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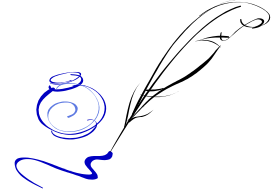
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Notes from the President

Jeff Barnes



No matter what we do in life we all can make a difference. While it may seem as if you just can't tackle another issue, take on another problem, or add yet another meeting to your schedule, you may not have to in order to make a difference. By the very nature of our jobs, things you are already doing on a daily basis are likely things that are making a difference. Managing animals, fostering relationships with ranchers and communities, writing grazing plans, assessing landscapes, collecting data, sharing information...these are all functions that can lead to making a difference. Making a difference is mostly about connecting with people and sharing something of yourself. I have been as guilty as about anyone of not wanting to serve, thinking I already had more to do than I had time for. I can say without a doubt I got a tremendous amount more out of being the Utah SRM president, both personally and professionally, than I put into it. I encourage everyone to give serving a try. I've been amazed at what has come forward for me as a result of this "presidential experience." I've learned things I would otherwise have missed. I've met people I would have never known otherwise. I've done things that I didn't think I was capable of doing.

You don't have to be an officer to make a difference. There's a whole list of committees that all perform an important function in the society. Check out the list of committees on our newsletter front page. If any look or sound interesting I encourage you to contact me and offer your service. Find something that you love to do, or something you have an aptitude for and apply your service to it. The more you do, the greater your reward. This organization is synergistic; it is much greater than the sum of its parts. It is people, energy and relationships. Our society is only as good as the people it is made of, and I am constantly impressed by what ordinary people do. SRM needs your service. This is your society. It should represent you. We can all move forward into greatness with an attitude of service.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve as your president. I have enjoyed serving you this past year.

Sincerely,
Jeff Barnes



**Utah Section Society for Range Management
2011 Winter Meeting
Snow College South Campus
800 W. 200 S. Richfield, Utah 84701
November 3-4, 2011, Richfield, Utah**

Registration Form

Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Spouse/guest name: _____

Organization (optional): _____

Phone Number & Email: _____

Registration:

Regular Member	\$70.00
Non-Member	\$85.00
Student, meals included	\$45.00
Student, no meals	\$0 (but you still need to register)

To pay with Visa:

Members

Visit <http://www.rangelands.org>

Click on "Member Login" in the top-right corner of the screen

Enter your User ID & Password

Click on "Sections" on the left-toolbar. Now click on "Utah Section Meeting" in the sub-menu.

Review and choose your registration, click "Add to Cart" to order. SRM Business Office is online shopping-cart style.

Non-Members

Visit <http://www.rangelands.org>

Click on "Member Login" in the top-right corner of the screen

Click on "Sections" on the left-toolbar. Now click on "Utah Section Meeting" in the sub-menu.

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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 \$77.00/night at the Fairfield Inn & Suites Richfield (435) 896-9191. Ask for the rooms blocked for the Society for Range Management. Single or double rooms all rooms are non-smoking. All rates subject to state and local taxes.



Elections

Utah Section SRM Sample Ballot (voting will take place at the Annual Meeting)

President Elect (Vote for one)

Linden Greenhalgh

I have been the Agriculture/4H agent in Tooele County for over five years. I received my B.S. and M.S. in animal science from BYU. I have worked on ranches in Utah, Idaho, Oregon and Florida. I was born and raised in Utah. My mother is from a ranching family in Moab and my father from a sheep family in Nephi. My wife Kara and I have three children, Ashlee 9, Kaylyn 5, and Tennessee 2.

Richard Madril

Rangeland Management Specialist - Bureau of Land Management
Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument

Nomination from floor _____

Director (Vote for Two)

Raymond Brinkerhoff

My name is Raymond Brinkerhoff I grew up in Glendale Utah in a ranching family. I am married with two children and live in Glendale. I currently work for the Grand Staircase Escalante National Monument-BLM as a Botanist. I work out of the Kanab office and have been there since April, 2011. Prior to this current position I was a Rangeland Management Specialist for the Kanab Field Office BLM and prior to that the Escalante Field Station-GSENM. Throughout my career with the BLM I have participated in many aspects of Rangeland Management such as: monitoring and managing Rangelands, active role in the BLM-weed program and vice president of our local CWMA. I have also developed, implemented and completed numerous restoration projects and contracts to improve Rangeland Health.

Lowell Gardner

I grew up in Emery County on a farm where my grandpa helped me gain a great love for agriculture and rangelands. I attended the College of Eastern Utah and graduated with my Associates in 2005 then attended Utah State University and graduated with my bachelors in 2008 with a major in Rangeland Resources and a minor in Agronomy. While going to USU I worked for the Agriculture Research Service Forage and Range Research Lab and later worked for the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) in the Student Career Experience Program (SCEP). While working in the SCEP program I had the opportunity to work in Kane, Washington, Iron, Grand, and Cache counties and after graduating from USU I took a full time position with the NRCS. Currently my family and I live in Spanish Fork where I am working as an NRCS Range Conservationist in Utah and Wasatch counties. My wife and I have been married for eight years and we have three children; a six year old boy, a three year old boy, and a seven month old daughter.

Kevin Heaton

As Utah State University Extension County Faculty since 1999, Kevin Heaton provides educational programming in the areas of range and pasture management, riparian restoration, noxious weed control and sustainable beef cattle production. Kevin serves in Kane, Garfield and Washington Counties. One of Kevin's most recent projects is a demonstration of remote sensing of stock water. With this project, ranchers use the internet to check their water saving both time and money.

Nomination from the Floor _____



Natural Resource Field School 2011 – July 25, 26, 27, 28

A beautiful setting and a beautiful day greeted me as I prepared for my first experience with the Utah SRM Natural Resource Field School. I was a bit nervous about teaching students because typically I am looking for plants or evaluating rangeland conditions, not interacting with students. I was expecting 10 students, to my surprise students kept coming until we had over 20 students. I knew then that this would not be a typical “range camp”. We had several students from farm and ranching backgrounds as well as several from more urban environments like Toole and Salt Lake City. Based on the response from the students this camp was a positive experience. After the test scores and conversations I am sure that the students learned a lot about rangelands. I also learned a lot: I learned about bull whips, riparian monitoring, how the younger students value rangelands, and how rain can’t dampen the fun.

The Forest Service Gooseberry Ranger Station in Salina Canyon offered the perfect setting to learn about the natural environment. This year we had 27 participants and nine instructors for the summer field school. The instructors and the students brought a lot of energy and excitement to the week. Fee Busby had re-worked the curriculum to match the new format for range judging contest, so we had a packed schedule. The first day we jumped into learning about the basics of ecosystems and plant identification. Then we went into the field to apply what we learned. Students learned about soil-plant relationships, and why plants grow where they do. We started with a site visit to a Salt Desert Shrub ecosystem and ended the day at a Semi-desert Sagebrush site. At the sites we discussed precipitation, soils and plants as well as uses and watershed services from each area. Back at the classroom/field station the time was filled with pressing plants and studying for the plant tests and concept exams. Linden Greenhalgh and Mindy Pratt did a great job with the evening classes covering topics of grazing management and animal behavior including diet preferences and digestion of plants. Mike Ralphs shared his knowledge about poisonous plants at each site and George Cook and Kendal Nelson shared their knowledge of the past use and the vegetation. And as a special treat this year, Mark Madsen with the Forest Service led us through riparian monitoring and values of riparian systems.

We could not have a successful field school without the support of the Forest Service, the Soil Conservation District Boards, the instructors and the students. So thank you! We all owe a great deal of gratitude to Fee Busby for developing this new approach to the Natural Resources Field School. His energy and ability to explain concepts to the students were amazing and the High School teachers’ support was wonderful

All were exceptional students; the competition to get to the top was tough. After evaluation of the exams, note books, and plant collections three students rose to the top. Congratulations to Clint Sorensen from Orderville, Wyatt Warr from Erda and Josslyn Barker from Vernal for winning the top student award. These three exceptional students will be representing Utah at the International SRM meeting in Spokane Washington in February 2012 at the High School Youth Forum. In this forum they will be presenting a paper on a subject of their choice. And good luck to the students!





AWARDS INFORMATION

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. **Nominations will be due to [Steve Monsen](#) in October 2011**

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 interested in the betterment of the field of range management.

Rancher of the Year - To recognize a rancher or 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 range management, agency employment, research, and education. Generally, demonstrated potential across a broad prospective is better than specialized attainments in a single area.

Range Excellence - Recognizes rangelands within the State, which reflect quality management and good land stewardship. [More information](#)

NOMINATION FORMS (In PDF Format)

[Outstanding Young Range Professional](#) [Rancher of the Year](#)
[Range Manager of the Year](#) [Range Excellence](#)





Utah Section SRM 2011 Range Excellence Award

The Range Excellence Committee reviews and recognizes rangelands within the State which reflect quality management and good land stewardship. The process to complete a nomination for the Range Excellence Award can be detailed and take some time. Suggested evaluation criteria include:

- 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.

For additional information about the nomination process, please refer to the Range Excellence screen of the Utah SRM Homepage. (see www.usu.edu/range)

The following form can help promote and streamline nominations. Members of the Range Excellence Committee are willing to offer suggestions that might encourage the preparation of a complete nomination package. If you desire these kinds of interactions with the Range Excellence Committee, please complete and submit the attached "Suggested Project to Nominate" form as soon as possible.

----- Please complete the form below and forward it to Bob Campbell -----

Utah Section - Society for Range Management
Range Excellence Award - Suggested Project to Nominate

The type of rangeland project or operation that you are thinking about nominating:

The general features and/or reasons that merit consideration for the Range Excellence Award: _____

Your Name: _____

Date: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

email: _____

Send "Suggested Project" form to:

Bob Campbell
 Fishlake National Forest
 115 East 900 North
 Richfield, UT 84701
 or email form to: rbcampbell@fs.fed.us



Summer Tour

The summer tour was held June 2 and 3 in Box Elder and Cache counties. On June 2 the tour was combined with the West Box Elder conservation district where we visited a number of sites near Park Valley, UT. We visited a seeding at Wildcat Hills demonstrating the success of native germplasm as well the Ruby pipeline Project and their efforts in reclamation of the pipeline path from Wyoming to Oregon. Additionally we visited the ranch of Lance Westmoreland where he talked about his efforts in implementing ecologically based principles in his land management. On June 3 we visited the South Cache Weed Management Area demonstrating their efforts to control medusahead.



Looking at Successes on the Range

A new generation of "Cookie". Justin Cook fills in for ailing Grandpa George (and does it a bang up job!)





17th Wildland Symposium

website: <http://jornada.nmsu.edu/wildland-shrub-symposium>



May 22-24, 2012
Las Cruces Convention Center
Las Cruces, New Mexico, USA

First Announcement

- First Call for Abstracts on October 15, 2011
- Papers on Wildfire, Invasive Species, Restoration, Wildlife, Climate Change, Recreation, Livestock Grazing, Social and Economic Aspects, and Shrub Biology are encouraged
- Program will include Plenary and Concurrent Sessions, Poster Sessions, and Field tours
- Contributed papers will be peer-reviewed and published in a special issue of the Native Plants Journal
- Registration fee will be < \$75 and will include a conference dinner

Session Topics

With invited keynote speakers

1. Shrubland/Grassland Restoration: Systems Under Stress
2. The Changing Landscape for Livestock on Rangelands
3. Humans in the Environment
4. Microbial Dynamics in Arid Lands
5. Establishing A Theoretical Basis for Ecological Site Descriptions
6. Soils and Geomorphology
7. Remote Sensing Applications
8. Other topics as requested

Sponsors:

- Shrub Research Consortium
- NMSU, College of Agriculture, Consumer and Environmental Sciences
- USDA-ARS Research program based at the Jornada Experimental Range



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Check out our Utah Section website!



Society for Range Management - UTAH SECTION

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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.

Membership Applications Forms:

[Online Membership Application](#)

[Printable New Member Application \(pdf\)](#)

[Printable New Member Student Application \(pdf\)](#) - The New Member Application with the Student Verification Form

[Student Verification Form \(pdf\)](#)

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