICATION First paragraph, last sentence, run-on word fromnatural.....

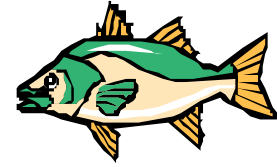
POSITION STATEMENTS BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY Add to second paragraph genetic variation, age class, spatial distribution LIVESTOCK GRAZING ON RANGELANDS Properly managed livestock grazing is a sustainable form of agriculture and is compatible with a wide array of other sustainable uses of rangeland. The Society recognizes the cultural and economic importance of livestock grazing, especially to rural communities. Livestock grazing is an efficient method for converting low quality forages to high quality agricultural products that supply human needs worldwide. (Delete: Managed grazing may be used for expediting desired changes in the structure and function of rangeland ecosystems.)

New paragraph: SRM recommends that planned, managed and monitored livestock grazing/browsing and/or livestock animal impact be among the first considerations for vegetation management on public and private rangelands. Livestock grazing/animal impact used as tools can be complementary and synergistic with other rangeland restoration technologies. (Delete: Livestock grazing may not be appropriate on certain fragile and highly erodible lands; the removal of livestock grazing on other lands may be of no benefit.)

Continue paragraph: Permanent or temporary exclusion of livestock may be appropriate for some goals and lands. Long term exclusion of livestock may be detrimental for other goals and lands.

CALIFORNIA SECTION MEMBERS ACTIVE IN SRM POSITIONS

In the June, 2000 issue of SRM's *The Trail Boss News*, it was gratifying as a California Section member to read so many familiar Section names in the "2000 SRM Mini-Directory." Sixteen Californians represent us on Fifteen Committees or groups of our national organization. These are itemized below for your interest; inquire with these fellow members when you see them at our Section meetings, ask about the activity, and thank them for representing us.



Annual Meeting 2001 Planning Committee - Mike Connor and Bill Frost

Awards Committee - Joe Wagner

CPRM Certification Committee - Jim Bartolome

Employment Affairs Committee - Keith Guenther

Endowment Fund Board of Governors - Jack Artz

Excellent in Range Management Committee - Rich Riddle and Dan

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History, Archives & Library Committee - Jack Artz and John Stechman

Information & Education Committee - Susan Marshall

International Affairs Committee - Joe Wagner

Membership Committee - Tracy Wolfe

Nominating Committee - Jack Artz

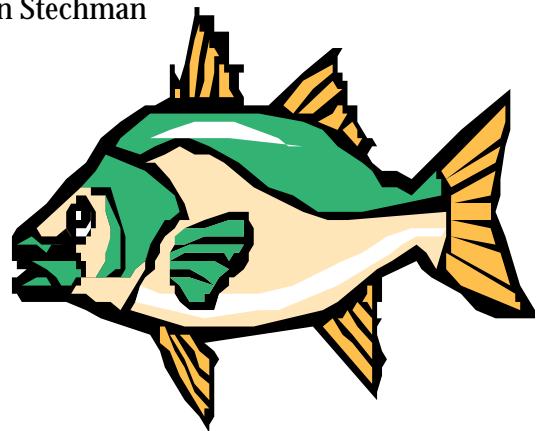
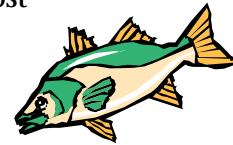
Professional Affairs Committee - Bill Frost and Richard King

Public Affairs Committee - Mitch Perdue

Rangelands Editorial Board - Lynn Huntsinger

Watershed/Riparian Committee - Ken Tate

Range Science Education Council - Ken Fulgham



MORE ANNOUNCEMENTS

FIRST INTERNATIONAL KNAPWEED SYMPOSIUM OF THE NEW MILLENIUM

Mark your calendars for the Knapweed Symposium to be held at The Coeur d'Alene Resort in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, March 15th and 16th, 2001, immediately following the Western Society of Weed Science annual meeting. The purpose of the Symposium is to present new information on the biology, ecology, and management of knapweed species in the West, including spotted, diffuse, and squarrose knapweeds, Russian knapweed and yellow starthistle.

The Symposium is sponsored by the Western Society of Weed Science, in cooperation with the University of Idaho, Idaho Department of Agriculture, U.S. Forest Service, Bureau of Land Management, USDA Agriculture Research Service, Washington State Noxious Weed Control Board, Western Weed Coordinating Committee, and DowAgrosciences.



GRAZING RESPONSE INDEX TRAINING SESSION

October 26th, Quincy, CA
(3 CEUS available)

As many of you know, I was recently on sabbatical leave last year and visited a number of folks across the West, both public and private landowners and managers. I was impressed with the response from ranchers, agency folks and environmental groups about the use of GRI as a rangeland monitoring tool on public and private lands. There were a couple of articles about GRI in the August 1999 issue of Rangelands. If you haven't read these, please do.

I've made arrangements for Floyd Reed, USFS Range Staff Officer in Colorado (with cooperation and financial assistance from Steve Bishop, Region 5 Range Program Leader) and Roy Roath Extension Natural Resources Specialist at Fort Collins, CO to come to Quincy and conduct a training session on Grazing Response Index at the Plumas-Sierra Fairgrounds. The registration cost is nominal (only \$6 per person and includes a BBQ tri-tip sandwich prepared by Loyalton FFA). **Pre-registration is due by October 20th.** Notices are going out in my local newsletter next week and so is a direct mailing for permittees, range staff and line officers on the Plumas, Lassen and Tahoe National Forests as well as representatives from Calif Native Plant Society, CalTrout, Calif Mule Deer Assoc, etc. Anything you can do to help promote this workshop is greatly appreciated.

THANKS, Holly George
Livestock & Natural Resources Advisor
University of California Cooperative Extension 208
Fairgrounds Road
Quincy, CA 95971 ph: 530/283-6262 fax: 530/283-6088

CONSERVATION BIOLOGY SEMINAR JAN. 27TH

The UC-Davis chapter of the Society for Conservation Biology is pleased to announce the 3rd annual San Francisco Bay Area Conservation Biology Symposium. The one-day symposium will be held at UC Davis on Saturday, January 27th, 2001. UC Davis is located approximately 15 miles west of Sacramento just off of Highway 80.

Details of the conference logistics, abstract submittal forms, and registration forms will be posted on the Symposium web site which will be updated regularly. To access the web page, go to <http://www.scbstudents.ucdavis.edu> [this is the new alias for the page; if this doesn't work yet, please go to <http://risk.cnl.ucdavis.edu/~mikescb/ucd> instead] and click on the link for the symposium. For further information, please contact Tasha Belfiore at nmbelfiore@ucdavis.edu. We hope to see you here!

The California Coastal Commission Announces the 2000/2001 Whale Tail Grants Program

Now being accepted: Applications for the 2000/2001 Whale Tail Grants Program are now being accepted. The program will distribute funds from sales of the Whale Tail License Plate. The goal of the Whale Tail Grants Program is to encourage the development of programs to teach California's children and the general public to value and take responsibility for the health of the state's marine and coastal resources.

Deadline for Submittals: November 15, 2000

Four ways to get an application and guidelines:

- visit our website: <<http://www.coastal.ca.gov>>
- call (800) COAST 4U [800-262-7848]
- email <COAST4U@coastal.ca.gov>
- or write to: Whale Tail Grants Program, California Coastal Commission, 45 Fremont St., Suite 2000, San Francisco, CA 94105

LYME DISEASE IN CALIFORNIA AND THE WILDLIFE PROFESSION

23 February 2001

Radisson Hotel, Sacramento, CA

Chairs:

Kent Reeves, Wildlife Biologist, East Bay Municipal Utility District
&

Reginald H. Barrett, Ph.D., Dept. of Environmental Science, Policy,
and Management, University of California, Berkeley

California has the fourth-highest incidence of Lyme Disease among the 50 states based on statistics compiled by the Centers for Disease Control. The Wildlife Society, Western Section will present a workshop on *Lyme Disease in California and the Wildlife Profession* on Friday, February 23, 2001. Registration information will be available this fall on The Wildlife Society, Western Section website under meetings, www.tws-west.org. For further information contact Kent Reeves, Wildlife Biologist, East Bay Municipal Utility District, 209/365-1096, kreeves@ebmud.com, or Dr. Reg Barrett, Department of Environmental Science, Policy, and Management, University of California, Berkeley, 510/642-7261, rbarrett@nature.berkeley.edu.

Message from

Newsletter Editor

Your letters and input always welcome. Next issue deadline is 15 November 2000. Direct input to: buckaroo@nature.berkeley.edu.

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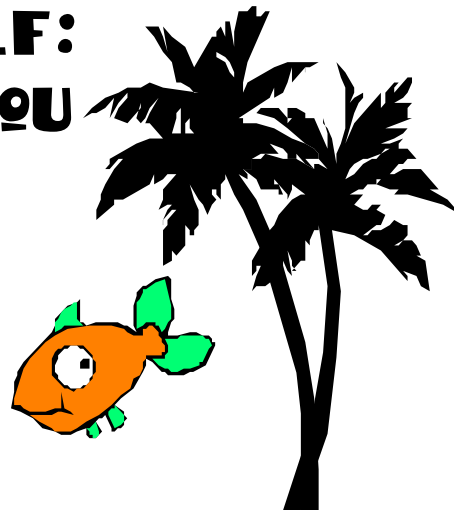
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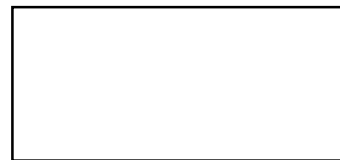
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*****PREPARE THYSELF:
2001 IS COMING AND YOU
WILL BE IN HAWAII**

***Psychiatric Connection: for those planning the Hawaii meeting (do join us)



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