

Back to the Future – The K-O Section Rides Again!!

2009 Annual Meeting

Oklahoma Section and Kansas Section

Society for Range Management

Wednesday, October 7

Morning: Site – Northwest Technology Center (see attached map)

8:00-8:30 – Registration (Coffee and Donuts provided)

8:30-8:45 – Welcome and Introductions – Chan Glidewell/ Doug Spencer

8:45-9:15 – Overview of the Red Hills – Chris Berens, Kansas Dept. of Wildlife & Parks

9:15-9:45 – Salt Cedar Control Investigations, Meade and Clark County, Kansas – Tom Flowers, USDA-NRCS

9:45-10:15 - Estimating Cover of Red Cedar and Modeling its Invasion Patterns in a Central Great Plains Tallgrass Ecosystem – Dr. Kevin Price, Professor, University of Kansas (KU)

10:15-10:45 - Estimating Annual Net Primary Productivity of the Tallgrass Prairie Ecosystem of The Central Great Plains Using AVHRR NDVI – Nan An, Graduate Student, KU

10:45-11:00 – Break

11:00-11:30 – The Heifer Bull Project – Dr. Greg Mantz, Animal Scientist, NDSU-CGREC

11:30-11:40 – Take a sack lunch as you board the charter bus.

11:45 – Bus departs for Ted Alexander Ranch

Afternoon: Ranch Tours – Alexander Ranch and the Merrill Ranch

1:00 – Arrive at Ted Alexander Ranch

1:10-2:30 – Discussion of history, past management, current management (rotational grazing), EQIP program and use of prescribed fire on the ranch.

2:30-2:40 – Board the buses

2:45 – Depart for the Merrill Ranch

3:30 – Arrive at the Merrill Ranch

3:40 – 5:00 – Discussion of history, past management, current management (continuous grazing), EQIP program, prescribed fire on the ranch and planting cropland back to perennial grasses.

5:00-5:10 – Board buses

5:15 – Bus departs to return to Alva

6:30 – Arrive at NWTC in Alva.

Evening session: NWTC, Alva, OK

7:00 – 7:45 – Evening meal (Barbeque catered by the Smok-Shak)

7:30-8:00 – State of SRM and update of 2013 AM to be held in OKC – Ken Johnson, Executive Vice-President, Society for Range Management

8:00 – 8:30 – OKSRM/KSSRM Awards Ceremony

8:30 – 9:00 – Feeding PEG to Livestock to Increase Consumption of Sericea Lespedeza – Dr. Greg Mantz, Animal Scientist, NDSU-CGREC

9:00 – 10:00 - Living in the Cherokee Outlet: a look at the colorful history of Northwest Oklahoma – Anthony Lovelace, Historian.

Thursday, October 8

Morning:

9:00 - Meet at Alabaster Caverns State Park

9:05-9:45 – Overview of Alabaster Caverns and discussion on the geology of the park including information on the bats that reside here - Tandy Keenan, Park Naturalist

9:45-10:00 – Prepare for tour of the Caverns

10:00-10:45 – Tour of Alabaster Caverns

10:45-11:00 – Load suburbans/POVs to get to next stop

11:00 – Depart for Cargill Salt Works

11:30 – Arrive at Cargill Salt Works

11:35-12:15 – Watch video and get a tour of the facility

Afternoon:

12:15 – 12:45 – Eat lunch at Cargill Salt Works

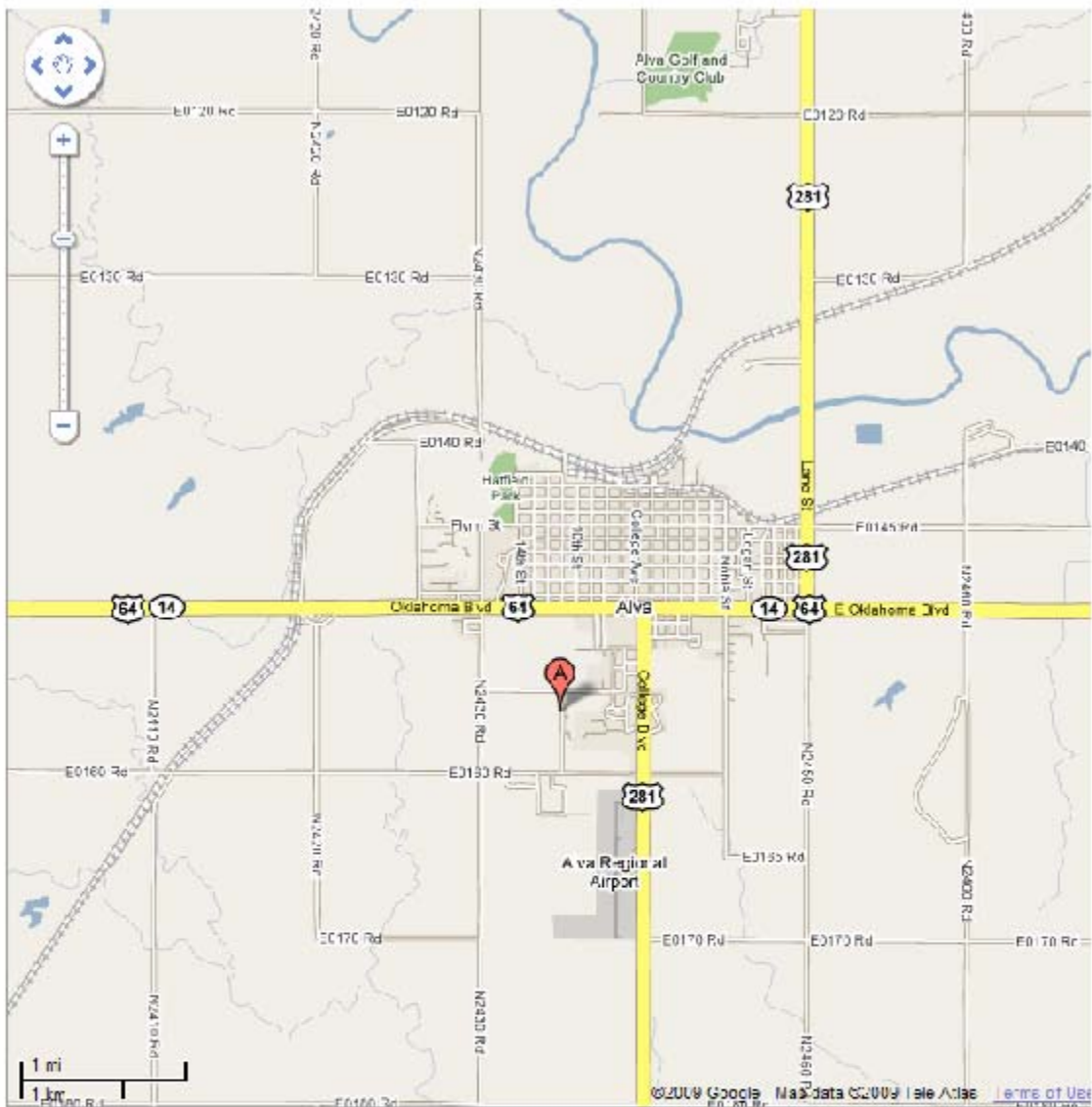
12:45-12:55 – Load suburbans/POVs to get to next stop

1:00 – Depart for Brass-Oklahoma Ranch

1:30 – Arrive at ranch

1:40 – 3:00 – History, past management, current management (yearlings), brush control, EQIP, Prescribed burn associations in Oklahoma.

3:00 – Meeting adjourned – Please drive safe and thank you for coming!



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Lodging:

America's Best Value Inn, 800 E. Oklahoma Ave. Alva, Phone: 580-327-1111
web site: americasbestvalueinn.com - this gets you to a page where the above has to be chosen from a map.

Those reserving rooms will need to ask for 'Oklahoma SRM' to access this block of rooms. Dates are 10/6 to 10/7 with check-out the morning of 10/8.

Rates: Room rates are \$67.50 or \$76.50, depending on whether it's a single or double. I have also confirmed they're applying a 'corporate' rate to the above for our meeting.

Rooms are a mix of single and doubles, both non-smoking and smoking. Basically we've blocked all the available rooms at the hotel for that part of October. Please make your reservations ASAP and at least by October 1.

Holiday Motel, 701 E. Oklahoma Blvd, (580)327-3333, Alva's only American-owned and operated motel.

Rates: \$41.13-single or \$53.70-double (tax included), tell them you are with OKSRM to get this rate.

Reserve early as the rooms are available on a first-come, first-served basis.

Bed and Breakfasts:

Sage and Saddle B&B, (580)621-3338 or (580)515-7571 or
email:sagesaddle@pldi.net

Crooked Oak B&B, 103 Center Street, Alva, OK (580) 327-3621
www.alvacrookedoak.com

Rates: 1 room - \$60/night, 2 rooms - \$70/night

Honey Wheat Bed & Breakfast, 303 3rd Street, Alva,OK (580) 327-6244
www.honeywheatbb.com

Rates start at \$40 per night

The Vintage Inn, 801 Flynn St., Alva, OK (580) 327-4100, Rates \$130-\$189/night

Camping: Tent and RV camping available at:

Alabaster Caverns State Park (34 miles from Alva – starting point of Day 2)

Great Salt Plains State Park (44 miles from Alva)

Little Sahara State Park (30 miles from Alva)