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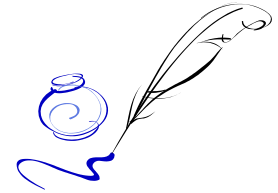
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Notes from the President

Brian Munroe



A big “hello” to one and all. It is that time of year again when we have the opportunity to meet for our annual meeting. I look forward to each message that is being prepared and honed for our professional benefit. I would like to share with you a few thoughts that I have had this summer.

I attended the range field tour this summer. A big hurrah! To all of those that participated. I came away from that meeting with a pronounced respect for those who have played a part in the history of rangeland restoration. I have countless mentors that shaped my views and understanding of range management. I try to absorb the experience that they have. I look for every opportunity to attend meeting, workshops, and tours with them. I would like to attempt to carry on their expertise and wisdom. I believe that the worst thing we could do is lose touch or think we know more than those that have pioneered before us.

My second thought was developed while I was attending this year’s range camp. I cleared my schedule for the opening day so that I could give an opening message. When I left later that afternoon I was critical of myself for not clearing the whole week. What an exceptional opportunity to teach, recruit, and share the meaning of range management. I had a great time with the cadre and was strengthened by their enthusiasm for our profession. I will be clearing my schedule for next summer’s range camp.

My final thought came while restoring a wildlife enclosure in Deer Creek near Panguitch Lake. In and around my office there are countless studies. I myself have conducted many of them; however I rarely have used them to make management decisions. That seems a bit crazy. I don’t know if I have ever made the cross over from what is being inventoried and what is being implemented. What good is it to have an enclosure, which is telling us so much only to do nothing with what we learned? What is that saying? “If you always do what you have always done you will always get what you have always gotten”.

As each of these thoughts are still being developed I have no answers only more questions. I believe that the first step is to ask the question. So work can begin to find the answers.

So until we meet at this year’s annual meeting may your electric fence always carry a charge and your bull not so much.



Utah Section Society of
Range Management
2012 Fall Meeting
Utah Valley University
Student Center, Rooms
206 A, B, C
Orem, Utah
November 1st and 2nd

A PUBLIC/PRIVATE LAND SUCCESS STORY WORTH HEARING ABOUT

Through cooperation with the Utah Chapter of the Society for Range Management (SRM), Utah Cattlemen's Association (UCA), BLM, USFS, NRCS, and the USU Extension/UGIP Beginning Rancher program, we have scheduled an opportunity to hear a presentation about a successful group effort to improve riparian health through grazing management (see description and pictures at the end of this newsletter).

The SRM will be holding their annual meeting at Utah Valley University Student Center on Nov. 1st & 2nd. This presentation will last from 9:00 AM until noon on Thurs. Nov. 1st with the opportunity to visit with presenters through the lunch hour. The BLM/USFS/NRCS will be encouraging their range professionals to attend this meeting and ranchers would be a welcome addition to this event.


Please pre-register, it is critical to our planning!

Registration for our meeting is available on the national website: The website is live. Please visit <http://srm.allenmm.com>, select "Sections" and then "Utah Section Meeting". You can pay online and select the type of banquet meal.

Hotel Information

The Hilton will honor the \$75.00 price up until the meeting. Ask for Kimberly Shaffers and make reservations through her.

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Name:

Mailing Address:

Organization (optional)

Phone Number and Email:

Registration:

Regular Member Preregistering:	\$55.00
Non-member or Registration at Meeting	\$65.00
Student, No Banquet (must still register)	\$ 0
Banquet Only (students or partners)	\$25.00

*Indicate meal preference beef chicken vegetarian

Pre-registration can be done online with a credit card by following these instructions:

Members

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

Click “Member Login” in the top-right corner of the screen

Enter you user ID and 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 – follow the same procedure except you will not have a user ID or password so skip that step

You can also pay by check. Send it along with your registration form.

Mail to: Maxine Deeter
P.O. Box 102
La Sal, Utah 84530



Parking Information

UVU has printed parking passes, they will be available at the parking office east of campus at:

Parking Services
Facilities Complex (FC 119)
936 South 400 West
PARKING@UVU.EDU
801-863-8188

We will also have some available at the front desk at the hotel. It is a 12 minute walk from the hotel to the Sorensen Student Center where the meeting will be held. Please use the tunnel under University Parkway for safety. The hotel will also have their free shuttle available to take people to campus.

UVU will also reserve parking spaces in Lot L14. There will be signage from Lot L14 to the student center to help find the way to the conference room. Maybe I can leave some parking passes hidden behind the sign. Lot L14 is along the frontage road between I-15 and the west side of campus. There is a campus map on the parking services website. PARKING@UVU.EDU



Jerald Ross Wight



Jerald Ross Wight, beloved husband, father, grandfather, brother, uncle, scoutmaster, outdoorsman, technologist, scientist, mentor, and friend, passed away on Friday, 9/7/13. After a morning of catching up on scout activities, Ross passed away suddenly of natural causes. Ross was born on October 5, 1931 in Harper Ward, Utah to Emery and Lucille Lillywhite Wight. He was the only living son in the family, brother to a house full of seven sisters, which may explain his early longing and love of the outdoors. He was raised on the family farm in Harper attending Brigham City schools, where he met the love of his life Mary Jo Chadwick. They were married in the Logan Temple on August 4, 1954.

Ross and Mary Jo raised seven children while living in five states and two countries, making lifelong friends wherever they went. One of the highlight of their later years together was the 21 months spent in Estonia on a mission for the LDS church.

As accomplished as he was in his professional and scouting career, his faith and family were the most important aspects of his life, and Ross will be sorely missed by family, friends, and countless individuals whose lives he touched through compassionate service, laughter, and love.



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 can be sent to Tom Monaco in October 2012.**

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. [Click Here For More information](#)



Remember to bring
silent auction items
to the Fall meeting



Presidential Candidate Biographical Sketches

Shane Green:

Shane graduated in Range Management at Utah State University in 1993, where he served as the College of Natural Resources Student Senator during his senior year. He worked as a Range Conservationist Trainee for the BLM in Burley, Idaho, as a Range Conservationist for the NRCS in Cedar City and Coalville, Utah, and as an Area Range Conservationist for the NRCS in northern Utah. Shane has spent the last 10 years in his current position as State Range Management Specialist for NRCS Utah. He has served the SRM Utah section in the positions of CRM Committee chairman, Treasurer, Northern Chapter President, and currently as the Range Excellence committee chairman. He resides in Morgan, Utah with his wife and six children.

Chad Horman:

Chad completed Bachelor and Master degrees in Wildlife and Range Management at Brigham Young University in 1998. While there he served as the treasurer for one year in the Wildlife and Range Club. Following graduation, he worked as a Restoration Ecologist Intern at the Department of Energy's Idaho National Engineering and Environmental Laboratory west of Idaho Falls, ID for 18 months. This was followed by working as a Research Associate for two years at Brigham Young University managing the long-term trend monitoring program at Dugway Proving Ground in Utah. He then moved to south central New Mexico to work as a Range Management Specialist for the Forest Service on the Cibola NF. He worked there for six years. In 2008 he accepted his current position as the Forest Range Program Manager on the Dixie and Fishlake National Forests in southwest Utah. He is finishing up his term as the Southern Chapter President in the SRM Utah Section. He resides in Enoch, UT with his wife and four children.

We are still looking for two candidates for the open director's position. Those will be included on the ballot at the fall meeting. If anyone is interested in running for this position, please contact Jeff Barnes at 435-753-5616 x 126.

2012 Utah Natural Resources Field School (Range Camp)

The Utah Natural Resources Field School (commonly known as “Range Camp”) was held July 30 – August 2 at the Gooseberry Administrative Site on the Fishlake National Forest. Twenty-six campers spent four days in the field and classroom learning as much as they could about rangelands and rangeland management. In addition to the campers, Josslynn Barker from Vernal and Britney Bosshardt from Beryl (2011 and 2009 Range Camp Winners, respectively) served as Youth Counselors. Beth Burritt (USU Extension, Logan); George Cook (NRCS retired, Wellington); Kendall Nelson (U. S. Forest Service, Loa); Mindy Pratt (USU Extension, Richmond); John Pratt (Utah Division of Wildlife Resources retired, Tremonton) Mike Ralphs (USDA Agricultural Research Service retired, Ferron); John Reese (BLM, Kanab), and Fee Busby (USU Extension, Logan) served as adult leaders and faculty

Monday afternoon Brian Monroe, Utah SRM Section President (U. S. Forest Service, Cedar City) told the students about rangelands, rangeland management, and the Society for Range Management. Britney and Josslynn discussed their experiences at the High School Youth Forums at the 2010 Denver and 2012 Spokane SRM meetings.

The campers spent four days with various specialists learning about many aspects of rangeland management including how to measure annual production how to use this information to calculate carrying capacity. South of Fishlake, the students viewed an area where they could see the brush management work that has been done by the Forest Service and BLM.

During the week the students assembled plant collections and were tested on what they had been learning. This year’s outstanding campers Sierra Allen from Grantsville, Bethany Lamb from Loa, and Stormy Cox from Alton. These three students will represent Utah at the 2013 High School Youth Forum at the Oklahoma City SRM meeting. Logan Esplin from Orderville and Jessica Wood from Alton were selected as alternates to attend the Youth Forum if Sierra, Bethany, or Stormy are unable to attend.



Outstanding Range Camp participants and camp directors. From the left, Fee Busby camp co-director, Sierra Allen from Grantsville, outstanding camper; Bethany Lamb from Loa, outstanding camper; Logan Esplin from Orderville, outstanding camper; Stormy Cox from Alton; outstanding camper; Jessica Wood from Alton, outstanding camper; George Cook from Wellington, past camp director; and Mindy Cox from Richmond, camp co-director.



Photos from Range Camp



John Pratt (right) discussed the importance of plant species composition and community structure (plant density and height) to different wildlife



Kendall Nelson discusses management of sagebrush using the Dixie harrow



Mike talks to the students about orange sneezeweed



Students work on their plant collection (left is Riley Esplin, center is Stormy Cox, right is Sierra Allen).



Summer Tour

By

Chad Horman



This summer's field tour was well attended by about 75 people in Ephraim, UT and was co-sponsored by the Society for Range Management and the Society for Ecological Restoration. The two and half day tour (June 18-20, 2012) allowed attendees to view and discuss restoration efforts across various ecotypes ranging from pinyon-juniper to high elevation tall forb communities.

Stops on the first day included a tour of the Utah Department of Wildlife Resources, Great Basin Seed Warehouse; visits to historic seeding efforts in pinyon-juniper woodlands with discussions on observed interactions between native and introduced species; and a final stop at the experimental gardens in Fountain Green, where work is being done to develop native plants for restoration projects.

Dinner that evening was provided by George Cook and company. The evening program consisted of music and storytelling. Local historian Joel Frandson shared historical events concerning livestock rustling, murders and community livestock problems. Musical numbers were performed by local artist Gregg Booth.

The second day allowed participants to move into cooler country by traveling up Ephraim Canyon. The morning was spent visiting Majors Flat and Willow Creek to look at effects of past seeding efforts and a recent sagebrush genecology study. Lunch was at the historic Great Basin Research Station with presentations on aspen ecology, Forest Service timber program and history of the research station. The afternoon wrapped up with a tour of the historic Watershed A & B study plots just below the summit. Presentations discussed the historical watershed and plant community restoration studies, current studies of subalpine and tall forb communities and climate change in subalpine communities.

The final day of the tour again returned to the mountains up Fairview Canyon where presentations covered topics of management and restoration of tall forb communities; effects of pocket gophers on tall forb communities; efforts to restore tarweed infested areas; extraction and use of false hellbore (*Veratrum californicum*) plants for medicinal purposes; and species selection, site preparation and seeding practices, and equipment used to restore diverse plant associations.

Thanks to all of the presenters: Jason Vernon (UDWR), Danny Summers (UDWR), Scott Jensen (RMRS), Scott Walker (UDWR), Steve Mosen (Retired USFS), Kelly Memmott (USFS), Bryce Richardson (RMRS), Carlton Moss (USFS), Shawn Kjar (Snow College), Durant McArthur (Retired RMRS), Dale Bartos (RMRS), Sam St. Clair (BYU), Diane Cote (USFS), Allen Stevens (Snow College), Richard Gill (BYU), Lafe Conner (BYU), Allan Huber (USFS), Jane Rushane (USFS), Matt Germino (USGS), Joseph McPherson (Infinity Pharmaceuticals), Josh Mosen (Infinity Pharmaceuticals), Karl Anderson (USFS), Robert Davidson (USFS) and Jan Curtis-Pollestrup (USFS).

A very special thanks needs to be given to Steve Mosen for doing the lion's share of the organization and planning and to Jason Vernon and Samantha Schoppe (UDWR) for logistical support.

ATTENTION PUBLIC LAND RANCHERS AND RANGELAND PROFESSIONALS
A PUBLIC/PRIVATE LAND SUCCESS STORY WORTH HEARING ABOUT

The Utah Cattlemen's Association Winter meeting will be Nov. 28-30 at the Sheraton Hotel, 150W, 500 S in Salt Lake City. The Nevada presentation will occur from 8:00 AM to noon on Thurs Nov 29th, with opportunity to visit with presenters during lunch. You can pre-register for UCA online at www.utahcattlemen.org and save money on your room by early reservation.

A special offer for beginning ranchers—but hurry, it is “first come, first serve”:
The USU Extension and Utah Grazing Improvement Program are prepared to provide scholarships for “Beginning Ranchers”—those who have been in the business for **10 years or less**, to attend either the SRM or Cattlemen's winter meeting. **For details contact Therese Aschkenase at UDAF—801-538-7138.**

A large scale success story from Northeastern Nevada

More than 30 years ago, land managers throughout the West began to recognize a dire need to improve grazing management in riparian areas. Beginning in 1977, state and federal biologists working in Northeastern Nevada started collecting data and photographs on hundreds of miles of streams to document conditions. They were doing this important work during a time when 'riparian' was a dirty word. Over the decades, biologists and land managers went through several phases including recognizing and documenting the problem, protecting small areas to learn what the potential of the sites were (riparian exclosures), and finally learning how to manage grazing so that the potentials could be realized on a landscape scale. The most important lesson learned was that building partnerships and understanding between all the stakeholders, including the ranching community, is essential for success.

The results of these efforts are only recently beginning to come into full bloom with beaver re-colonizing hundreds of miles of stream restored through grazing management on public and private land. The story of learning, adapting, cooperation and ultimate success is a very well documented inspirational tale that ranchers and range managers need to hear. It is our good fortune to have the resource professionals and ranchers involved with these projects coming to Utah to share their experiences.



Susie Creek
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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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