

# Society for Range Management



## Utah Section Newsletter

Fall 2018

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### SRM Utah Section Newsletter

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## Notes from the President

Taylor Payne



Greetings Utah SRM!

We have seen a wild year across our state from drought to enormous fires and flash flooding to mudslides. Earlier this year, we were wondering what would come our way as it relates to the different areas across the range that each of us manages.

It definitely didn't disappoint in what we faced.

We have had many successes as a society within our state throughout this year. Our society has been able to represent their voice in fire management concerns to the state's US Forest Service as well as submitting responses to the national society's Rangelands Journal about articles tied to research conducted within our state.

We have also had continued great success from our range camp where many high school kids were able to get trained from our volunteer members. Many thanks go out to Randall Violet who chairs our range camp. Our summer tour was also a success in Southern Utah. Slate Stuart organized the event with our Southern Chapter covering topics of post-burn rehabilitation efforts and the lessons learned since the burns occurred on several different fires. We had a terrific dinner prepared by the Southern Utah University Chapter overlooking Bryce Canyon where we enjoyed a beautiful night with each other.

This fall, Eric Thacker has been getting ready for our Annual Meeting to be held in Midway at the Homestead Resort. Our meeting will be held on November 1 and 2<sup>nd</sup>. The main theme of the meeting is to celebrate 100 year since the start of range science which began in Utah. We plan to make sure we make some news about the great efforts we are involved in and especially about our state section.

Our section has had many great events and is progressing along as a local society that shows what we are passionate about. I have learned from a friend a long time ago that when we surround ourselves with great people, good situations build and great things happen. I feel this way about our section and what we stand for. I feel that we can all support each other in the areas that we are involved in by coming together through SRM and being involved with the activities and opportunities that come along.

I look forward to seeing as many of you as possible during our annual meeting in Midway.

Until then-

Taylor Payne



**SAVE THE DATE!!!!**

**UTAH'S ANNUAL SRM CONFERENCE**

**JOIN US FOR THE ANOTHER GREAT ADVENTURE!**

**100 YEARS OF RANGELAND  
MANAGEMENT IN UTAH**

**WHERE: MIDWAY, UT AT THE HOMESTEAD RESORT**

**WHEN: NOVEMBER 1<sup>ST</sup> - 2<sup>ND</sup> 2018**

**WATCH [HTTP://WWW.UTSRM.ORG/](http://www.utsrm.org/) FOR FUTURE DETAILS**

## Award Nominations

We are seeking award nominations for Range Manager of the Year, Rancher of the Year, and Outstanding Young Range Professional. Criteria for each category and submission forms can be found at the Utah SRM homepage: [utsrm](http://utsrm.org/). Click on Committees and then Awards to find this information.

Please send in your nominations with a completed form no later than Wednesday, October 10, 2018.

Send to:

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# Utah Section of the Society for Range Management 2018 Fall Meeting

[www.utsrm.org](http://www.utsrm.org)

## 100 YEARS OF RANGE MANAGEMENT IN UTAH

**The Homestead Resort  
700 Homestead Drive  
Midway, Utah 84049  
November 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup>**

**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. If you wish to pay by credit card at the meeting, you will have to do so online with your own device.

**Registration:** Registration for the meeting is \$95.00 plus \$7.42 fees for SRM members which includes the banquet. Banquet tickets are \$25.00 plus \$3.16 fee for students or partners who are not registering for the meeting. Nonmember registration is \$135.00 plus \$9.85 fee.

Online registration is available at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/utah-srm-annual-meeting-tickets-50873788872>  
Registration can also be sent to Maxine Deeter at P. O. Box 102, La Sal, Utah 84530.

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

**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, and Range Excellence award, and the winners of the plant ID and URME exam for the students. We will need a number of those who plan on attending the banquet by October 20th. This can be indicated on the online registration form. You may also email Maxine Deeter at [slowpoke32@hotmail.com](mailto:slowpoke32@hotmail.com) and let her know if you have non-registered people planning on attending the banquet.

**THERE WILL BE NO BANQUET TICKETS AVAILABLE AFTER OCTOBER 20TH.**

**Lodging:** A block of rooms at the 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. **Reservations need to be made soon as there are a limited number of rooms set aside for SRM members.**



# Meeting Agenda

UTAH SECTION, SOCIETY FOR RANGE MANAGEMENT  
2018, ANNUAL MEETING  
Midway, Utah  
100 YEARS OF RANGE MANAGEMENT IN UTAH

**Thursday Nov 1 2018**

**8:00 Welcome USRM President Taylor Payne**

**8:30 Durant McArthur, History of Great Basin Range Research Center**

**9:30 Stan Kitchen, History of the Desert Experimental Range**

**10:00 Dave Prevedel, History of the US Forest Service in Utah**

**10:30 Break**

**10:30 Mike Ralphs, History of the Utah Society for Range Management**

**11:00 Ed Scherick, History of the BLM in Utah**

**11:30 History of the Utah Agricultural Experiment Station**

**12:00 Lunch**

**1:30 Fee Busby, 100 Year of Rangeland Education,**

**2:00 Chad Reid, 100 years of range management through the lens**

**2:30 Break**

**3:00 Layne Coppock, Ranchers, and drought planning.**

**3:30 Ryan Larsen, Drought insurance for rangelands**

**4:00 Economic considerations and impacts of Drought**

**4:30 Break**

**Friday, Nov 2, 2018**

**8:00 Range Science Round-up (contributed presentations )**



## CANDIDATES FOR UTAH SRM OFFICERS – 2018

### RUNNING FOR DIRECTOR:

#### Jessie Warner



Hi all! My name is Jessie Warner. I am the Rangeland Management Specialist for the Forest Service in Escalante, Utah. I have been the Specialist there for three years. In that time, I have built strong relationships between the Forest Service and ranchers by working together to improved rangelands by reconstructing fences, installing new water systems, and vegetation treatments.

Prior to coming to Utah, I grew up on a dairy and cow/calf operation in northeast Nebraska. I graduated from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln with a degree in Grazing Livestock Systems and Animal Science. I worked for the Forest Service on the Nebraska National Forest, Bessey Ranger District in Halsey, Nebraska for five years.

#### Chad Dewey

Chad Dewey is the Director of Natural Resources at Snow College. He attended Utah State University, where he received his B.S. in Horticulture and M.S. in Range Management, where he created an interactive, science-based, invasive weed curriculum for high school agricultural education and science teachers. After graduation, he worked as a private contractor, traveling the Western United States mapping and treating invasive weeds, as well as overseeing the lawn care and pest control division of the company. In 2012, he accepted a position at Snow College, where he began running a newly created natural re-







## RUNNING FOR PRESIDENT ELECT:

### Randall Violet



Randall came to SUU from the University of Wyoming where he was a Research Associate at the Agriculture Research and Extension Center in Powell, Wyoming. During his time with UW he conducted research on specialty crops such as canola, lintels, chickpeas, sunflowers, flax and sainfoin as well as traditional crops such as alfalfa, barley, sugar beets and corn. Before working at the R&E center Dr. Violet was an Assistant Professor of Agriculture at Northwest College, a community college in Powell, Wyoming. There he taught classes covering topics such as Animal Science, Feeds and Feeding, Ag Business, Ag Econ, Ag Leadership, Soil Science and yes even Range Management. He advised the Block and Bridle Club, coached the Livestock Exhibition Team and mentored the Agriculture Theme House.

Currently he is responsible for teaching the Natural Resource and Range Management courses (21 credits) at SUU as well as advising the Range Club. He is on the board of directors for the Utah Section of the Society for Range Management (SRM), and is director of the SRM Youth Range and Natural Resource Camp. He also holds committee appointments in the Western Society of Weed Science (WSWS), North America College Teachers of Agriculture (NACTA), and Utah Association of Agriculture Educators (UAAE).

### Kevin Heaton

Kevin has worked the past 19 Years as the Garfield/Kane County Extension Agriculture/Natural Resource/4-H Youth Development Faculty. Currently, serving as the co-chair of the UT/AZ Range Livestock Workshop and Tour and vice president of the Canyon Country Cooperative Weed Management Area.



# Summer Tour - Brianhead Fire



Viewing the burn area



Educational Presentation



Gourmet Leg of Lamb Dinner  
Prepared by Randall Violet



Cedar Breaks





# Range Camp

Randall Violett, Range Camp Director, reported that there were 14 regular campers who attended Range Camp this year. However, they ended with only 13 participants. One attendee was a repeat camper. A total of 12 youth competed to go to the High School Youth Forum. Harley Bell of Vernal was the first place winner and Tate Goble of North Sevier was second place. The camp ran smoothly and there were no problems. George Cook, Mike Ralphs, Chad Reid, Jeff Barnes and Dean Winward all helped with the camp. Ruger Carter was the Master Student. This was the first time the camp has been held at the SUU facility. The first day of camp – Monday – they went to the SUU farm. The students were also able to go to the observatory and participate in an astronomy presentation. On Tuesday they spent the day on the Mohave Desert. Wednesday they observed the Brian Head fire area. The rest of camp was spent studying for the plant ID test and learning about stocking rates. Jeff Barnes talked to them about the Range Contest. Thursday, the students did their oral presentations. Randall felt these were the best yet. There was another plant ID test that day and then awards were presented and they broke camp. Randall reported that there were 14 regular campers who attended Range Camp this year. However, they ended with only 13 participants. One attendee was a repeat camper. A total of 12 youth competed to go to the High School Youth Forum. Harley Bell of Vernal was the first place winner and Tate Goble of North Sevier was second place. The camp ran smoothly and there were no problems. George Cook, Mike Ralphs, Chad Reid, Jeff Barnes and Dean Winward all helped with the camp. Ruger Carter was the Master Student. This was the first time the camp has been held at the SUU facility. The first day of camp – Monday – they went to the SUU farm. The students were also able to go to the observatory and participate in an astronomy presentation. On Tuesday they spent the day on the Mohave Desert. Wednesday they observed the Brian Head fire area. The rest of camp was spent studying for the plant ID test and learning about stocking rates. Jeff Barnes talked to them about the Range Contest. Thursday, the students did their oral presentations. Randall felt these were the best yet. There was another plant ID test that day and then awards were presented and they broke camp.





# Range Camp Photos



This year's top three campers,  
Right to Left Randall Violet (Camp Director) 1st  
place Harleigh Bell, 2nd place Tate Goble, 3rd  
place Whitley Cox.



Jeff Barnes lecturing



Camp instructors, Dean Winward, Ruger Carter,  
George Cook, Mike Ralphs hard at work grading.



George Cook and Mike Ralphs following along  
and preparing to evaluate plant collections





## Membership Information

### Memberships

**New members:** To pay online, please review the membership options below. When you have decided on a selection, you can then click "Add to Cart" to add the membership to your shopping cart. Once the membership appears in your shopping cart, you can then add a subscription to *Rangelands* and *REM* before checking out.

**New Members:** [click here](#) and let us know how you heard about us!

**Renewing members:** Please [login](#) to renew your membership online. Once you are logged in, you may add the available membership to your shopping cart. Once the membership appears in your shopping cart, you can then add a subscription to *Rangelands* and *REM*. Contact information and demographics can be updated under "Member Profile."

All members, new and renewing, also have the option to pay by post; to do so, then please complete the [Membership Form](#) and send it with payment to the below address.

Society for Range Management  
Business Office  
P.O. Box 1897  
Lawrence, Kansas 66044

\*\*Please contact us directly ([membership@rangelands.org](mailto:membership@rangelands.org) or 785-865-9456) if you qualify for the following SRM [membership rates](#)\*\*  
Emeritus, Un-Sectioned, Commercial, Institutional

### Membership Applications Forms:

[Online Membership Application](#)

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

[Printable New Member Student Application \(pdf\)](#) [Student Verification Form \(pdf\)](#)

[Printable International Application \(pdf\)](#)

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