

2012 Arizona Section Society for Range Management Winter Meeting

Location: Sheraton 4 Points Hotel, Tucson Arizona

Dates: Wednesday January 18 to Friday January 20

Theme: Rangeland CPR: Common sense, Practical applications,
and management Relevant research.

Schedule:

Wednesday Evening

6:00-7:30 General Membership Meeting, Welcome by April Pavinyama Miss Hopi 2011-2012

7:30-8:00 History of Range Management in Southeast Arizona. Tom Sheridan, University of Arizona Professor of Anthropology/Curator of Ethnohistory at the Arizona State Museum.

Thursday Morning

7:00-8:00 Registration, meeting room lobby (detached from hotel)

8:00-8:15 Welcome and Introductions. Don Luhrsen, Arizona Section President

Technical Session I – Practical Rangeland Management Before, During and After a Wildfire.

Presentations of real-world experiences/success stories in which science based and field tested management strategies have been applied to: 1) prevent and or mediate the effects of wildfire before it happens, 2) react quickly to a wildfire as it is occurring, and 3) deal with the after effects of a wildfire to expedite recovery (ecological, economic, political...).

Moderator: Chris Thiel, Prescott National Forest Range NEPA Team and RSWE Team Leader

Assisted by: Cory Ertl, Arizona State University. Range Club President

8:15-9:00 Keynote presentation. Don Falk, University of Arizona Fire Ecologist will provide an overview of the topic; describe the situation in Arizona and the Southwest with respect to large wildfires on forest/rangelands, present contributing factors, provide historical context, outline obstacles to management (biology, climate, topography, politics, etc...).

9:00-9:30 “Before” Eddie Alford, Arizona State University Range/Fire Ecologist and former USFS Range Conservationist will illustrate how forest/grazing management on lands covered by

specific wildfires affected fire behavior; i.e. slowed, stopped, etc... describe science/experience behind this management, and based on this experience, what could be done differently/better?

9:30-10:00 “During (and immediately after)” Wink Crigler, Springerville area Rancher will relate her experience in responding to the 2011 Wallow Fire. Topics such as: What did we do with our livestock? How did we protect infrastructure (or why were we not able to...)?, how we dealt with acquiring feed, pasture, water, etc... in the short-term, and again based on this experience, what could be done differently/better?

10:00-10:15 Break

10:15-10:45 “After” Roy Hall USFS ret, and current BAER Team Consultant will discuss longer-term impacts of large fires on the biology, economics, and socio-politics of an affected area. Offers examples of success stories and provide suggestions to apply science and experience to formulate policy.

10:45-11:45 Panel Discussion, Q&A

11:45-1:15 Lunch

Thursday Afternoon

Technical Session II – Application of Livestock Grazing as a Range and Forest Health and Restoration Practice.

Presentations of real-world experiences/success stories in which science based and field tested management strategies have been applied to: 1) maintain or improve overall rangeland condition, or 2) achieve a specific restoration objective; i.e. remove unwanted vegetation/fuel, plant or tread-in seed, stimulate tillering, etc...

Moderator: Dan Daggett, Environmental Writer and Speaker

Assisted by: Kelsey Hawkes University of Arizona Range Club President

1:15-1:50 Keynote presentations.

Eric Schwennesen, Rancher/Ecologist/International Consultant, Clifton, Arizona

“Overgrazing: the Crux of the Pastoralist Controversy”

Terry Wheeler, Rancher/Ecologist/Range and Livestock Consultant, Globe, Arizona.

“Grazing and Animal Impact – Essential for Health of Arid Lands”

1:50-2:15 Terry Wheeler, Rancher/Ecologist/Range and Livestock Consultant, Globe, Arizona.

“Using Ruminants for Range Fire Remediation”

2:15-3:00 Steve Rich, Rancher/Ecologist/Writer/Businessman, Salt Lake City, Utah.
“Coordination between Conservation and Management of Wildlands: The Story of Missed Opportunity”

3:00-3:15 Break

3:15-4:05 Bill Hopkins, Rancher/Past Manager of Deseret Ranch in Utah/Quality Grazing Director-Utah State Dept of Agriculture, Salt Lake City, Utah.
“Modern Grazing Management”

4:05-4:45 Summary by Dan Daggett and Panel Discussion

4:45-5:30 Break/Free Time

5:30-7:00 Social and Auction. Clare Hydock, auction chairperson and Dr Dean Fish, Auctioneer Extraordinaire will officiate.

7:00-9:00 Banquet. Banquet Speaker, Dr Shane Burgess, Dean of the University of Arizona College of Agriculture and Life Sciences on “*The role of the University of Arizona in preparing tomorrows rangeland scientists and managers.*”

Friday Morning

Technical Session III – Field trip to Santa Rita Experimental Range

7:54-8:00 Meet in hotel parking lot, go over, directions, logistics, etc...

7:00-8:00 Travel to 1st site

8:00-11:00 Tour of sites and presentations of research related to:

- 1) Adaptive grazing management system on the Santa Rita Experimental Range
George Ruyle, University of Arizona and Andrew McGibbon, Rancher
- 2) Targeted grazing to reduce fire fuel on rangelands
Retta Bruegger, University of Arizona
- 3) Mine reclamation research
Jeff Fehmi, University of Arizona
- 4) Examples of outdoor experiential learning
University of Arizona range program faculty

11:00 -noon Travel back to Tucson

12:30-1:30 Board of Directors Meeting