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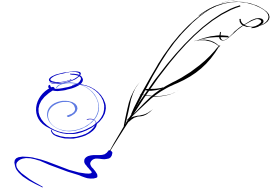
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Notes from the President

Chad Reid



Greetings from Warm and Sunny Southern Utah,

This has been a great year in Southern Utah, just as all the moisture from our 150% of normal snow pack was gone, summer monsoon rains began to fall resulting in good to excellent range conditions



throughout the growing season. Cattle and sheep are in excellent condition with some of the fattest lambs I have seen in quite awhile. Prices received by our cattle and sheep producers are also very good. The wildlife I have seen are also slick and healthy. All in all we should feel very blessed for the spring and summer we have had.

In addition to the good range conditions we were treated to an excellent summer tour in the Kanab district, I would like to personally thank all of the committee and others who helped make this event such a rewarding experience.

Soon my time as president of this section will come to an end. It has been a very humbling and rewarding experience to serve all of you. I am happy to report this section is served by a very dedicated, capable and enthusiastic committee, and the state of the section is excellent.

I hope all of you are planning on attending our winter meeting in November in Logan. Our President-elect Jeff Barnes is putting together an excellent meeting that deserves our attendance; it is also a great time to renew old acquaintances and friendships. Please consider attending. Details of the meeting are included in this newsletter. I am looking forward to interacting with all of you in Logan.

Adios,
Chad



**Utah Section Society for Range Management
2010 Winter Meeting
Riverwoods Conference Center & Spring Hill Suites Hotel
615 South Riverwoods Parkway, Logan, Utah 84321**

Registration Form

November 4-5, 2010, Logan, Utah

Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Spouse/guest name: _____

Organization (optional) _____

Phone Number & Email: _____

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| Registration: | Regular Member | \$65.00 |
| | Non-Member | \$80.00 |
| | Student, meals included | \$45.00 |
| | Student, no meals | \$0 (but you still need to register) |

Please make checks to: Utah Section SRM

Mail registration form to : Ron Torgerson
Trust Lands Administration
130 North Main Street
Richfield, Utah 84701
rontorgerson@utah.gov

Hotel Arrangements:

A limited block of rooms have been reserved at the Spring Hill Suites by Marriott (435) 750-5180. Single or double rooms are non-smoking at the Federal government per diem rate for Logan. All rates subject to state and local taxes.



**Utah Section Society for Range Management
2010 Winter Meeting**

Schedule

Thursday November 4

8:00-9:00 Registration
9:00-9:05 Welcome by President Chad Reid
9:05-12:00 Workshop: Medusahead Rye, Weed Prevention Area
12:00-1:30 Lunch and Silent Auction
1:30-5:00 General Technical Session I
5:30-6:30 No Host Social
6:30-9:00 Banquet and Awards

Friday November 5

7:30-8:20 Northern and Southern Chapter Meetings
8:30-11:00 General Technical Session II
11:30 Business Meeting

Featured Presentations:

Workshop: Cache County Medusahead Rye Weed Prevention Area

Medusahead Rye is one of the second generation invasive annual grasses that is far worse than cheatgrass and has the potential of spreading onto and dominating 60 million acres of sagebrush rangelands in the Intermountain Region. A Weed Prevention Area has been established in the south end of Cache County to control Medusahead and prevent it from spreading southward throughout the rest of the state. The workshop will discuss the grass-roots organization of the weed prevention area in treating 1100 acres, the cooperative efforts of ARS research, Utah Department of Agriculture and Food funding, and the technical support of NRCS, Blacksmith Fork Conservation District and the Cache County Weed Department.

Presenters include, Roger Sheley and Brenda Smith, ARS, Oregon; Kevin Jensen and Tom Monaco, ARS, Utah; Earl Creech, Corey Ransom and Chris Call, USU, Logan; David Mabey, NRCS, Logan.

New techniques for controlling wind erosion following wildfire-the Milford Flat Fire Experience by Robert L. Newhall, USU Extension

Riparian Ecological Site Development: A case study in Natural Bridges National Monument by Sarah Quistberg, NRCS, Ogden.

Ecologically-based manipulation practices for managing Bromus tectorum-infested rangelands by Beth Fowers, Masters Student, USU.

Rich County BLM Allotment Consolidation Project by Troy Forrest, Utah GIP.

Just a few of the informative presentations you will hear at the Utah Section SRM Winter meeting.



2010 SRM AWARD NOMINATIONS

It's that time of year to be thinking of our colleagues and peers who have made a difference in our profession during the year.

Showing our appreciation for excellent work is vital for our profession and continued success as a society. Please help us recognize this work by nominating those individuals whom you support for one of our annual section awards.

Please take the time to submit your nominations for the following categories:

Range Manager of the Year – To recognize people who are actively engaged in ranching or livestock farming, or in the professional fields dealing with range management. These may be teaching, research, advice and counseling, technical assistance, or information, such as magazines, newspapers, radio and television. They may also be businessmen vitally interests in the betterment of the field of range management.

Rancher of the Year – To recognize a rancher/group of ranchers who are outstanding in their land management, livestock management, and innovative practices.

Outstanding Young Range Professional – Tangible evidence that the nominee's accomplishments demonstrate extraordinary potential and promise as a future leader in the range profession. Demonstration of leadership and professional potential may be in all facets of range management, including ranch management, agency employment, research, and education. Generally, demonstrated potential across a broad perspective is better than specialized attainments in a single area.

Please take the time and fill out one or all of the forms for one of our peers. I would like to receive nominations by no later than October 22, 2010.

Forms, criteria for nominees and past recipients can be found at:

<http://www.usu.edu/range/committee/awards.htm>

Please submit your nominations on the attached forms to me at:

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RANGE EXCELLENCE

The Utah Section Range Excellence Committee reviews and recognizes rangelands within the State, which reflect quality management and good land stewardship. The committee is calling for new nominations for the coming year. The following criteria are suggested for evaluation and selection of range excellence areas:

1. Rangelands in satisfactory condition, improving under current management, and progressing toward management goals.
2. Improvement in condition is or can be documented and demonstrated.
3. A mix of land uses (livestock grazing, wildlife habitat, recreation, etc.) and ownership result in diversified and sustained benefits.
4. The area demonstrates either intensive or extensive management systems on mountain, foothill, riparian, or other range types.

Nominations should include a description and maps of the area, general background and management information, and a willingness to tour and inspect the area with members of the Range Excellence Committee. We are asking for your involvement in the nomination of suitable areas for this important recognition.

Send Nominations To:
Bob Campbell
USDA/FS Fishlake National Forest
115 E. 900 N.
Richfield, UT 84701
435 896-1095
Fax: 435 896-9347

Range Camp 2010

This year SRM Youth Range Camp was again a great success. There were 11 students all from the southern half of the state. Two of the students were winners from last year that came back this year to be junior camp staff. Thanks to Britney Bosshardt and Angela Yardley for checking plant quizzes, tests and helping keep track of things.

The other nine were in competition to win the trip to Montana to the meeting in February representing Utah at the High School Youth Forum. Two students were selected based on scores and participation. The winners were Tyler Reese from Mt Carmel, Utah and Mike Roberts from Siguard, Utah. Andy Erickson from Glenwood, Utah and Colby Spencer from Orderville, Utah tied for third.

The staff for this year included Mindy Pratt, Dr. Fee Busby, Kendall Nelson, Jeff Barnes, Dana Truman, and George Cook. George would like to thank all the help that the members freely give to the camp. Without the help from the members we could not have the successful camp we have every year.

Here are some comments written by a student about the camp.

“I like how you took us around to different sites. The facilities are nice and the instructors are nice. They actually know what they are talking about. I really did learn a lot and this was a good experience.”



Range Camp 2010



L to R: Colby Spencer, Tyler Reese, Cheyenne Cox, Alexis Stokes, Spencer Allen, Andrew Erickson (kneeling), Mica Roberts, Rhett Harward (kneeling), and Tyler Christensen.



Top Campers: Colby Spencer (3rd tie), Tyler Reese (1st), Andrew Erickson (3rd tie), and Mica Roberts (2nd)

Summer Tour 2010



June 3 and 4th could not have had better. We had perfect weather for touring southern Utah and learning about new habitat manipulation strategies, working with high school students and planning strategies with the new uses and values placed on the rangeland that we manage.

The first stop of the tour was the Heaton Ranch outside of Alton, Utah to discuss the recent habitat manipulation and high elevation forage kochia trials. Working with USU extension, DWR, and NRCS the ranch was able to implement a “push” of the brush species with reseeding in one pasture. The goal was to enhance the habitat in an important sage grouse travel corridor



to better locations away from the potential disturbances. The high elevation forage kochia plots are evaluating the response of several varieties of forage kochia to the growing conditions and the grazing pressures. Spike has also been applied to several acres of older sagebrush stands. The group was able to discuss treatments and results with the managers.



From the Heaton Ranch we toured several locations in the Upper Kanab Creek Watershed project. This watershed project has been a great example of how to look at the watershed or landscape perspective for planning as well as how to implement treatments on the ground. The purpose of the project is to rehabilitate vegetation and reduce the risk of catastrophic fire. The BLM has been the lead agency on many of the projects and different treatment methods including

a bull hog, herbicides, prescribed fire, seedings, and modifications of domestic livestock grazing have been implemented. Questions on how to choose the treatment locations and design and how to implement a complete monitoring program to determine what treatments work and what treatments do not led to interesting discussions. Next, we moved into more PJ treatments completed by the BLM. These treatments were designed to reduce the tree canopy cover and stimulate the sagebrush quality and quantity for the benefit of the ecological processes and the big game that frequent the area.



Summer Tour continued

On Friday, one stop was at a youth project funded in part by grants from the BLM Take it Outside Program. The local high school students are involved in native plant restoration on BLM lands in places where BLM has had little success in the past. Through this project, the students collected winter-fat seed from nearby healthy areas, and grew the plants in the greenhouse, and then planted and watered the seedlings in the field at the disturbed location. Over the next few years, the students using scientific monitoring methods will monitor the progress of the seedlings.



A big thank you to all that participated and attended! We could not complete these tours without the support of the individuals completing the work on the ground. I am excited to see this much work accomplished. There are many questions to answer in the future as we try to balance the values placed on and services required from the rangelands that we work on and love. We hope to see all of you next year! For questions or more details on the tour stops, please contact Joe Jensen (add number) and he can direct you to the lead for each project.



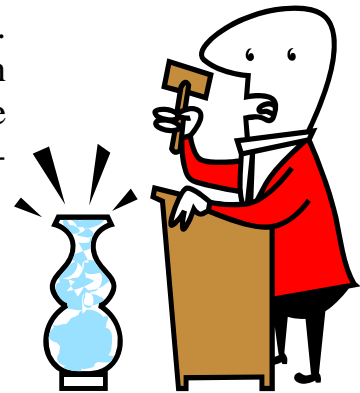
Silent Auction

We will again hold a silent auction at the Winter meeting in Logan. It is VERY important that EVERYONE bring items to include in the auction. Check with local businesses and let's find lots of nice items for the auction. This is one of the ways we fund our scholarships. IT IS UP TO ALL OF US TO HELP!

For more information contact

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NOTE: Nominees for President Elect and Director are not available at this time. Ballots will be sent via email as soon as possible. They will also be available at the winter meeting.



Society for Range Management
64th Annual Meeting
Billings, Montana - February 6-10, 2011
Transcending Borders - Landscapes and Legends



[Online Registration - Available](#)

(control click to go to registration website)

2011 Rangeland Cup - Topic and Deadline

The Rangeland Cup team problem solving competition is an activity to promote critical thinking and cooperative, collaborative work on current topics and/or topics of historical importance to rangeland ecology and management. As we progress in our careers, much of our work is performed as part of a group. This competition is intended to build skills in interpersonal communication and group-problem solving, both of which are highly desired qualities in the workplace.

Dominant paradigms developed by rangeland science guide management practices which can result in long-lasting impacts for rangeland systems. Such impacts are inherited by successive generations of scientists and managers, thus becoming legacies of past management.

1. Choose one prominent management practice or paradigm developed by early pioneers in the rangeland management profession that has left a legacy which impacts how we manage rangelands today. Discuss the scientific rationale for broad-scale implementation of the practice (historically) and describe how the implementation of the practice has positive, negative or neutral impacts on our current management strategies. Consider multiple types of impacts (ecological, economic, social, etc.).
2. Discuss a management practice of a rangeland ecosystem outside North America and how this strategy may leave legacies for future generations. Compare this example to the issue you discussed previously in number 1. How might information from this international example be incorporated into contemporary rangeland management paradigms in North America?

To register your team send an email to rangelandcup@rangelands.org including your school/university, names of team members and mentor, contact information (email, phone, address) of at least one team member. Contest guidelines and regulations may be found at <http://agronomy.unl.edu/range/> or by emailing the address above. We look forward to the strong competition and creative ideas on this challenging topic. Good luck!

Registration DEADLINE for 2011 International SRM meeting in Billings: November 12, 2010

Scholarships



*Jim Brown
flippin' the steaks*



*"Cookie" in action,
stirin' the taters*

GFP Range Tour, September 7, Huntington Canyon



Ever wonder where the money comes from to fund the scholarships that Utah SRM awards? Part of it comes from the efforts of a couple of great guys—long time SRM leaders. Here are photos of the guys in action. You'll not eat better than this! Big thanks to George Cook and Jim Brown for many years of "cooking".



Forgive your enemies. It messes up their heads.



Check out our Utah Section website!



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**Welcome to the Utah Section of
The Society for Range Management**

The Society for Range Management is the professional society dedicated to supporting persons who work with rangelands and have a commitment to their sustainable use. Rangelands comprise almost one-half of all the lands in the world. They are extremely important to society for the goods and services they provide. SRM is dedicated to the conservation and sustainable management of rangelands for the benefit of current societies and for future generations.

<http://www.usu.edu/range/index.htm>



Membership Information

Membership in the Society for Range Management is open to anyone engaged in or interested in any aspect of the study, management, or use of rangelands. Membership rights and privileges include: voting, committee service, nomination and election to offices, subscription to *Rangelands* journal and the *Rangeland News* (formerly Member Resource News), discounted prices for publications, meeting registration fees, page charges and certification fees. For more information on membership in SRM, or to request a Membership Application, please contact Lesley Radtke, Director of Membership, 303-986-3309, or email LRadtke@rangelands.org.

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