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Notes from the President

Kendall F. Nelson



Hello fellow SRM members! With the recent blast of cold weather, for many of us, the race is on to complete our field-going projects before old man winter closes the door on the 2017 season. It has been a great year for the Utah SRM and we sponsored several activities this summer that have helped make it so. I encourage all of us to keep spreading the word about SRM and why our rangelands

and proper land management are so important to us. It is crucial that we all take the opportunity, when and where we can, to tell our stories of success and maybe even a challenge or two in the work that we do.

As a section, we were able to hear and see some of these successes and challenges on our summer tour this year. My sincere thanks to the Northern Chapter for putting together an exceptional trip out to Elko Nevada to learn about the restoration of Maggie Creek and hear and see some of the complex aspects of rangeland management in that neck of the woods. Our outing was capped off with an intriguing tour of the Newmont gold mine. I dare say that, for those of us in attendance, it was an experience that will be remembered for years to come!

Our annual high school range camp was once again a great success this year. Thank you Randall Violet and company for putting together an outstanding camp for the up and coming land managers across the State. It is always refreshing and invigorating for me to spend some time with these impressive young folks each summer.

I hope everyone is making plans to attend our annual fall meeting on November 2nd and 3rd in Midway at the Homestead Resort. I know President-Elect, Taylor Payne, and others have been working hard to put together another excellent meeting. On that note, may I encourage all of us to think about the folks we work with and consider nominating someone that is deserving of recognition for one of our annual SRM awards. It doesn't take long to nominate someone and is an excellent way to continue to tell our stories of success and challenges and give recognition to some of the outstanding management and stewardship that is going on. You can find the nomination forms on our website.

It has been a great experience for me to serve as your President this year. I am continually impressed with the talent, intellect, and passion that so many of you have for this great professional organization. It has been my goal throughout the year to help further the sole objective of the Utah SRM: To foster advancement in the science and art of grazing land management, to promote progress in the conservation and sustained use of forage and soil resources, to stimulate discussion and understanding of scientific and practical range and pasture problems, and to provide a medium of exchange of ideas and facts among section members and allied technologists, and to encourage professional improvement of its members. I hope that, in some small way, this has happened throughout the year and will continue for years to come. See you all in Midway!

Best Regards,
Kendall F. Nelson

Unfinished Business

Photos of High School Youth who participated at the National meeting last January in St. George



Utah Students
Left to Right: Trevor Petersen from Monroe, Utah
Jasalene Hackwell from Price
Dallen Tweddell from Price, Utah



High School Youth Who Participated

Summer Tour

Newmont Gold hosted a one day tour for the Utah SRM in Elko, Nevada. The morning was spent viewing their rehabilitation work at Maggy Creek. In the afternoon, the group toured parts of the gold processing facility. Unfortunately, no product samples were given. The SRM folks were able to see one of the BIG haul trucks.





Range Camp 2017



Range Camp Winners
Left to right:
Randall Violet, camp director
1st place was Jace Draper,
2nd was Ashley Spencer
3rd was Harleigh Bell



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“Coming Together To Work As One”

**The Homestead Resort
700 Homestead Drive
Midway, Utah 84049
November 2nd & 3rd**

Meeting Info: The meetings will be held at The Homestead Resort in Midway, UT. On-site registration will begin at 7:00 AM on Thursday with the meetings starting around 8:00. The agenda will be posted on our website as soon as it is finalized. The program will focus on working together as “One”. We will have presentations about the incredible work performed by the Idaho Rangeland Commission highlighting their work across the state of Idaho through communication efforts. We will be viewing their example of highlighting the importance of rangelands and how their state’s citizens stay connected to it. We will then have a panel discussion with groups and agencies who work on, live in, and value our rangelands to see how our Utah SRM can come together to further connect each other’s efforts. Our meetings will also consist of a Wild Horse and Burro forum to coordinate our SRM to work together to better manage the problems that persist from the wild horse and burros in our state. We will also have presentations by our Utah college students presenting their research along with other professional research presentations. Competitions will be held for undergraduate students on Thursday, including a plant ID test and URME exam. There will be catered meals for breakfast and lunch on Thursday and breakfast on Friday. On Friday, the meetings will begin around 8:00 AM and conclude around noon. Please remember that all meals are provided with registration cost! Following our meeting on Friday there will be an opportunity to take a private tour of Heber Valley Cheese, this dairy and cheese plant is just down the road from our conference location.

Banquet (Thursday evening): The banquet will begin around 6:30 PM and be in pavilion building at the Homestead. This will be a semi-formal, catered banquet. Awards that will be presented that night include: rancher of the year, range manager of the year, outstanding young range professional of the year, a range excellence award, and the winners of the plant ID and URME exam for the students. If you would like to nominate someone for an award, the forms can be found on our website. The menu that night will be Ribeye Steaks, Fricassee of Chicken Breast, or pan seared Pacific Cod. Along with the meats, we will have Caesar salad and other vegetables, and German Chocolate cake for dessert. We will need a number of those who plan on attending the banquet by October 27th. This can be indicated on the registration form. You may also email Maxine Deeter at slowpoke32@hotmail.com and let her know if you are planning on attending the banquet. This includes guests who will be attending the banquet with you.

THERE WILL BE NO BANQUET TICKETS AVAILABLE AFTER OCTOBER 27TH.

Registration: Online registration is available on our website www.utsrm.org Registration can also be sent to Maxine Deeter. Her mailing address and email is on the registration form below.

REGISTRATION AT THE MEETING WILL INCLUDE A \$10.00 LATE REGISTRATION FEE.

Lodging: The entire Homestead Resort has been reserved for the Utah SRM meeting. The rates are \$89.00 per night. The phone number is: 435-654-1102. Be sure you indicate that this is for the SRM to get this rate.



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REGISTRATION FORM

Name:

Mailing Address:

Organization (optional):

Phone Number:

Email:

Registration Costs:

Regular member pre-registering	\$60.00
Non-member or registration at meeting	\$65.00
First day – member (no banquet)	\$30.00
First day – non-member (no banquet)	\$35.00
Student, no banquet (must still register)	\$0
Banquet only (students or partners)	\$25.00 (indicate number desired)
<input type="checkbox"/> Banquet (Indicate here if you will be attending the banquet. The banquet is included with regular registration)	

Mail registration forms to:

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

Or email to:
Slowpoke32@hotmail.com



Elections

President Elect

Eric Thacker

EDUCATION

Ph.D., Wildlife Sciences, Utah State University Logan, Utah, 84341 Dissertation: Greater Sage-Grouse Seasonal Ecology and Responses to Habitat Manipulations in Northern, Utah. 2010

M.S., Range Sciences, Utah State University Logan, Utah, 84341

Thesis: Ecologically-Based Management of Snakeweed-Infested Sagebrush Steppe Communities in the Great Basin. 2006

B.S., Range Science, Utah State University, Logan, Utah, 84341 2001

A.S., Natural Science Ricks College, Rexburg, Id 1997

WORK EXPERIENCE:

Assistant Professor/ Range Extension Specialist

August 2013 – Present

Range Ecologist (post-doctoral research fellow) December 2011 – July 2013

Research Range Management Specialist (post-doctoral research fellow) January 2010 – December 2011

Ph.D. Research Assistantship

January 2006 – December 2010

Range Research Technician and M.S. Graduate Student

January 2000 – April 2006

PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS AND COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

Member of Society for Range Management: 2000-2017

Member Utah Section of Society for Range Management: 2000 -2017

Utah Society for Range Management Board of Directors: 2015 - 2017

Mule Deer Planning Committee 2014

Member of The Wildlife Society: 2009-2017

SRM Wildlife Habitat committee: 2010-2017

TWS Range/Wildlife Working Group 2013 - 2017

SRM Range Science Education Council: 2014-2017

Oklahoma City Annual SRM Meeting Program committee: 2012-2013

SRM "Under Graduate Range Management Exam" committee. 2010-2013

AWARDS

2016 Utah Section of the Society for Range Management Range Manager of the year



Terrel Thayne

When I was born my family lived in Talmage, Utah and when I was 14 we moved 8 miles to Mountain Home, Utah. My parents owned a dairy and we raised a few sheep. While I was in high school my parents sold the dairy cattle and bought beef cattle. We have raised beef cattle and a few sheep since then. For 12 years our livestock grazed on a forest grazing allotment on the Manti Lasal forest. Now we have scaled back the number of cattle and graze on our private land under an intensive grazing system in Mountain Home.

Married the late Lorraine Condie in 2003. I love spending time with my nieces and nephews. I attended grade school through high school in Altamont, Utah.

College:

Ricks College, Associates Degree, Animal Science

Utah State University, Bachelors Degree, Animal Science

Utah State University, Masters Degree, Extension Education

Work

Worked for IFA as my first job out of college and part of that time as assistant manager. (7 years total)

I worked for Utah State University Extension as a 4-H Extension Agent in Davis County for 3 years.

Worked as a Conservation Planner for the NRCS (2 years), then the position of Conservation Planner/GIP Coordinator with UACD came open so I changed jobs without changing desks (3 years). Eventually all of the GIP Coordinator jobs became Utah Department of Ag employees. I have been with UDAF for the last 5 years.

I enjoy working with livestock producers and helping them plan and implement conservation practices to improve grazing, Working with the various agency range cons is an enjoyable part of my job. I love the rural lifestyle and enjoy spending time with any of my family. I especially enjoy working on our small livestock operation.



Do not corner something that you know is meaner than you.





Director

Nolan Hicks

I grew up on a small ranch in Meeteetse Wyoming, where my family and I raised quarter horse. Active in FFA, Student council, football and basketball all through high school. Working for local rancher and farmers growing hay and moving cattle on and off private, forest and BLM. After graduating high school in 2008, I went on to play NAIA Division II basketball at Dickinson State University in Dickinson ND. After DSU I went on to the University of Wyoming, College of Agriculture where I completed my BS degree in Rangeland Ecology and Watershed Management with a minor in Restoration and Reclamation. During my time at UW, I worked for the Wyoming State Vet Lab as a student laborer, taking care and assisting professor and graduate student research of elk, bison, sheep, cattle and swine. I also was actively participated in the Student Section of the Wyoming SRM and being chapter treasure in 2014-15. After graduating UW in 2015 I worked for the NRCS in Wyoming with Ecological Site Descriptions for a field season, thereafter getting hired onto the Meeteetse Conservation District in Meeteetse Wyoming as a Range Specialist. While attending the national SRM meeting in Corpus Christi Texas, I participated in the “On the Spot Hiring” where I was offered and accepted my current position as a Rangeland Management Specialist with the USDA Forest Service in Monticello Utah.

Slate Stewart

Slate Stewart was born and raised in Southern Utah where he loved working alongside his dad and brothers on the family beef cattle outfit, including grazing permits on both US Forest Service and BLM. One of his greatest joys and passions is working, managing cattle, improving, hunting, camping, and site-seeing on Utah's vast and diverse rangelands. Slate worked seasonally for Kodachrome State Park through high school then for the US Forest Service as a Range Technician on the Dixie National Forest Escalante Ranger District, and Iron Mission State Park while attending Southern Utah University where he obtained a Bachelors Degree in Agricultural Science with an emphasis in Natural Resources, as well as an Associate's Degree in Farm and Ranch Management. He spent two years in Ecuador serving an LDS mission where he became proficient in Spanish and was amazed at the fact that even powerlines can grow vegetation with enough precipitation. Slate met and married Pennie in 2004 and together they have five children, four boys and the rest are all girl. As a family they graze cattle, work, improve and recreate on Utah's Rangelands while operating a small family farm and ranch as a hobby. Slate has worked to improve Utah's ranges as a land owner, permittee, and as a career since high school. In early 2012 he started working for Utah Department of Agriculture and Food's Grazing Improvement Program (UGIP) where he thoroughly enjoyed coordinating the planning, installing, and implementation of projects to improve grazing management, habitats, and range conditions with ranchers, and range professionals in the southeast corner of the state. Since late 2015 to present, he has worked for the State of Utah School and Institutional Trust Lands Administration as a Resource Specialist, where he continues to be an advocate for the responsible use and management of our renewable natural resources while overseeing the grazing and range management, range and habitat improvement projects, and agricultural leases on approximately 1.7 million acres of the Trust's rangelands in the southern half of the state.



Membership Information

Membership Brochures

March 13, 2017 by MaryJo

“As a range professional, I feel that it is important that we be exposed and up to date on information regarding the management of our country’s rangelands. SRM is a source for the most current rangeland management issues that we need to be aware of and are responsible for conveying to land managers. SRM has also helped increase my network of rangeland professionals that has greatly enhanced my development and granted me access to knowledge and experience from other range managers across the country.”

“SRM keeps me connected to not only the cutting edge science, but the current issues out on the range, be they environmental, political or sociological. Stewards of rangeland resources have the power to impact not only their own destiny, but make a profound impact on the world around them, for the good of people far beyond their own operation. The diversity of voices in SRM, scientists, consultants, land stewards, agency professionals is unique and keeps me current, engaged and always motivated to learn more.”

Matthew Coffman
Rangeland Management Specialist
Southern Plains Region, GIS
Natural Resources Conservation Service

Angie Phelan
Executive Director
Texas Grazing Land Coalition
Manager, Taylor Grazing Act

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The Membership Committee created new SRM brochures this year! They encourage members to distribute them and help increase SRM awareness! They are also available under the Membership Committee Page. Thank You!!!
General Audience
Early Career/Young Professional
College/University Student

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SRM ANNUAL MEETING
The Nugget, Sparks, NV
January 28-February 2, 2018