

# **History of the Utah Section Society for Range Management**

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**1994-2018**

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## **The Utah Section, Society for Range Management, 1979-1984**

**Max Robinson**

“The primary purpose of the historian is to provide an historical record of events, activities and people of the Utah Section,” as outlined in the guidelines to the historian.

This, for the most part, is a tabulation of such records of interest to the Utah Section for the period 1979 through 1983 and part of 1984. Its purpose is to continue the record from “The First 30 Years, 1949-1978, A History of the Utah Section Society for Range Management,” prepared by Dr. Arthur D. Smith.

The tables, in general, follow the format and the chronological order of the tables presented in Art Smith's history. Records were compiled from Newsletters, correspondence and other records furnished by Utah Section officials and committee chairmen. There are some discrepancies in the records, particularly with respect to dates. It is hoped that I have resolved these differences. Corrections and additions to these records are welcome.

The records show many more activities of worth than are given here. Our Utah Section, with its four chapters: Northern Utah, Southern Utah, Utah State University, and Brigham Young University, has been very active in promoting and objectives of the Society for Range Management. It would require more time than I have had to recognize these efforts without slighting many deserving individuals.

Youth activities, including the many accomplishments of students and student chapters at USU and BYU are not fully recognized.

Participation of Society members in youth camps also deserves more recognition.

It is hoped that these deficiencies may be more fully addressed in the future.

I wish to express my appreciation to the Section and Chapter officers and Committee members for furnishing the records. To Marlin Jensen, John Payne, David Somerville, Sarah Barnes, Melanie Mendenhall and Lora Hawkins, I give special thanks for their timely effort in responding to my requests. To Arthur D. Smith, we are all indebted for his history of the Section and his effort in making some order from the records of the Utah Section of SRM. Thanks are given to President Kendall Johnson and his staff for preparing this report for distribution to the membership.

Max E. Robinson,  
October 15, 1984

## **Preface to an Addition to the History of Utah's SRM, 1985-1993**

**Austin B. Haws**

Having served as Utah SRM Historian since 1985 it seems appropriate that I give a brief account of the historian's activities and a statement of the present status of the Section's History.

Author D. Smith, who died 21 September, 1993, prepared and printed the only bound history of the Utah Society in 1978. This history covered the Utah SRM history from its very beginning in 1949 through 1978. Art also deposited what he considered relevant SRM documents in the Special Collections of Utah State University. A list of the materials deposited is available in the Historian's files. The Society owes a debt of gratitude to Art for his unique contributions.

Max Robinson followed Art's general format and summarized the Utah history from 1979 to 1984.

The present bound history summarizes documents and materials collected, sorted and deposited in the USU Special Collections since 1978 to January 1994.

In some previous years the USU Range Department provided some secretarial services to keep a computer record of major items included in past histories, for example, recipients of Rancher of the Year awards, etc. This kind of information should be helpful to various committees who have to select senior and junior members of the Society for various awards.

When secretarial services were no longer available, the Society provided \$200.00 for a secretary to put all relevant data on the computer record. The secretary and Mike Ralphs also sorted through several boxes of folders that had been passed on by past presidents in an unorganized form.

The historian's files are now well organized and it should be relatively easy to bring each year's activities up to date and make them readily available to the new presidents and officers. If Section Presidents and student officers provide the historian with their final reports it should be relatively easy to compile the SRM's annual histories.

## Utah Section SRM History, 1994-2018

Compiled by Michael H. Ralphs

In 1994, Chris Spall, secretary at the USDA/ARS Poisonous Plant Lab formatted the tables and text of this entire history making it a simple matter of updating the officers, awards and president's report each year. In 2018, my daughter, Kimberly Ralphs Barker, formatted this document to be used on current computers and websites. Copies of this history can be found on the Utah Section SRM Website, in the archives at Utah State Univ., and with the current Historian.

Max Robinson in his synopsis of the Utah Section SRM History (1979-1984) lamented that "youth activities, including the many accomplishments of students and student chapters are not fully recognized. Participation of society members in youth camps also deserves more recognition." I will add a few more details about the youth activities.

### Student Chapters

1957 – USU Student Chapter

1964 – BYU Student Chapter

2010 - Southern Utah University Student Chapter

2012 ? - Utah Valley University students started participating in the Plant ID competition

2016 – Snow College students started participating in Plant ID and URME competition

Students compete at the Section and National Annual meeting in Plant ID, Undergraduate Range Management Exam (URME), Extemporaneous Speaking, Range Cup and Chapter Displays. Winners of these competitions are listed in Table 19 Parent Society Awards.

### Scholarships

Objective: to stimulate interest in range conservation among students in high school and assist promising college students through a scholarship award program.

1963: \$100 award based on scholarship, interest in range management, leadership, promise of success in the profession and financial need.

1972: \$300 Permanent scholarship fund created from profits of the Great Basin Station summer meeting. It was titled "L.A. Stoddart Scholarship"

Subsequent profits from the National, Annual and Summer meetings were added to the fund.

Auctions at the Section winter annual meeting have also been added – Steve Monson

Barbeques at SRM and other conservation meetings were added – George Cook and Jim Brown

1997 Redd Foundation funded 2<sup>nd</sup> scholarship titled "Utah Section SRM Scholarship"

2018 - Endowment Fund exceeds \$100,000

2 scholarships are awarded

Plant ID and URME contests, individual and team winners receive cash awards

High School Youth Forum winners – expense paid trip to National Annual Meeting

### Range Camp

"Almost from the formation of the Utah Section, attention was focused on youth programs as a means of spreading knowledge and understanding of range management principles. To a

considerable extent, ranchers in Utah were slow to accept these. Youth activities centered on range programs were seen as means for speeding up acceptance of range management as a practical tool by ranchers.” (Art Smith, *The First 30 Years, 1949 – 1978*)

These youth activities took various forms – range plant recognition and judging programs among 4-H clubs, essay contests involving high school seniors, sponsoring youths to the annual meeting of SRM to participate in Rang Youth Forums, and sponsoring conservation camps for youth.

Since the position of range extension specialist was established at USU, the occupant was usually named chairman of the youth committee. For this reason, it is difficult to identify what was Section vs Extension Service activities.

Fee Busby, who became USU Extension Range Specialist in 1972, tells the story of being called to the Ogden Forest District to meet with Dee Ritchie, the ranger and the President of the Utah Section. “I remember being told that ‘We would have a Range Camp and that I would run it’.” That worked for me because I knew it was something that was needed, I could claim it as an Extension activity on my Extension reports, and use Extension funds to help pay for it, while at the same time giving credit to the Section. Money paid by the kids (or by a sponsor) was sufficient to cover camp cost (mostly food). What money that was left over was sent to the Utah Section and most years was enough to send camp winners to the SRM annual meeting to participate in the High School Youth Forum.

Instructors at the camp have come from the ranching industry, NRCS, BLM, Forest Service, Agricultural Research Service, Utah Division of Wildlife Resources, and faculty from USU, BYU, and SUU.

Currently, winners of Range Camp receive expense paid trip to the National Annual Meeting to participate in Youth Forum and present an illustrated talk on a range topic.

#### Range Camp Directors and Locations

1954-1962 Grant Harris - Conservation Camps

1966-1969 Karl Parker -4-H Range Plant ID Contests, (Teams: Ferron, Park Valley, Tremonton)

1973-1976 - Fee Busby, A. T. Fillingim - Great Basin Station

1977 – Logan Forestry Summer Camp

1978 – Kendal Johnson, George Cook

1987 – Jeff Murphy

1988 – Mark Francis (name changed to Natural Resources Field School)

1995 – Natalie Gale

1998 – Mindy Pratt, George Cook; LaSal Mountain Ranch (Co-hosted by Canyonlands Institute)

1999 - moved back to Great Basin Station

2004 – Kurt Robbins moved it to Gooseberry FS Administrative Site, Salina Canyon

2008-2015 – Fee Busby, George Cook, and Mindy Pratt in some combination.

2016 – Randall Violet SUU, Youth Education Grant

2018 – Moved to SUU Mountain Center, Cedar City

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**Table 1. Utah Chapter Officers**

| <b>Year</b> | <b>President</b>   | <b>President-Elect</b>                          | <b>Secretary/Treasurer</b>                     | <b>Trustees</b>                                   |
|-------------|--------------------|---|--|---|
| 1979        | LaMar Monroe       | Alroy S. Logosz                                 | Reed E. Gardner<br>Benton Smith<br>Bob Gardner | Homer Stapley<br>Richard Baird<br>Durant McArthur |
| 1980        | Alroy S. Logosz    | Cyrus M. McKell                                 | Ronald J. Younger                              | Richard Baird<br>Durant McArthur<br>Everett Doman |
| 1981        | Cyrus M. McKell    | J. Kent Taylor                                  | Thane Johnson                                  | Durant McArthur<br>Everett Doman<br>Vern Wilson   |
| 1982        | J. Kent Taylor     | Gordon A. VanEpps <sup>1</sup><br>Carl Thurgood | Ronald J. Younger                              | Everett Doman<br>Vern Wilson<br>Ben Norton        |
| 1983        | Carl J. Thurgood   | Kendall L. Johnson                              | Ronald J. Younger                              | Vern Wilson<br>Ben Norton<br>Milo Barney          |
| 1984        | Kendall L. Johnson | Gary O. Laing                                   | Paul F. McCawley                               | Ben Norton<br>Milo Barney                         |
| 1985        | Gary O. Laing      | Phil Urness                                     | Paul F. McCawley                               | Milo Barney<br>Kay Frischknecht<br>Joel Frandsen  |
| 1986        | Phil Urness        | Durant McArthur                                 | Paul F. McCawley                               | Kay Frischknecht<br>Joel Frandsen<br>Ron Wilson   |



| <b>Year</b> | <b>President</b>           | <b>President-Elect</b> | <b>Secretary/Treasurer</b> | <b>Trustees</b>                                      |
|-------------|----------------------------|------------------------|----------------------------|--|
| 1987        | Durant McArthur            | Tom Roberts            | Bruce Welch                | Joel Frandsen<br>Ron Wilson<br>Hardy Redd            |
| 1988        | Tom Roberts                | Paul McCawley          | Bruce Welch                | Ron Wilson<br>Hardy Redd<br>Darwin Nielson           |
| 1989        | Paul McCawley <sup>2</sup> | Joel Frandsen          | Bruce Welch                | Jeanne Chambers<br>Darwin Nielson<br>Hardy Redd      |
| 1990        | Joel Frandsen              | George Cook            | Bruce Welch                | Becky Gravenmier<br>Darwin Nielson<br>Tom Tidwell    |
| 1991        | George Cook                | Douglas Johnson        | Allen Rasmussen            | John Malecheck<br>Rosemary Pendleton<br>John Tidwell |
| 1992        | Douglas Johnson            | Hardy Redd             | Allen Rasmussen            | John Malesaek<br>Mike Ralphs<br>Tom Tidwell          |
| 1993        | Hardy Redd                 | Ron Wilson             | Allen Rasmussen            | John Malechek<br>Mike Ralphs<br>Jim Brown            |
| 1994        | Ronald Wilson              | Sam Rowely             | Allen Rasmussen            | Jim Brown<br>Mike Ralphs<br>Steve Smith              |

| <b>Year</b> | <b>President</b> | <b>President-Elect</b> | <b>Secretary/Treasurer</b>              | <b>Trustees</b>                              |
|-------------|------------------|------------------------|---|--|
| 1995        | Sam Rowely       | Allen Rasmussen        | Pat Fosse                               | Jim Brown<br>Steve Smith<br>Roger Banner     |
| 1996        | Allen Rasmussen  | Val Jo Anderson        | Pat Fosse                               | Steve Smith<br>Roger Banner<br>Natalie Gale  |
| 1997        | Val Jo Anderson  | Mike Ralphs            | Shane Green                             | Roger Banner<br>Natalie Gale<br>Karl Ivory   |
| 1998        | Mike Ralphs      | Jerry Goodman          | Shane Green                             | Natalie Gale<br>Karl Ivory<br>Brent Jensen   |
| 1999        | Jerry Goodman    | Steve Monsen           | Shane Green                             | Karl Ivory<br>Brent Jensen<br>Curt Johnson   |
| 2000        | Stephen Monsen   | John Malechek          | Shane Green                             | Brent Jensen<br>Curt Johnson<br>Art Tait     |
| 2001        | John Malechek    | Jim Brown              | Sec - Ross Wight<br>Treas - Scott Pratt | Curt Johnson<br>Art Tait<br>Steve Deeter     |
| 2002        | Jim Brown        | Art Tait               | Sec - Ross Wight<br>Treas -             | Mark Farmer<br>Steve Deeter<br>Kurtis Robins |

| <b>Year</b> | <b>President</b> | <b>President-Elect</b> | <b>Secretary/Treasurer</b>                  | <b>Trustees</b>                                 |
|-------------|------------------|------------------------|---|---|
| 2003        | Art Tait         | Kurtis Robins          | Sec - Ross Wight<br>Tres - Jessica Bulloch  | Steve Deeter<br>Chris Call<br>Dave Grider       |
| 2004        | Kurtis Robins    | Ron Torgerson          | Sec - Ross Wight<br>Tres - Jessica Bulloch  | Dave Grider<br>Chris Call<br>Charles Redd       |
| 2005        | Ron Torgerson    | Steve Deeter           | Sec - Ross Wight<br>Tres - Jessica Bulloch  | Chris Call<br>Natalie Brayton<br>Kendall Nelson |
| 2006        | Paul Curtis      | Mark Brunson           | Sec - Ross Wight<br>Tres - Jessica Bulloch  | Natalie Brayton<br>Kendall Nelson<br>Boyd Hatch |
| 2007        | Mark Brunson     | Thomas Monaco          | Sec - Ross Wight<br>Tres - Ron Torgerson    | Kendal Nelson<br>Maxine Deeter                  |
| 2008        | Thomas Monaco    | Randy Russel           | Sec - Ross Wight<br>Tres - Ron Torgerson    | Steve Petersen<br>Maxine Deeter<br>Mike Gates   |
| 2009        | Randy Russell    | Chad Reid              | Sec - Ross Wight<br>Tres - Ron Torgerson    | Maxine Deeter<br>Mike Gates<br>Karl Ivory       |
| 2010        | Chad Reid        | Jeff Barnes            | Sec - Maxine Deeter<br>Tres - Ron Torgerson | Mike Gates<br>Karl Ivory<br>Burke Davenport     |
| 2011        | Jeff Barnes      | Bryan Monroe           | Sec - Maxine Deeter<br>Tres - Ron Torgerson | Mike Gates<br>Karl Ivory<br>Burke Davenport     |

| <b>Year</b> | <b>President</b>  | <b>President-Elect</b> | <b>Secretary/Treasurer</b>                    | <b>Trustees</b>                                  |
|-------------|-------------------|------------------------|---|--|
| 2012        | Bryan Monroe      | Linden Greenhalgh      | Sec – Maxine Deeter<br>Tres – Ron Torgerson   | Karl Ivory<br>Burke Davenport<br>Kevin Heaton    |
| 2013        | Linden Greenhalgh | Shane Green            | Sec – Maxine Deeter<br>Tres – Ron Torgerson   | Burke Davenport<br>Kevin Heaton<br>Patty Barney  |
| 2014        | Shane Green       | Beth Burritt           | Sec – Maxine Deeter<br>Tres – Jake Owens      | Daniel Cook<br>Lowell Gardner<br>Randal Violet   |
| 2015        | Beth Burritt      | Steve Deeter           | Sec – Maxine Deeter<br>Tres – Jake Owens      | Lowell Gardner<br>Randal Violet<br>Eric Thatcher |
| 2016        | Steve Deeter      | Kendall Nelson         | Sec – Maxine Deeter<br>Tres – Jake Owens      | Randal Violet<br>Eric Thatcher<br>Alan Bass      |
| 2017        | Kendall Nelson    | Taylor Payne           | Sec – Maxine Deeter<br>Tres – Ashley Longmore | Eric Thatcher<br>Alan Bass<br>Tom Tippetts       |
| 2018        | Taylor Payne      | Eric Thatcher          | Sec – Macine Deeter<br>Tres – Ashley Longmore | Alan Bass<br>Tom Tippetts<br>Slate Stewart       |
| 2019        | Eric Thatcher     | Randall Violet         | Sec – Maxine Deeter<br>Tres – Ashley Longmore | Tom Tippetts<br>Slate Stewart<br>Jessica Warner  |

<sup>1</sup> Gordan A. Van Epps resigned to work in Lesotho South Africa and was replaced by Carl Thurgood, selected by unanimous vote of the Utah Section Advisory Council.

<sup>2</sup> Left in March, Tom Roberts filled in for him.

**Table 2. Northern Utah Chapter Officers**

| <b>Year</b> | <b>President</b>    | <b>Pres-Elect<br/>Tour Chairman</b> | <b>Secretary/Treasurer</b> | <b>Council</b>  |
|-------------|---------------------|-------------------------------------|----------------------------|---|
| 1979        | Frank Bohman        | Jim Cook                            | David J. Somerville        | A.T. Fillingim (Summer Tour)<br>Richard B. Baird<br>Bill Davis<br>Hallie Cox      |
| 1980        | Jim Cook            | Roger Banner                        | David J. Somerville        | A.T. Fillingim (Summer Tour)<br>Richard B. Baird<br>Bill Davis<br>Don Christensen |
| 1981        | Roger Banner        | Gary Lang                           | David K. Mann              |   |
| 1982        | Gary Lang           | Alma H. Winward                     | David K. Mann              | Mark Peterson   |
| 1983        | Alma H. Winward     | David J. Somerville                 | Jeff Barnes                | Paul McCawley<br>Mark Peterson  |
| 1984        | David J. Somerville | Michael Ralphs                      | Byron Tolman               | Paul McCawley   |
| 1985        | Michael Ralphs      | Floyd Bartlett                      | Byron Tolman               | Dave Mann<br>Tom Roberts  |
| 1986        | Floyd Bartlett      | Mark Peterson                       | Byron Tolman               | Darwin Nielsen<br>Tom Roberts   |
| 1987        | Mark Peterson       | Douglas A. Johnson                  |                            | Darwin Nielson<br>Jeanne Chambers   |
| 1988        | Douglas A. Johnson  |                                     |                            |   |
| 1989        | Douglas Johnson     | Bob Hammer                          | Chuck Gay                  | Rick Gonzalez<br>Sherel Goodrich  |
| 1990        | Bob Hammer          | Steve Smith                         | Curt Johnson               | Roger Banner<br>Sherel Goodrich   |
| 1991        | Steve Smith         | Sherel Goodrich                     | Curt Johnson               | Pam Schuller<br>Linus Meyer   |
| 1992        | Sherel Goodrich     |                                     | Curt Johnson               | Ken Olson   |
| 1993        | Sherel Goodrich     | Natalie Gale                        | Curt Johnson               | Natalie Gale  |

| <b>Year</b> | <b>President</b>  | <b>Pres-Elect<br/>Tour Chairman</b> | <b>Secretary/Treasurer</b> | <b>Council</b>                 |
|-------------|-------------------|-------------------------------------|----------------------------|--------------------------------|
| 1994        | Sherel Goodrich   |                                     |                            |                                |
| 1995        | Natalie Gale      |                                     |                            |                                |
| 1996        | Natalie Gale      |                                     |                            |                                |
| 1997        | Shane Green       | Jim Brown                           |                            |                                |
| 1998        | Shane Green       | Jim Brown                           | Earl Kearns                | Curt Johnson                   |
| 1999        | Jim Brown         | Kathy Voth                          | Earl Kearns                | Barbara Middleton<br>Dave Mann |
| 2000        | Jim Brown         | Kathy Voth                          |                            |                                |
| 2001        | Kathy Voth        |                                     |                            |                                |
| 2002        | Alan Huber        |                                     |                            |                                |
| 2003        | Alan Huber        |                                     |                            |                                |
| 2004        | Alan Huber        |                                     |                            |                                |
| 2005        | Shane Green       |                                     |                            |                                |
| 2006        | Shane Green       |                                     |                            |                                |
| 2007        | Steve Brayton     |                                     |                            |                                |
| 2008        | Larry Lichthardt  |                                     |                            |                                |
| 2009        | Larry Lichthardt  | Linden Greenhalgh                   |                            |                                |
| 2010        | Linden Greenhalgh | Daniel Cook                         |                            |                                |
| 2011        | Linden Greenhalgh | Daniel Cook                         |                            |                                |
| 2012        | Daniel Cook       | Beth Burrit                         |                            |                                |
| 2013        | Beth Burrit       |                                     |                            |                                |
| 2014        | Beth Burritt      | Troy Forester                       |                            |                                |
| 2015        | Troy Forester     |                                     |                            |                                |
| 2106        | Troy Forester     |                                     |                            |                                |
| 2017        | Troy Forester     | Scott Chamberlain                   |                            |                                |
| 2018        | Scott Chamberlain | Terrill Thayne                      |                            |                                |
| 2019        | Terrill Thayne    | Dallen Smith                        |                            |                                |

**Table 3. Southern Utah Chapter Officers**

| <b>Year</b> | <b>President</b> | <b>President-elect<br/>Tour Chairman</b> | <b>Secretary/Treasurer</b>  | <b>Council</b>                    |
|-------------|------------------|--|-----------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| 1979        | Max Robinson     | Ronald Wilson                            | John Likins                 | Mesia Allen                       |
| 1980        | Ronald Wilson    | James Mower                              | Reed Gardner<br>Tom Stinson | Glen Patterson                    |
| 1981        | James Mower      | Raymon Carling                           | Vince Pace<br>Tom Stinson   | Marlin Jensen                     |
| 1982        | Raymon Carling   | Marlin Jensen                            | Walt Loope<br>Vince Pace    | Fred Fuller                       |
| 1983        | Marlin Jensen    | John Payne                               | Cornell Christensen         | Paul Curtis                       |
| 1984        | John Payne       | Benton Smith                             | Robert Brown<br>Vince Pace  | John Healy                        |
| 1985        | Benton Smith     | Fred Fuller                              | Larry Oldroyd<br>John Healy | 1985                              |
| 1986        | Fred Fuller      | George Cook                              | Paul Curtis                 |                                   |
| 1987        | George Cook      | Paul Curtis                              | James Chard<br>Paul Curtis  | Bob Tuttle                        |
| 1988        | Paul Curtis      | John Shive                               |                             |                                   |
| 1989        | Paul Curtis      | John Shive                               | James Chard                 | Becky Gravenmeir<br>Linda Chappel |
| 1990        | John Shive       | John Rowley                              | Paul Curtis                 |                                   |
| 1991        | John Shive       | Sam Rowley                               |                             |                                   |
| 1992        | Sam Rowley       | John Healy                               | Bob Tuttle                  | Marve Turner                      |
| 1993        | Sam Rowley       | John Healy                               | Bob Tuttle                  | Marve Turner                      |
| 1994        | John Healy       | Jerry Goodman                            | Karl Ivory                  | Gus Warr                          |
| 1995        | John Healy       | Jerry Goodman                            |                             |                                   |
| 1996        | Jerry Goodman    | Art Tait                                 |                             |                                   |
| 1997        | Jerry Goodman    | Art Tait                                 |                             |                                   |
| 1998        | Art Tait         | Scott Walker                             | Chad Hunter                 | Steve Deeter                      |



| <b>Year</b> | <b>President</b> | <b>President-elect<br/>Tour Chairman</b> | <b>Secretary/Treasurer</b> | <b>Council</b> |
|-------------|------------------|--|----------------------------|----------------|
| 1999        | Art Tait         | Scott Walker                             | Chad Hunter                | Kurt Robbins   |
| 2000        | Scott Walker     |  |                            |                |
| 2001        | Scott Walker     |  |                            |                |
| 2002        |                  |  |                            |                |
| 2003        | Paul Curtis      |  |                            |                |
| 2004        |                  |  |                            |                |
| 2005        | David Whitaker   |  |                            |                |
| 2006        | David Whitaker   |  |                            |                |
| 2007        | Art Partridge    |  |                            |                |
| 2008        | Art Partridge    |  |                            |                |
| 2009        | Joe Jenson       | Chad Horman                              |                            |                |
| 2010        | Joe Jenson       | Chad Horman                              |                            |                |
| 2011        | Chad Horman      | Dana Truman                              |                            |                |
| 2012        | Chad Horman      | Dana Truman                              |                            |                |
| 2013        | Dana Truman      |  |                            |                |
| 2014        | Dana Truman      | Steve Deeter                             |                            |                |
| 2015        | Steve Deeter     |  |                            |                |
| 2016        | Leslie           | Kevin Heaton                             |                            |                |
| 2017        | Kevin Heaton     | Slate Stewart                            |                            |                |
| 2018        | Kevin Heaton     | Slate Stewart                            |                            |                |

| <b>Year</b> | <b>President</b> | <b>President-elect<br/>Tour Chairman</b> | <b>Secretary/Treasurer</b> | <b>Council</b> |
|-------------|------------------|--|----------------------------|----------------|
| 2019        | Slate Stewart    | Lee Simper                               |                            |                |

**Table 4. BYU Student Chapter Officers**

| <b>Year</b> | <b>President</b> | <b>President-elect</b> | <b>Secretary, Treasurer</b> | <b>Advisory Council</b>          | <b>Faculty Advisors</b>                  |
|-------------|------------------|------------------------|-----------------------------|----------------------------------|--|
| 1979        | Dan Panpard      | Ray Woodward           | Kim Reid                    | Bryan Hulet                      |  |
| 1980        | Bryan Hulet      |                        | Kim Reid                    |                                  |  |
| 1981        | Steve Warren     | Don Andrews            | Debbie Thibault             | Linda Conde<br>Dale Simper       | John F. Vallentine                       |
| 1982        | Lars Rasmussen   | Debbie Kimball         | Jamie Wesel                 |                                  | John F. Vallentine<br>Jack D. Brotherson |
| 1983        | Von K. Winkel    | Mike Hansen            | Sally Leighton              | Mark Lindstrom<br>Jana Leinbach  | Steven G. Whisenant                      |
| 1984        | Dave Stricklan   | Wayne Bulsiewicz       | Sara J. Barnes              | Von K. Winkel<br>Robert Stoutner | Steven G. Whisenant                      |
| 1985        | Sara J. Barnes   | Wayne Bulsiewicz       | Juli Crane                  | Wendy Byrd<br>Kelvin Findlay     | Jim Becker<br>Gary Homstead              |
| 1986        | Dean Field       | Bruce Jenkins          | Mark Garney                 | Jim Becker<br>Dale Graff         |  |
| 1987        | Scott Richardson | Harry Barber           | Grant Frost                 | Boyde Blackwell<br>Tara Williams |  |
| 1988        | Harry Barber     | Boyde Blackwell        | Brian Fuell                 | Scott Burrup<br>Russ Findley     | Jerran Flinders                          |
| 1989        | Douglas Peterson | Karlton C. Moss        | Scott Walker                |                                  | Jerran Flinders                          |
| 1990        | Jay D'Ewart      | Jeff Brotherson        | Dan Wood                    | Duane Smith<br>Mitch Christensen | Jerran Flinders                          |

| <b>Year</b> | <b>President</b> | <b>President-elect</b> | <b>Secretary, Treasurer</b>      | <b>Advisory Council</b>        | <b>Faculty Advisors</b> |
|-------------|------------------|------------------------|----------------------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1991        | Derik Hall       | Graig Rasmussen        | Jake Schoppe                     |                                | Jerran Flinders         |
| 1992        | Jake Schoppe     | Erick Christenot       | Kyle Moore                       |                                | Jerran Flinders         |
| 1993        | Kelly Memmott    |                        |                                  |                                | Jerran Flinders         |
| 1994        | Robert Duke      | Craig White            | Chad Harman                      |                                | Jerran Flinders         |
| 1995        |                  |                        |                                  |                                | Jerran Flinders         |
| 1996        |                  |                        |                                  |                                | Jerran Flinders         |
| 1997        | Sean Patee       |                        |                                  |                                | Jerran Flinders         |
| 1998        | Bud Rosenbrach   |                        |                                  |                                | Jerran Flinders         |
| 1999        | Mark Wimmer      | Brad Jessop            | Jackie Allston<br>Kevin Lloyd    | J. Shirley<br>Public Relations | Jerran Flinders         |
| 2000        | Danny Summers    | Tim Royer              | Josh Rasmussen<br>Kevin Wright   | Jerico Whiting                 | Jerran Flinders         |
| 2001        | Jerico Whiting   | Paul Washburn          | Daniel Eddington<br>Dylan Tucker | Tim Royer                      | Jerran Flinders         |
| 2002        | Paul Washburn    |                        |                                  |                                | Jerran Flinders         |
| 2003        | Dylan Tucker     |                        |                                  |                                | Jerran Flinders         |

| <b>Year</b> | <b>President</b> | <b>President-elect</b> | <b>Secretary, Treasurer</b> | <b>Advisory Council</b> | <b>Faculty Advisors</b>     |
|-------------|------------------|------------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 2004        | Dylan Tucker     |                        |                             |                         | Jerran Flinders             |
| 2005        | Loren Chase      |                        |                             |                         | Jerran Flinders             |
| 2006        | Aaron Robinson   |                        |                             |                         | Jerran Flinders             |
| 2007        |                  |                        |                             |                         | Jerran Flinders             |
| 2008        | Aaron Sissan     |                        |                             |                         | Steve Petersen<br>Tom Smith |
| 2009        | Jeff Walton      |                        |                             |                         | Steve Petersen<br>Tom Smith |
| 2010        |                  |                        |                             |                         | Steve Petersen<br>Tom Smith |
| 2011        | John Hill        |                        |                             |                         | Steve Petersen<br>Tom Smith |
| 2012        | John Hill        |                        |                             |                         | Steve Petersen<br>Tom Smith |
| 2013        |                  |                        |                             |                         | Steve Petersen<br>Tom Smith |
| 2014        | Cody Butler      |                        |                             |                         | Steve Petersen<br>Tom Smith |
| 2015        |                  |                        |                             |                         | Steve Petersen<br>Tom Smith |
| 2016        |                  |                        |                             |                         | Steve Petersen<br>Tom Smith |

| <b>Year</b> | <b>President</b> | <b>President-elect</b> | <b>Secretary, Treasurer</b> | <b>Advisory Council</b>                                  | <b>Faculty Advisors</b>     |
|-------------|------------------|------------------------|-----------------------------|--|-----------------------------|
| 2017        | Sydney Lamb      | Been Hoose             | Sea Robinson                | Nicholas Anderson<br>Juliette Stricker<br>Tabitha Hughes | Steve Petersen<br>Tom Smith |
| 2018        | Ben Hoose        | Tabitha Hughes         | Mitch Thacker               |  | Steve Petersen<br>Tom Smith |
| 2019        |                  |                        |                             |  |                             |

**Table 5. USU Student Chapter Officers**

| <b>Year</b> | <b>President</b>   | <b>President-elect</b> | <b>Sec./Treasurer</b> | <b>Council</b>                      | <b>Faculty-Advisors</b>            |
|-------------|--------------------|------------------------|-----------------------|-------------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| 1979        | Jeff Boss          | Joe Bass               | Paige Waldvogel       |                                     |                                    |
| 1980        | Tony Trussel       |                        | Chris Marcussen       | Kim Christy                         | James T. O'Rourke                  |
| 1981        | Dale Flannigan     | Timothy Ford           | Jenna Whitlock        | Charlie Sorenson<br>Scott Spakeen   | James T. O'Rourke                  |
| 1982        | Timothy Ford       | Connie Roberts         | Lauren LeCroy         | Lana Hawkins<br>Kevin Connors       | James T. O'Rourke                  |
| 1983        | Connie Roberts     | Lana Hawkins           | Lora Hawkins          | Julie Erickson<br>Michelle Thompson | James T. O'Rourke                  |
| 1984        | Lana Hawkins       | Calvin F. Bagley       | Charles O'Rourke      | Lora Hawkins<br>Larry Mickelsen     | James T. O'Rourke                  |
| 1985        | Melanie Mendenhall | Michael Calton         | Marit Snow            | Bruce Pendery                       | James T. O'Rourke                  |
| 1986        | Wayne Urie         | Marit Snow             | Natalie Radosevich    | JoAnn Clark<br>Lora Hawkins         | James Dobrowolski                  |
| 1987        | Natalie Radosevich | Doug Christensen       | Tracy Weber           | David Cory<br>Allan Bate            | James Dobrowolski<br>Phil Urness   |
| 1988        | Kerry Schwartz     | Karl Ivory             | Boyd Bradford         | Gus Warr<br>Ron Torgeson            | Chris Call<br>James T. Dobrowolski |
| 1989        | Boyd Bradford      | Gus Warr               | Kerry Schwartz        | Jim Lamb<br>Paul Briggs             |                                    |

| <b>Year</b> | <b>President</b>             | <b>President-elect</b> | <b>Sec./Treasurer</b> | <b>Council</b>                    | <b>Faculty-Advisors</b> |
|-------------|------------------------------|------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1990        | Whitney Bunting              | Kurtis Robins          | Melissa Biscornet     | Steve Watts<br>Greg Sorensen      |                         |
| 1991        | Curtis Talbot                | Greg Sorensen          | Melissa Biscornet     | Shane Green<br>Ricki Oiler        |                         |
| 1992        | Kent Ellett                  | Shane Green            | Paul Caso             | Hilary Minix<br>Greg Mantz        |                         |
| 1993        | Amy Smith                    | Janae Carpenter        | Robert Hales          | James Potts<br>Earl Daly          |                         |
| 1994        | Hilary Minix                 |                        |                       |                                   |                         |
| 1995        | Matt Giarriga                |                        |                       |                                   |                         |
| 1996        | Vernon Parent                |                        | Lacy Hadley           |                                   |                         |
| 1997        | Mindy Smith<br>Eric Reid     |                        | Matt Maccarello       |                                   |                         |
| 1998        | Chandra Heaton<br>Mike Berry |                        |                       |                                   |                         |
| 1999        | Ada Williamson               | Cindy Heaton           | Jarred Reddington     | Ester Yardley<br>Public Relations |                         |
| 2000        | Eric Thacker<br>Cindy Heaton | Bryan Monroe           | Cristy Shumway        | Ada Williamson                    |                         |



| <b>Year</b> | <b>President</b> | <b>President-elect</b> | <b>Sec./Treasurer</b> | <b>Council</b> | <b>Faculty-Advisors</b> |
|-------------|------------------|------------------------|-----------------------|----------------|-------------------------|
| 2001        | Brian Monroe     | Ryan Woodland          | Gary Brown            | Stan Barton    |                         |
| 2002        | Brian Monroe     |                        |                       |                |                         |
| 2003        | Gary Brown       |                        |                       |                |                         |
| 2004        | Gary Brown       |                        |                       |                |                         |
| 2005        | James Stuart     |                        |                       |                |                         |
| 2006        | James Stuart     |                        |                       |                |                         |
| 2007        |                  |                        |                       |                |                         |
| 2008        |                  |                        |                       |                |                         |
| 2009        | Jamin Johanson   |                        |                       |                | Fee Busby               |
| 2010        | Jamin Johanson   | John Reese             | Carl Forsgren         |                | Fee Busby               |
| 2011        | Clayton Handy    | Carl Forsgren          | Amanda Cox            |                | Fee Busby               |

| <b>Year</b> | <b>President</b> | <b>President-elect</b> | <b>Sec./Treasurer</b> | <b>Council</b>      | <b>Faculty-Advisors</b> |
|-------------|------------------|------------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|-------------------------|
| 2012        | Kaitlin Hasler   | Lara Kitchen           | Colton Grange         | Raul Lira-Rodriguez | Fee Busby               |
| 2013        | Josiah Maughan   | Chris Lewis            | Daltrey Balmer        |                     | Fee Busby               |
| 2014        | Cody Butler      | Brianne Palmer         | Morgan Hughes         |                     | Fee Busby               |
| 2015        | Brianne Palmer   | Carlee Coleman         | Morgan Hughes         |                     | Fee Busby               |
| 2016        | Britney Allen    | Todd Irish             | Megan Jamison         |                     | Fee Busby               |
| 2017        | Todd Irish       | Ethan Hallows          | Delaney Phariss       |                     | Fee Busby               |
| 2018        | Colton Perry     | Sheven Anderson        | Emily Wilde           | Delaney Phariss     | Fee Busby               |
|             |                  |                        |                       |                     |                         |

**Table 6. Southern Utah University Student Chapter**

| <b>Year</b> | <b>President</b> | <b>Vice President</b> | <b>Secretary</b>   | <b>Treasurer</b> | <b>Advisor</b> |
|-------------|------------------|-----------------------|--------------------|------------------|----------------|
| 2010        | Jace Lambert     | Jaden Coates          | Justin Reeve       | Travis Dyreng    |                |
| 2011        | Jace Lambert     | Jaden Coates          | Justin Reeve       | Travis Dyreng    |                |
| 2012        | Jason Carlile    | Lee Simper            | Levi LeFevere      | Nathan Dulfon    | Randall Violet |
| 2013        | Lee Simper       | Derrick Rowley        | Adam Sandoval      | Rowdy Walch      | Randall Violet |
| 2014        | Lee Simper       | Seth Jones            | Boyd Barney        | Austin Thieme    | Randall Violet |
| 2015        | Seth Jones       | Chris Dowell          | Josey Cox          | Marcus Rose      | Randall Violet |
| 2016        | Chris Dowell     | Eric Nelson           | Kyler Leavitt      | Kristina Wood    | Randall Violet |
| 2017        | Ruger Carter     | Julian Mesick         | Whittne Ananin     | Kristina Wood    | Randall Violet |
| 2018        | Cory Farnsworth  | Trevor Williams       | Taylor Christensen | Sadie Leyba      | Randall Violet |
|             |                  |                       |                    |                  |                |

**Table 7. Utah Valley University Student Chapter**

| <b>Year</b> | <b>President</b> | <b>Vice President</b> | <b>Secretary</b> | <b>Treasurer</b> | <b>Advisor</b> |
|-------------|------------------|-----------------------|------------------|------------------|----------------|
|             |                  |                       |                  |                  |                |
|             |                  |                       |                  |                  |                |

**Table 8. Snow College Student Chapter**

| <b>Year</b> | <b>President</b> | <b>Vice President</b> | <b>Secretary</b> | <b>Treasurer</b> | <b>Advisor</b> |
|-------------|------------------|-----------------------|------------------|------------------|----------------|
|             |                  |                       |                  |                  |                |
|             |                  |                       |                  |                  |                |

**Table 9. Committee Chairmen Utah Section**

| <b>Year</b>    | <b>Committee</b>      | <b>Chairman</b>            |
|----------------|-----------------------|----------------------------|
| 1979           | Membership            | Ervin Larson               |
|                | Nominations           |                            |
|                | Publicity I&E         | Barry Wirth                |
|                | Newsletter            | Bobby J. Graves            |
|                | Projects              |                            |
|                | Awards                | Carl J. Thurgood           |
|                | Constitution & Bylaws | Bob Ferguson               |
|                | Youth                 |                            |
|                | Scholarship           |                            |
|                | Resolution            |                            |
|                | Energy                |                            |
|                | Off-Road Vehicles     |                            |
|                | Predators             |                            |
|                | Endangered Species    |                            |
| 1980           | Membership            | Warren Clay                |
|                | Nominations           | Lamar Monroe               |
|                | Publicity I&E         | Barry Wirth                |
|                | Education             | Frank Olsen                |
|                | Newsletter            | Allen Adams                |
|                | Producer Affairs      | Carl Thurgood              |
|                | Awards                | Kendal Johnson             |
|                | Youth Activities      | Arthur D. Smith            |
|                | Historical            | John Workman               |
|                | Scholarship           | John Vallentine            |
|                | Resolution            | Ben Norton                 |
|                | New Rangeland Issues  | Darwin Nielson             |
|                | Predator Control      | Al Logosz                  |
|                | Annual Meeting 1985   | Cy McKell                  |
| Annual Meeting |                       |                            |
| 1981           | Membership            | Warren Clary               |
|                | Nominations           | Al Logosz                  |
|                | Publicity I&E         | Thane Johnson, Barry Wirth |
|                | Newsletter            | Bruch Welch, Jim O'Rourke  |
|                | Range Issues          | Carl Thurgood              |
|                | Awards                | Norman Hancock             |
|                | Producer Affairs      | Jim Bowns                  |
|                | Summer Tours          | Vern Wilson (CH) Darwin    |
|                | 1985 National Meeting | Nielson                    |
|                | Annual SRM Meeting    |                            |
| 1982           | Membership            | Warren Clary               |
|                | Nominations           | Cy McKell                  |

| <b>Year</b> | <b>Committee</b>        | <b>Chairman</b>                       |
|-------------|-------------------------|---------------------------------------|
|             | Information & Education | Thane Johnson (replaced by John Rice) |
| 1982        | Newsletter              |                                       |
|             | Awards                  | Bruce Welch                           |
|             | Youth Activities        | Bryant Christensen                    |
|             | Historical              | Kendall Johnson                       |
|             | Scholarship             | Arthur D. Smith (Max Robinson)        |
|             | Resolution              | John Workman                          |
|             | 1985 Annual Meeting     | Neil Frischknecht                     |
|             | Producer Affairs        | Stan Tixier                           |
|             | Summer Tours            | A.T Fillingim, Raymond Carling        |
| 1983        | Awards                  | Dee Ritchie                           |
|             | Nominations             | Kent Taylor                           |
|             | Information & Education | John Rice                             |
|             | Resolutions             | Frank Olson                           |
|             | Producer Affairs        | A.T. Fillingim                        |
|             | Scholarship             | James Bowns                           |
|             | Historical              | Max Robinson                          |
|             | Newsletter              | Durant McArthur                       |
|             | Membership              | Neil Frischknecht                     |
|             | Youth Activities        | Kendall Johnson                       |
|             | Annual Meeting          | Kendall Johnson                       |
|             | Section Tour            | Al Winward                            |
| 1984        |                         |                                       |
| 1985        | Annual Meeting          | Phil Urness                           |
|             | Awards                  | Ron Wilson                            |
|             | History                 | Austin Haws                           |
|             | I & E                   | Tom Roberts                           |
|             | Membership              | Fred Fuller                           |
|             | Newsletter              | Niel Frischknecht                     |
|             | Nominations             | Kendal Johnson                        |
|             | Planning                | Frank Jensen                          |
|             | Producer Affairs        | A.T Fillingham                        |
|             | Resolutions             | Dick Page                             |
|             | Scholarship             | Jim Bowns                             |
|             | Summer Tour             | Mike Ralphs                           |
|             | Youth                   | Brock Benson                          |
| 1986        | Awards                  | Bruce Welch                           |
|             | History                 | Austin Haws                           |

| <b>Year</b> | <b>Committee</b> | <b>Chairman</b>          |
|-------------|------------------|--------------------------|
|             | I & E            | Tom Roberts              |
| 1986        | Membership       | Ray Hall                 |
|             | Newsletter       | Niel Frischknecht        |
|             | Nominations      |                          |
|             | Producer Affairs | Greg Simons              |
|             | Resolutions      | Al Winward               |
|             | Scholarship      | John Workman             |
|             | Summer Tour      |                          |
|             | Youth            | Brock Benson             |
| 1987        | Annual Meeting   | Tom Roberts              |
|             | Awards           | Dwight Bunnell           |
|             | History          | Austin Haws              |
|             | I & E            | Jeff Murphy              |
|             | Membership       | Paul McCawley            |
|             | Newsletter       | Niel Frischknecht        |
|             | Nominations      | Phil Urness              |
|             | Producer Affairs | D.L. Taylor              |
|             | Resolutions      | Richard Stevens          |
|             | Reference Areas  | Joel Tuhy                |
|             | Scholarship      | George Matejko           |
|             | Summer Tour      | Roy Daniels              |
|             | Youth            | Brock Benson             |
| 1988        | Annual Meeting   |                          |
|             | Awards           |                          |
|             | History          | Austin Haws              |
|             | I & E            | Riche Gonzalez           |
|             | Membership       | Kent Taylor              |
|             | Newsletter       | Niel Frischknecht        |
|             | Nominations      | Durrant McArthur         |
|             | Producer Affairs | Darwin Nielsen           |
|             | Reference Areas  | Joel Tuhy                |
|             | Scholarship      | John Workman             |
|             | Summer Tour      |                          |
| 1989        |                  |                          |
| 1990        | Annual Meeting   |                          |
|             | Awards           | Jim Mower                |
|             | History          | Austin Haws              |
|             | I & E            | Val Jo Anderson          |
|             | Membership       | Hugh Thompson            |
|             | Newsletter       | Niel Frischknecht        |
|             | Nominations      | Paul McCawley            |
|             | Public Affairs   | Tom Roberts/Pam Schuller |
|             | Range Excellence | Jim Bowns/Darwin Nielsen |

| <b>Year</b> | <b>Committee</b> | <b>Chairman</b>          |
|-------------|------------------|--------------------------|
|             | Reference Areas  | Nick VanPelt             |
| 1990        | Coordinated Mgt. | Ron Wilson               |
|             | Scholarship      | Paul Curtis              |
|             | Summer Tour      |                          |
|             | Youth            | Mark Francis             |
| 1991        | Annual Meeting   |                          |
|             | Awards           | Blake Walbeck            |
|             | History          | Austin Haws              |
|             | I & E            | Val Jo Anderson          |
|             | Membership       | Cornell Christensen      |
|             | Newsletter       | Roberta Powell           |
|             | Nominations      | Joel Frandsen            |
|             | Public Affairs   | Tom Roberts/Pam Schuller |
|             | Range Excellence | Jim Bowns/Darwin Nielsen |
|             | Reference Areas  | Nick VanPelt             |
|             | Coordinated Mgt. | Ron Wilson               |
|             | Scholarship      | Paul Curtis              |
|             | Summer Tour      | Hugh Thompson/Art Tait   |
|             | Youth            | Mark Francis             |
| 1992        | Annual Meeting   |                          |
|             | Awards           | Blake Walbeck            |
|             | History          | Austin Haws              |
|             | I & E            | Paul Kelley              |
|             | Membership       | Pat Shaver               |
|             | Newsletter       | Roberta Powell           |
|             | Nominations      |                          |
|             | Public Affairs   | Tom Roberts/Pam Schuller |
|             | Range Excellence | Gus Warr                 |
|             | Reference Areas  | Larry Maxfield           |
|             | Coordinated Mgt. | Curt Johnson             |
|             | Scholarship      | Paul Curtis              |
|             | Summer Tour      | Ray Hall / Greg Simons   |
|             | Youth            | Mark Francis             |
| 1993        | Annual Meeting   | Ron Wilson               |
|             | Awards           | Blake Walbeck            |
|             | History          | Austin Haws              |
|             | I & E            | Paul Kelley              |
|             | Membership       | Pat Shaver               |
|             | Newsletter       | Pat Johnston             |
|             | Nominations      | Doug Johnson             |
|             | Public Affairs   | Tom Roberts/Pam Schuller |
|             | Range Excellence | Gus Warr                 |
|             | Reference Areas  | Larry Maxfield           |

| <b>Year</b> | <b>Committee</b> | <b>Chairman</b>              |
|-------------|------------------|------------------------------|
|             | Coordinated Mgt. | Gary Briggs                  |
| 1993        | Scholarship      | Paul Curtis                  |
|             | Summer Tour      | John Healy                   |
|             | Youth            | Mark Francis                 |
|             | CRP              | Willie Conrad                |
| 1994        | Annual Meeting   |                              |
|             | Awards           | Boyd Bradford                |
|             | History          | Mike Ralphs                  |
|             | I & E            | Paul Kelley & George Cook    |
|             | Membership       | Pat Shaver                   |
|             | Newsletter       | Pat Johnston                 |
|             | Nominations      | Gary Briggs                  |
|             | Public Affairs   | Pam Schuller                 |
|             | Range Excellence | Karl Ivory & Larry Mickelsen |
|             | Reference Areas  | Larry Maxfield               |
|             | Coordinated Mgt. | Gary Briggs                  |
|             | Scholarship      | Paul Curtis                  |
|             | Summer Tour      |                              |
|             | Youth            | Mark Francis                 |
|             | CRP              | Willie Conrad                |
| 1995        | Annual Meeting   |                              |
|             | Awards           | Boyd Bradford                |
|             | History          | Mike Ralphs                  |
|             | I & E            | George Cook                  |
|             | Membership       | Thomas Shore                 |
|             | Newsletter       | Pat Johnston                 |
|             | Nominations      | Pam Schuller                 |
|             | Public Affairs   | Kerry Schwartz               |
|             | Range Excellence | Karl Ivory & Larry Mickelson |
|             | Reference Areas  | Larry Maxfield               |
|             | Coordinated Mgt. | Shane Green                  |
|             | Scholarship      | Paul Curtis                  |
|             | Summer Tour      |                              |
|             | Youth            | Mark Francis                 |
|             | CRP              | Willie Conrad                |
| 1996        |                  |                              |
| 1997        | Awards           | Guss Warr                    |
|             | CRM              | Jim Brown                    |
|             | CRP              | Brock Benson                 |
|             | Endowment        | Joel Frandsen                |
|             | History          | Mike Ralphs                  |
|             | I&E              | Stephen Monsen               |



| <b>Year</b> | <b>Committee</b>                | <b>Chairman</b>               |
|-------------|---------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| 1997        | Newsletter                      | George Cook                   |
|             | Membership                      | Boyd Bradford                 |
|             | Public Affairs                  | Kerry Schwartz                |
|             | Range Excellence                | Jakob Shoppe                  |
|             | Range Reference                 | Chad Reid                     |
|             | Scholarship                     | Paul Curtis                   |
|             | Student Affairs/Youth           | Mark Francis                  |
| 1998        | Awards                          | Sherel Goodrich               |
|             | Endowment                       | Joel Frandsen                 |
|             | I&E                             | Steve Monsen                  |
|             | Membership                      | Boyd Bradford                 |
|             | Newsletter                      | George Cook                   |
|             | Public Affairs                  | Wayne Urie                    |
|             | Range Excellence                | Chris Call                    |
|             | Range Reference                 | Chad Reid                     |
|             | Scholarship                     | Paul Curtis                   |
|             | Student Affairs/Youth           | Mark Francis                  |
| 1999        | Awards                          | Sherel Goodrich               |
|             | CRM                             | Roger Banner                  |
|             | Endowment                       | Joel Frandsen                 |
|             | I&E                             | Mark Farmer                   |
|             | Membership                      | Boyd Bradford/Dave Grider     |
|             | Newsletter                      | Natalie Gale/George Cook      |
|             | Range Excellence                | Chris Call                    |
|             | Scholarship                     | Paul Curtis                   |
|             | Student Affairs                 | Mindy Pratt                   |
|             | Webmaster                       | Carl Adams                    |
| 2000        | Award                           | Kurtis Robins                 |
|             | CRM                             | Roger Banner                  |
|             | Endowment                       | Joel Frandsen                 |
|             | Historian                       | Mike Ralphs                   |
|             | I&E                             | Mark Farmer                   |
|             | Membership                      | Dave Grider                   |
|             | Newsletter                      | Natalie Gale                  |
|             | Range Excellence                | John Fairchild                |
|             | Range Reference & Natural Areas | Sherel Goodrich,<br>Chad Reid |
|             | Scholarship                     | Paul Curtis                   |
|             | Student Affairs                 | Mindy Pratt                   |
|             | Webmaster                       | Carl Adams                    |
| 2001        | Awards                          | Kurtis Robins                 |
|             | CRM                             | Shane Green                   |
|             | Endowment                       | Joel Frandsen                 |

| <b>Year</b> | <b>Committee</b>                | <b>Chairman</b>               |
|-------------|---------------------------------|-------------------------------|
|             | Historian                       | Mike Ralphs                   |
|             | I&E                             | Mark Farmer                   |
|             | Membership                      | Dave Grider                   |
|             | Newsletter                      | Natalie Gale                  |
|             | Range Excellence                | John Fairchild                |
|             | Range Reference & Natural Areas | Sherel Goodrich,<br>Chad Reid |
|             | Scholarship                     | Paul Curtis                   |
|             | Student Affairs                 | Mindy Pratt                   |
|             | Webmaster                       | Carl Adams                    |
| 2002        | Awards                          | Steve Smith                   |
|             | CRM                             | Shane Green                   |
|             | Endowment                       | Joel Frandsen                 |
|             | Historian                       | Mike Ralphs                   |
|             | I&E                             | Allen Stevens                 |
|             | Membership                      | Dave Grider                   |
|             | Newsletter                      | Mark Stavropoulos             |
|             | Range Excellence                | Sam Rowley                    |
|             | Range Reference & Natural Areas | Sherel Goodrich,<br>Chad Reid |
|             | Scholarship                     | Paul Curtis                   |
|             | Student Affairs                 |                               |
|             | Webmaster                       | Tyler Thompson                |
|             | Coordinated Resource Management | Shane Green                   |
| 2003        | Award                           |                               |
|             | CRM                             | Shane Green                   |
|             | Endowment                       | Joel Frandsen                 |
|             | Historian                       | Mike Ralphs                   |
|             | I&E                             | Allen Stevens                 |
|             | Membership                      | Scott Chamberlain             |
|             | Newsletter                      | Maxine Deeter                 |
|             | Range Excellence                | Sam Rowley                    |
|             | Range Reference & Natural Areas | Sherel Goodrich,<br>Chad Reid |
|             | Scholarship                     | Paul Curtis                   |
|             | Student Affairs                 | Rachel Jolly                  |
|             | Webmaster                       | Tyler Thompson                |
| 2004        | Awards                          | Cornell Christensen           |
|             | CRM                             | Shane Green                   |
|             | Endowment                       | Joel Frandsen                 |
|             | Historian                       | Mike Ralphs                   |
|             | I&E                             |                               |

| <b>Year</b> | <b>Committee</b>                    | <b>Chairman</b>               |
|-------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------|
|             | Membership                          | Scott Chamberlain             |
|             | Newsletter                          | Maxine Deeter                 |
|             | Range Excellence                    | Sam Rowley                    |
|             | Range Reference & Natural Areas     | Sherel Goodrich,<br>Chad Reid |
|             | Scholarship                         | Paul Curtis                   |
|             | Student Affairs                     | Rachel Jolly                  |
|             | Webmaster                           | Tyler Thompson                |
|             | Endowment/Fund Raising              | Stephen Monsen                |
| 2005        | Awards                              | Cornell Christensen           |
|             | CRM                                 | Shane Green                   |
|             | Historian                           | Mike Ralphs                   |
|             | I&E                                 |                               |
|             | Membership                          | Scott Chamberlain             |
|             | Newsletter                          | Maxine Deeter                 |
|             | Range Excellence                    |                               |
|             | Range Reverence & Natural Areas     | Sherel Goodrich,<br>Chad Reid |
|             | Scholarship                         | Paul Curtis                   |
|             | Student Affairs                     | Dale Bartos                   |
|             | Webmaster                           | Tyler Thompson                |
|             | Endowment/Fund Raising              | Stephen Monsen                |
| 2006        | Awards                              | Justin Peterson               |
|             | Historian                           | Mike Ralphs                   |
|             | I&E                                 | Dana Truman                   |
|             | Membership                          | Scott Chamberlain             |
|             | Newsletter                          | Maxine Deeter                 |
|             | Range Excellence                    | Bob Campbell                  |
|             | Range Reference & Natural Areas     | Sherel Goodrich,<br>Chad Reid |
|             | Scholarship                         | Loren Chase                   |
|             | Student Affairs                     | Dale Bartos                   |
|             | Webmaster                           | Tyler Thompson                |
|             | Endowment/Fund Raising              | Jim Brown                     |
|             | Finance                             | Art Tait                      |
|             | Utah Natural Resources Field school | George Cook                   |
| 2007        | Awards                              | Justin Peterson               |
|             | Historian                           | Mike Ralphs                   |
|             | I&E                                 | Dana Truman                   |
|             | Membership                          | John Malechek                 |
|             | Newsletter                          | Maxine Deeter                 |
|             | Range Excellence                    | Bob Campbell                  |

| <b>Year</b>                     | <b>Committee</b>                    | <b>Chairman</b>            |
|---------------------------------|-------------------------------------|----------------------------|
| 2007                            | Range Reference & Natural Areas     | Sherel Goodrich, Chad Reid |
|                                 | Scholarship                         | Craig Limesand             |
|                                 | Student Affairs                     | Seth Ohms                  |
|                                 | Webmaster                           | Dana Truman                |
|                                 | Endowment/Fund Raising              | Jim Brown                  |
|                                 | Finance                             | Art Tait                   |
|                                 | Utah Natural Resources Field school | George Cook                |
|                                 | 2008                                | Awards                     |
| Historian                       |                                     | Mike Ralphs                |
| I&E                             |                                     | Dana Truman                |
| Membership                      |                                     | John Malechek              |
| Newsletter                      |                                     | Maxine Deeter              |
| Range Excellence                |                                     | Bob Campbell               |
| Range Reference & Natural Areas |                                     | Sherel Goodrich, Chad Reid |
| Scholarship                     |                                     | Craig Limesand             |
| Student Affairs                 |                                     | Seth Ohms                  |
| Webmaster                       |                                     | Dana Truman                |
| Endowment/Fund Raising          |                                     | Jim Brown                  |
| Finance                         |                                     | Art Tait                   |
| 2009                            | Utah Natural Resources Field school | George Cook                |
|                                 | Awards                              | Steve Monsen               |
|                                 | Historian                           | Mike Ralphs                |
|                                 | I&E                                 | Dana Truman                |
|                                 | Membership                          | John Malechek              |
|                                 | Newsletter                          | Maxine Deeter              |
|                                 | Range Excellence                    | Bob Campbell               |
|                                 | Range Reference & Natural Areas     | Sherel Goodrich, Chad Reid |
|                                 | Scholarship                         | Jeff Barnes                |
|                                 | Student Affairs                     | Seth Ohms                  |
|                                 | Webmaster                           | Mindy Pratt                |
|                                 | Endowment/Fund Raising              | Jim Brown                  |
| Finance                         | Art Tait                            |                            |
| 2010                            | Utah Natural Resources Field school | George Cook                |
|                                 | Awards                              | Steve Monsen               |
|                                 | Historian                           | Mike Ralphs                |
|                                 | I&E                                 | Dana Truman                |
|                                 | Membership                          | John Malechek              |

| <b>Year</b> | <b>Committee</b>                    | <b>Chairman</b>               |
|-------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------|
|             | Newsletter                          | Maxine Deeter                 |
|             | Range Excellence                    | Bob Campbell                  |
|             | Range Reference & Natural Areas     | Sherel Goodrich,              |
|             | Scholarship                         | Jeff Barnes                   |
|             | Student Affairs                     | Seth Ohms                     |
|             | Webmaster                           | Mindy Pratt                   |
|             | Endowment/Fund Raising              | Jim Brown                     |
|             | Finance                             |                               |
|             | Utah Natural Resources Field school | George Cook                   |
| 2011        | Awards                              | Steve Monsen                  |
|             | Historian                           | Mike Ralphs                   |
|             | I&E                                 | Dana Truman                   |
|             | Membership                          | John Malechek                 |
|             | Newsletter                          | Maxine Deeter                 |
|             | Range Excellence                    | Bob Campbell                  |
|             | Range Reference & Natural Areas     | Sherel Goodrich,<br>Chad Reid |
|             | Scholarship                         | Jeff Barnes                   |
|             | Student Affairs                     | Seth Ohms                     |
|             | Webmaster                           | Mindy Pratt                   |
|             | Endowment/Fund Raising              | Jim Brown                     |
|             | Finance                             |                               |
|             | Utah Natural Resources Field school | Fee Busby                     |
| 2012        | Awards                              | Steve Monsen                  |
|             | Historian                           | Mike Ralphs                   |
|             | I&E                                 | Dana Truman                   |
|             | Membership                          | Steve Deeter                  |
|             | Newsletter                          | Maxine Deeter                 |
|             | Range Excellence                    | Bob Campbell                  |
|             | Range Reference & Natural Areas     | Sherel Goodrich,<br>Chad Reid |
|             | Scholarship                         | Jeff Barnes                   |
|             | Student Affairs                     | Seth Ohms                     |
|             | Webmaster                           | Mindy Pratt                   |
|             | Endowment/Fund Raising              | Jim Brown                     |
|             | Finance                             |                               |
|             | Utah Natural Resources Field school | Fee Busby                     |
| 2013        | Awards                              | Tom Monaco                    |
|             | Historian                           | Mike Ralphs                   |

| <b>Year</b> | <b>Committee</b>                    | <b>Chairman</b>               |
|-------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------|
|             | I&E                                 | Dana Truman                   |
|             | Membership                          | Steve Deeter                  |
|             | Newsletter                          | Maxine Deeter                 |
|             | Range Excellence                    | Bob Campbell                  |
|             | Range Reference & Natural Areas     | Sherel Goodrich,<br>Chad Reid |
|             | Scholarship                         | Jeff Barnes                   |
|             | Student Affairs                     | Seth Ohms                     |
|             | Webmaster                           | Mindy Pratt                   |
|             | Endowment/Fund Raising              |                               |
|             | Finance                             |                               |
|             | Utah Natural Resources Field school | Fee Busby                     |
| 2014        | Awards                              | Tom Monaco                    |
|             | Historian                           | Mike Ralphs                   |
|             | I&E                                 | Dana Truman                   |
|             | Membership                          | Steve Deeter                  |
|             | Newsletter                          | Maxine Deeter                 |
|             | Range Excellence                    | Shane Green                   |
|             | Range Reference & Natural Areas     | Sherel Goodrich,<br>Chad Reid |
|             | Scholarship                         | Jeff Barnes                   |
|             | Student Affairs                     | Seth Ohms                     |
|             | Webmaster                           | Beth Burritt                  |
|             | Endowment/Fund Raising              | Steve Monsen                  |
|             | Finance                             |                               |
|             | Utah Natural Resources Field school | Fee Busby                     |
| 2015        | Awards                              | Tom Monaco                    |
|             | Historian                           | Mike Ralphs                   |
|             | I&E                                 | Dana Truman                   |
|             | Membership                          |                               |
|             | Newsletter                          | Maxine Deeter                 |
|             | Range Excellence                    | Shane Green                   |
|             | Range Reference & Natural Areas     | Sherel Goodrich,<br>Chad Reid |
|             | Scholarship                         | Jeff Barnes                   |
|             | Student Affairs                     | Seth Ohms                     |
|             | Webmaster                           | Beth Burritt                  |
|             | Endowment/Fund Raising              | Steve Monsen                  |
|             | Finance                             |                               |
|             | Utah Natural Resources Field school | Fee Busby                     |

| <b>Year</b> | <b>Committee</b>                    | <b>Chairman</b>               |
|-------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| 2016        | Awards                              | Tom Monaco                    |
|             | Historian                           | Mike Ralphs                   |
|             | I&E                                 | Dana Truman                   |
|             | Membership                          |                               |
|             | Newsletter                          | Maxine Deeter                 |
|             | Range Excellence                    | Shane Green                   |
|             | Range Reference & Natural Areas     | Sherel Goodrich,<br>Chad Reid |
|             | Scholarship                         | Jeff Barnes                   |
|             | Student Affairs                     | Seth Ohms                     |
|             | Webmaster                           | Beth Burritt                  |
|             | Endowment/Fund Raising              | Steve Monsen                  |
|             | Finance                             |                               |
|             | Utah Natural Resources Field school | Fee Busby                     |
| 2017        | Awards                              | Ashley Longmire               |
|             | Historian                           | Mike Ralphs                   |
|             | I&E                                 | Dana Truman                   |
|             | Membership                          | Jessica Warner                |
|             | Newsletter                          | Maxine Deeter                 |
|             | Range Excellence                    | Shane Green                   |
|             | Range Reference & Natural Areas     | Shane Green                   |
|             | Scholarship                         | Jeff Barnes                   |
|             | Student Affairs                     | Steve Petersen                |
|             | Webmaster                           | Beth Burritt                  |
|             | Endowment/Fund Raising              | Steve Monsen                  |
|             | Finance                             |                               |
|             | Utah Natural Resources Field school | Randall Violett               |
| 2018        | Awards                              | Jenny Addy                    |
|             | Historian                           | Mike Ralphs                   |
|             | I&E                                 | Dana Truman                   |
|             | Membership                          | Jessica Warner                |
|             | Newsletter                          | Maxine Deeter                 |
|             | Range Excellence                    | Shane Green                   |
|             | Range Reference & Natural Areas     | Shane Green                   |
|             | Scholarship                         | Jeff Barnes                   |
|             | Student Affairs                     | Steve Petersen                |
|             | Webmaster                           | Beth Burritt                  |
|             | Endowment/Fund Raising              | Steve Monsen                  |
|             | Finance                             | Ron Torgerson                 |

| <b>Year</b> | <b>Committee</b>                    | <b>Chairman</b>        |
|-------------|-------------------------------------|------------------------|
|             | Utah Natural Resources Field school | Randall Violet         |
| 2019        | Awards                              | Jenny Addy             |
|             | Historian                           | Mike Ralphs            |
|             | I&E                                 | Dana Truman            |
|             | Membership                          | Jessica Warner         |
|             | Newsletter                          | Maxine Deeter          |
|             | Range Excellence                    | Shane Green            |
|             | Range Reference & Natural Areas     | Shane Green, Chad Reid |
|             | Scholarship                         | Jeff Barnes            |
|             | Student Affairs                     | Steve Petersen         |
|             | Webmaster                           | Beth Burritt           |
|             | Endowment/Fund Raising              | Steve Monsen           |
|             | Finance                             | Ron Torgerson          |
|             | Utah Natural Resources Field school | Randall Violet         |



**Table 10. Utah Section Annual Meeting**

| <b>Year</b> | <b>Dates</b>     | <b>Location</b>   |
|-------------|------------------|---|
| 1979        | Jan 11-12        | Hotel Newhouse, SLC.  |
| 1980        | Jan 10-11        | Ramada Inn, SLC. "The 1980's and their challenges to rangeland management".                         |
| 1981        | Jan 15-16        | Four Seasons, St. George. "Range Resource Management Under Pressure in Changing Society".           |
| 1982        | Jan 13-14        | Joint Meeting with the Wasatch Front and Color Country, Chapters Society of American Foresters.     |
| 1983        | Jan 13-14        | Utah State University, Logan, Utah. "Stewards of the Total Resource".                               |
| 1984        | Jan 13-14        | Rodeway Inn, Richfield "Grazing Management Now".  |
|             | Nov 1984         | Prospector Square, Park City  |
| 1985        | Feb 10-15        | International Society for Range Management. Hotel Utah, SLC.  |
| 1986        | Nov 13-14        | Hilton Hotel, Ogden.  |
| 1987        | Dec 10-11        | Joint Meeting with Nevada Section; Wendover, Nevada.  |
| 1988        | Nov 3-4          | Four Seasons Inn, St. George. "Broadening Horizons."  |
| 1989        | Nov 16-17        | Joint Meeting with Idaho Section "Range Management Futures".  |
| 1990        | Nov 15-16        | Price, Days Inn "Rangeland and its Multiple Uses".  |
| 1991        | Nov 14-15        | Grand Junction CO. Joint Meeting with Colorado "Partnerships in Natural Resource Management"        |
| 1992        | Dec 10-11        | Salt Lake, Red Lion Inn Joint Meeting with Utah Cattlemen and Wool Growers "Seeking Common Ground." |
| 1993        | Dec 8-10         | St. George, Holiday Inn "Rangelands Past, Present and Future."                                      |
| 1994        | Jan 11-13 (1995) | St. George, Holiday Inn, Joint Meeting with Utah Wildlife Society. "Visions of Future West."        |
| 1995        | Nov 8-9          | Price, Days Inn "Role of the Rangeland Professional in Ecosystem Management"                        |
| 1996        | Nov 13-14        | Richfield, Days Inn "Monitoring rangelands: Advancement or Demise"                                  |
| 1997        | Nov 13-14        | Logan, Sherwood Hills "Scientific-Based Natural Resource Management"                                |
| 1998        | Nov 12-13        | Moab, Moab Valley Inn and Convention Center "Rangeland Resources: their contribution to society."   |
| 1999        | Nov 9-10         | Provo, Holiday Inn "Management and Preservation of Open Spaces"                                     |
| 2000        | Nov 9-10         | Ogden, Marriot Hotel "Fire, Changing Plant communities and People in The Great Basin"               |

| <b>Year</b> | <b>Dates</b> | <b>Location</b>   |
|-------------|--------------|---|
| 2001        | Nov 8-9      | Vernal, Weston Plaza “Journey to Change, Sage grouse/Sagebrush Interactions”                  |
| 2002        | Nov 14-15    | Cedar City, Crystal Inn “Drought and its Potential Consequences”                              |
| 2003        | Nov 6-7      | Provo, Holiday Inn “Utah Rangelands in Transition”  |
| 2004        | Nov 4-5      | Richfield, Snow College South “Corridors, Crossroads and Connections”                         |
| 2005        | Nov 3-4      | Midway, Homestead Resort “Musk Thistle, BEHAVE  |
| 2006        | Nov 2-3      | Logan, USU Poisonous Plant Lab, “Sagebrush  |
| 2007        | Nov 1-2      | Price, Carbon County Events Center “Integrating Research, Monitoring and Management”          |
| 2008        | Nov 6-7      | BYU, Monte L. Bean Natural History Museum “Mgt Strategies and Plant Materials for Restoration |
| 2009        | Nov 5-6      | Cedar City, Crystal Inn. “Fire Fuels and History  |
| 2010        | Nov 4-5      | Logan, Riverwoods Conference Center “Cache County Medusahead Weed Prevention”                 |
| 2011        | Nov 3-4      | Severe Valley Events Center, Richfield  |
| 2012        | Nov 1-2      | Utah Valley University, Orem  |
| 2013        |              | Southern Utah University, Cedar City  |
| 2014        | Nov 6-7      | Logan, Bridgerland Applied Technology College   |
| 2015        | Nov 5-6      | Moab, Roadway Inn Pancake Haus  |
| 2016        | Nov 3-4      | Richfield, Snow College, Richfield campus   |
| 2017        | Nov 2-3      | Midway, Homestead Resort  |
| 2018        | Nov 1-2      | Midway, Homestead Resort – 100 yrs of Range in UT   |

**Table 11. Summer Tours**

| <b>Year</b> | <b>Dates</b>    | <b>Location of Tours</b>   |
|-------------|-----------------|--|
| 1979        | June 29         | Seven Mile-Parker Mountain-Egan Fish Hatchery  |
|             | Sept. 28-29     | J. C. Smith Ranch, Snowville-Park Valley.  |
| 1980        | June 13-14      | Joint Meeting Utah-Nevada Sections, Nevada Chapters Wildlife Society, SCSA-MX Missile and the Environment (Southern Utah Chapter).                 |
| 1981        | June 25-26      | Vernal. Phosphate Mining and Water Projects. Management problems and revegetation (Northern Utah Chapter).   |
| 1982        | June 4          | Oak Creek (Scipio). One of three model areas in the United States to carry out an extensive rangeland development program (Southern Utah Chapter). |
| 1983        | May 13          | Beryl Valley-Gunlock   |
|             | June 30- July 1 | Rich County, Desert Land and Livestock. Huffaker Ranch, Eastman Ranch (Northern Utah Chapter).   |
| 1984        | June 21-22      | Benmore-Tintic Pastures (Southern Utah Chapter).   |
| 1985        | June 27-28      | Hardware Ranch Wildlife Management and Judge Swann's Summer Range; Cache County (Northern Chapter).  |
| 1986        | June 27-28      | D.L. Taylor Ranch, LaSal Mountains (Southern Chapter).   |
| 1987        | July            | Uintah Basin   |
| 1988        | July            | Tooele.  |
| 1989        |                 | Henry Mountains, Fishlake  |
| 1990        |                 | USU, Logan, National Noxious Weed Symposium  |
| 1991        |                 | Pine Valley to Beaver Dam Slope.   |
| 1992        |                 | Hosted Annual Summer meeting for SRM in Park City.   |
| 1993        | July 25         | Great Basin National Park Joint tour with Nevada Section.  |
| 1994        | June 23-24      | Flaming Gorge Area Prescribed burning for wildlife habitat.  |
|             | Aug 4           | Ferron Mountain, elk/cattle competition  |
|             | Aug 5           | Monroe Mountain, livestock/big game demonstration.   |
| 1995        | July 23-28      | 5th International Rangeland Congress Logan Tour Provo Tour Deserette Tour Salt Lake Tour   |
| 1996        | June 27-28      | Tooele, Clover Creek CRM and plant materials seeding.  |
| 1997        | June 19-20      | Richfield, Monroe Mountain "Seeking Common Ground"   |
| 1998        | Aug 7-8         | Arizona Strip - Joint tour with Arizona Section  |
|             | Sept 25         | Strawberry Valley - Joint tour with SAF  |
| 1999        | Aug 6-7         | Ephriam - Joint tour with Soc. Am. Foresters Restoring PJ, Aspen and Tall Forb communities Role of fire and effects of invasive plants             |
| 2000        | Jun 29-30       | Vernal - Elk Ranching, Wild Horse Management, Black footed ferret reintroduction, Prescribed Burning   |
| 2001        | June 14-15      | Monticello - CRP, Gunnison sage grouse habitat, Uranium cleanup, Comb wash   |
| 2002        |                 | no tour  |

| <b>Year</b> | <b>Dates</b> | <b>Location of Tours</b>  |
|-------------|--------------|---|
| 2003        |              | no tour   |
| 2004        |              | Lydel Ranch, Fremont's Trail  |
| 2005        | June 15-16   | Skull and Tintic Valley - Fire and weed ecology/mgt                                 |
| 2006        | June 14-15   | Panguich BLM - Terms and Conditions / Standards and Guidelines for Rangeland Health |
| 2007        | July 11-12   | Heber City, Strawberry Valley - Sagegrouse habitat                                  |
| 2008        | June 12-13   | Beaver, Milford Flat fire rehabilitation  |
| 2009        | June 4-5     | Skull Valley, Rush Valley – Crested wheatgrass diversification                      |
| 2010        | June 3-4     | Alton – Kanab Field Area and Grand Staircase vegetative treatments.                 |
| 2011        |              | Park Valley- Lance Westmorland, Paradise- Medusahead                                |
| 2012        | June 18-19   | Ephriam – with Ecological Restoration Society                                       |
| 2013        |              | Moroni – Fire rehabilitation  |
| 2014        | June 5-6     | Monticello – Nature Conservancy, Doughout Ranch                                     |
| 2015        |              | Rich County – 3 Creeks Grazing Improvement Program                                  |
| 2016        |              | St. George – Dry run for National Meeting tours                                     |
| 2017        | May 31- J 1  | Elko NV – Longmont Gold Mine, riparian restoration                                  |
| 2018        | June 7-8     | Panguich – Brian Head and Sanford Fire rehabilitation                               |

**Table 12. Recipients of Utah Section Scholarship Awards**

| <b>Year</b> | <b>Person</b>    | <b>University</b> | <b>Award</b>  |
|-------------|------------------|-------------------|---|
| 1978        | Kenneth King     | USU               | L.A. Stoddart Scholarship                                     |
| 1979        | Brian Hulet      | BYU               | L.A. Stoddart Scholarship                                     |
| 1980        | Don Andrews      | BYU               | L.A. Stoddart Scholarship                                     |
| 1981        | Val Jo Anderson  | USU               | L.A. Stoddart Scholarship                                     |
| 1982        | Connie Roberts   | USU               | L.A. Stoddart Scholarship and<br>George A. Judah, Scholarship |
| 1983        | Von Winkel       | BYU               |   |
| 1984        | JoAnn Clark      | SUSC-USU          | L.A. Stoddart Scholarship                                     |
| 1985        | Juli Crane       | BYU               | L.A. Stoddart Scholarship, 1st Place                          |
|             | Marit Snow       | USU               | L.A. Stoddart Scholarship, 2nd Place                          |
| 1986        | Bruce Jensen     | BYU               | L.A. Stoddart Scholarship, 1st Place                          |
|             | Karl Ivory       | SUSC-USU          | L.A. Stoddart Scholarship, 2nd Place                          |
| 1987        | Karl Ivory       | USU               | L.A. Stoddart Scholarship                                     |
| 1988        | Natalie Gale     | USU               | L.A. Stoddart Scholarship                                     |
| 1989        | Steve Watts      | USU               | L.A. Stoddart Scholarship                                     |
| 1990        | John Stewart     | USU               | L.A. Stoddart Scholarship                                     |
| 1991        | Derek Hall       | USU               | L.A. Stoddart Scholarship                                     |
| 1992        | Shane Green      | USU               | L.A. Stoddart Scholarship                                     |
| 1993        | Jake Schoppe     | BYU               | L.A. Stoddart Scholarship                                     |
| 1994        | Robert Duke      | BYU               | L.A. Stoddart Scholarship                                     |
| 1995        | Vernon Parent    | USU               | L.A. Stoddart Scholarship                                     |
| 1996        | Jared Fotsch     | BYU               | L.A. Stoddart Scholarship                                     |
| 1997        | Chandra Heaton   | USU               | L.A. Stoddart Scholarship                                     |
|             | Steve Bunnell    | BYU               | Utah Section SRM Scholarship                                  |
| 1998        | Eralee Jordon    | BYU               | L.A. Stoddart Scholarship                                     |
|             | Rachel Fugal     | USU               | Utah Section SRM Scholarship                                  |
| 1999        | Mark Wimmer      | BYU               | Utah Section SRM Scholarship                                  |
|             | Ada Williamson   | USU               | L.A. Stoddart Scholarship                                     |
| 2000        | Christy Shumway  | USU               | Utah Section SRM Scholarship                                  |
|             | Daniel Summers   | BYU               | L.A. Stoddart Scholarship                                     |
| 2001        | Brian Monroe     | USU               | Utah Section SRM Scholarship                                  |
|             | James Jarvis     | BYU               | L.A. Stoddart Scholarship                                     |
| 2002        | Eric Lamalfa     | USU               | Utah Section SRM Scholarship                                  |
|             | Matt Stephenson  | BYU               | L.A. Stoddart Scholarship                                     |
| 2003        | Thomas Krebs     | BYU               |   |
|             | Amy Harrison     | USU               |   |
| 2004        | Luke Marchant    | BYU               |   |
|             | Jeremy Armstrong | USU               |   |
| 2005        | Jennifer Coleman | BYU               | Stoddart Scholarship  |
|             | Issac Pittman    | USU               | Utah Section SRM Scholarship                                  |
| 2006        | Tom Stewart      | BYU               | LA Stoddart Scholarship                                       |
|             | John Reese       | USU               | Utah Section SRM Scholarship                                  |

| <b>Year</b> | <b>Person</b>       | <b>University</b> | <b>Award</b>                 |
|-------------|---------------------|-------------------|------------------------------|
| 2007        | Jamin Johansen      | USU               | Utah Section SRM Scholarship |
|             | Derek Trauntwein    | BYU               | LA Stoddart Scholarship      |
| 2008        | Janesa Chew         | USU               |                              |
|             | Daniel Zvirzdin     | BYU               |                              |
| 2009        | Chris Jorgensen     | USU               |                              |
|             | Levi Bennington     | USU               |                              |
| 2010        | Zach Anderson       | BYU               |                              |
|             | Laura Hansen        | USU               |                              |
| 2011        | John Hill           | BYU               |                              |
|             | Trevor Petersen     | USU               |                              |
| 2012        | Joshland Rafael     | BYU               |                              |
|             | Wyatt Shakespear    | BYU               |                              |
| 2013        | Nancy Lee           | BYU               |                              |
| 2014        | Amy Clark           | BYU               |                              |
|             | Lee Simper          | SUU               |                              |
| 2015        | Christopher Dowell  | SUU               |                              |
| 2016        | Cecily Fitch Wilson | BYU               |                              |
|             | Britney Bosshardt   | USU               |                              |
| 2017        | Nicholas Anderson   | BYU               |                              |
|             | Kristina Wood       | SUU               |                              |
| 2018        | Breanna Young       | USU               |                              |
|             | Delanie Ferris      | USU               |                              |

Scholarships are awarded on a school year basis.

For example, Connie Roberts received scholarships for school year 1982-83.

**Table 13. Recipients of the Rancher of the Year Awards in Utah**

| <b>Year</b> | <b>Rancher</b>  | <b>Location</b>       |
|-------------|---|-----------------------|
| 1979        | Kay Frischknecht  | Manti, Utah           |
| 1980        | G&F Enterprises operated by Dale Bugler and LeGrande Frei | Santa Clara, Utah     |
| 1981        | Lawrence R. Brown   | Woodruff, Utah        |
| 1982        | Charles H. (Hardy) Redd                                   | La Sal, Utah          |
| 1983        | Probert Brothers- Byron, Dick, Carl                       | Scipio, Utah          |
| 1984        | Thornley K. Swan  | Bountiful, Utah       |
| 1985        | D.L. Taylor   | Moab, Utah            |
| 1986        | Gregg Simonds   | Woodruff, Utah        |
| 1987        | None awarded  |                       |
| 1988        | Clift Jordan  | Heber City            |
| 1989        | A. Thompson   |                       |
| 1990        | B. Brinkerhoff  |                       |
| 1991        | Clark Bradshaw  | Beaver                |
| 1992        | Allen Smith   | Duschesne             |
| 1993        | Jerold Hall   | Scipio                |
| 1994        | Lynn James  | Park Valley           |
| 1995        | Alex Radosevich   | Dutch John            |
| 1996        | Max Brotherson  | Provo                 |
| 1997        | Darrell Johnson   | Rush Valley           |
| 1998        | R. Kedric Somerville                                      | Monticello            |
| 1999        | Mike and Joan Wilcox                                      | LaSal                 |
| 2000        | Alarik and Beth Myrin                                     | Altamont              |
| 2001        | Tim and Laurie Munns                                      | Hansel Valley         |
| 2002        | Ron Williams  | Kanaraville           |
| 2003        | Cannon Huntsman   | New Harmony           |
| 2004        | Stewart Johnson   | M&O Ranch, Aurora     |
| 2005        | Jack Chivers  |                       |
| 2006        | Keith Iverson   | Arizona Strip         |
| 2007        | Allen and Elizabeth Mitchell                              | Vernon                |
| 2008        | Ray Larsen  | Ephriam               |
| 2009        | Willis and Sophia Hall                                    | New Castle            |
| 2010        | Lance and Emily Westmorland                               | Park Valley           |
| 2011        | Andy and Sonya Taft                                       | Bicknel               |
| 2012        | Not given   |                       |
| 2013        | Not given   |                       |
| 2014        | Kolby Pace<br>Reed Growl                                  | Coalville<br>Randolph |
| 2015        | Lowry Redd  | LaSal                 |
| 2016        | Parker Mt. Grazers, Dave Christensen                      | Lyman                 |
| 2017        | Jr. Goring Family   | Honeyville            |

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|------|--|--|
| 2018 | Rafter J Cattle Co, Bill & Milly Stewart |  |
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**Table 14. Range Manager of the Year Award.**

| <b>Year</b> | <b>Person</b>   | <b>Location</b>                           |
|-------------|---|---|
| 1977        | Thomas L. Jensen  | BLM, Fillmore                             |
| 1978        | F.E. Busby, Professor                                   | USU, Logan                                |
| 1979        | Mont Lewis, Retired                                     | USFS, Ogden                               |
| 1980        | Arthur D. Smith, Professor<br>Emeritus Range Management | USU, Logan                                |
| 1982        | Max E. Robinson, Retired                                | BLM, Richfield                            |
| 1983        | Norman V. Hancock Chief Game<br>Mgt.                    | Utah DWR, SLC                             |
| 1984        | Neil Frischknecht(Retired)                              | Intermountain Forest &<br>Range Exp. Sta. |
| 1985        | John Vallentine   | Brigham Young University                  |
| 1986        | A.H. Winward Regional<br>Ecologist                      | USFS, Ogden                               |
| 1987        | James Bowns   | SUSC, Cedar City                          |
| 1988        | Joel Frandsen   | Manti-LaSal N.F. Price                    |
| 1989        | Steve Monsen  | USFS Shrub Lab- Provo                     |
|             | Larry Oldroyd   | BLM-Richfield                             |
| 1990        | K. Taylor   | USFS-Richfield                            |
| 1991        | Ken Boyer   | BLM-Salt Lake City                        |
| 1992        | Neil West   | USU-Logan                                 |
| 1993        | Sherel Goodrich   | FS-Vernal                                 |
| 1994        | Roger Banner  | USU-Logan                                 |
| 1995        | George Cook   | NRCS-Price                                |
| 1996        | Sam Rowley  | BLM-Richfield                             |
| 1997        | Kimball Harper  | BYU-Provo                                 |
| 1998        | Ron Wilson  | FS-Cedar City                             |
| 1999        | Bob Thompson  | FS-Price                                  |
| 1999        | Mike Ralphs   | ARS-Logan                                 |
| 2000        | Jerry Goodman   | BLM-Richfield                             |
| 2001        | Dave Grider   | FS-Cedar City                             |
| 2002        | Bob Campbell  | FS-Richfield                              |
| 2003        | Curtis Johnson  | FS-Ogden                                  |
| 2004        | Doug Johnson  | ARS-Logan                                 |
| 2004        | Durant McAuthur   | FS-Provo                                  |
| 2005        | Randy Russell   | FS-St. George                             |
| 2006        | John Malechek   | USU-Logan                                 |
| 2007        | Tom Simper  | NRCS – Cedar City                         |
| 2008        | Bruce Roundy  | BYU                                       |
| 2009        | John Fairchild  | DWR, Springville                          |
| 2010        | Mark Brunson  | USU                                       |
| 2011        | Nile Sorensen   | DWR                                       |

| <b>Year</b> | <b>Person</b> | <b>Location</b>           |
|-------------|---------------|---------------------------|
| 2012        | Chris Call    | USU, Logan                |
| 2013        | Not given     |                           |
| 2014        | Troy Forester | UDAF / GIP, Salt Lake     |
| 2015        | Chuck Gay     | USU, Extension            |
| 2016        | Eric Thacker  | USU Extension             |
| 2017        | Jeff Barnes   | NRCS, Logan               |
| 2018        | Chad Reid     | USU Extension, Cedar City |

**Table 15. Certificates of Recognition for Outstanding Work and Dedication to the Utah Section**

| <b>Year</b> | <b>Person</b>        | <b>Activity</b>   |
|-------------|----------------------|---|
| 1982        | Bruce L. Welch       | Newsletter  |
|             | Warren P. Clary      | Membership  |
|             | Kendall L. Johnson   | Youth Affairs   |
| 1983        |                      |   |
| 1984        |                      |   |
| 1985        |                      |   |
| 1986        |                      |   |
| 1987        |                      |   |
| 1988        | Durrant McArthur     |   |
| 1989        |                      |   |
| 1990        | Senator Alarik Myrin | Sponsored Indian Ricegrass Bill                                     |
|             | Bill Davis           | Significant effort in improving rangelands.                         |
|             | Ralph Holmgren       | Contribution of knowledge to desert ecosystem.                      |
|             | Darwin Nielsen       | Support and Leadership on the Council.                              |
|             | Bruce Welch          | Service as Secretary and Treasurer.                                 |
|             | Gene Nodine          | Support to the Utah Section.  |
|             | Steve Monson         | These individuals led the Great Basin Exclosure Restoration Project |
|             | Tom Shore            |   |
|             | Ed Shoppe            |   |
|             | Richard Stevens      |   |
|             | Stephanie Carlson    |   |
|             | Gary Jorgensen       |   |
| 1991        |                      |   |
| 1992        | Mark Francis         | Youth Affairs   |
| 1993        | Tom Roberts          | Long Term Service   |
|             | Doug Johnson         | Past President  |
| 1994        | Alan Rasmussen       | Long term service as secretary/treasurer.                           |
|             | Brent Jensen         | Local arrangements chairman 1993 & 1994.                            |
|             | Mike Ralphs          | Retiring councilman and historian.                                  |
|             | Hardy Redd           | Past President, cattleman and politician.                           |

| <b>Year</b> | <b>Person</b>        | <b>Activity</b>                               |
|-------------|----------------------|---|
| 1995        | Steve Smith          | Providing dutch oven dinners for IRC Tours.   |
| 1995        | George Cook          |   |
|             | Jim Brown            |   |
|             | Mike Ralphs          |   |
| 1996        |                      |   |
| 1997        | Allen Rasmussen      | Past President and long-term service.         |
| 1998        |                      |   |
| 1999        | Jim Butler           | Sustained Lifetime Achievement                |
| 2000        | Howard C. Stutz      | Defining the evolution of Atriplex            |
|             | Stewart C. Sanderson |   |
| 2003        | Ross and Jo Wight    | Executive Secretary                           |
|             | George Cook          | Scholarship Dinners                           |
|             | Jessica Bullock      | Secretary and Meeting organizer               |
|             | Maxine Deeter        | News Letter Editor                            |
| 2004        | Stan Welch           | BYU ML Bean Herbarium, Fremont Tour           |
| 2007        | Ross & Mary Jo Wight | UT SRM secretary and development of handbooks |
| 2008        | Stewart Sanderson    | Botanist, FS Shrub Lab                        |
| 2015        | Fee Busby            | USU, Range Education                          |

**Table 16. Young Range Professional Award (under 35)**

| <b>Year</b> | <b>Person</b>               | <b>Position</b> | <b>Location</b>              |
|-------------|-----------------------------|-----------------|------------------------------|
| 1996        | Natalie Gale                | FS, Rancher     | Dutch John                   |
| 1997        | Scott Walker                | DWR             | Ephriam                      |
| 1998        | Mark Farmer                 | DWR             | Provo                        |
| 1999        | Shane Green                 | NRCS            | Coalville                    |
| 2000        | Jakob Shoppe                | FS              | Heber City                   |
| 2001        | Chad Harmon                 | BYU             | Provo                        |
| 2002        | Suzanne Mayne               | NRCS            | Cedar City                   |
| 2003        | Boyd Hatch                  | FS              | Dixie NF                     |
| 2004        | John Gillam                 |                 |                              |
| 2005        | Kendall Nelson              | FS              | Tiesdale                     |
| 2006        | Jasen Vernon                | DWR             | Ephriam, Great Basin Station |
| 2007        | Ben Baldwin                 | USU             | THOBY internship             |
| 2008        | Mark Madsen                 | FS              | Dixie NF, Cedar City         |
| 2009        | Dana Truman                 | BLM             | Price                        |
| 2010        | Bryan Monroe                | FS              | Cedar City                   |
| 2011        | Carson Gubler               | BLM             | Kanab                        |
| 2012        | Lowell Gardner              | NRCS            | Castle Dale                  |
| 2013        | Rachel Fugal                | BYU             | Provo                        |
| 2014        | Jeff Rees<br>Jamin Johansen | BLM<br>NRCS     | Cedar City<br>Richfield      |
| 2015        | Jake Owens                  | NRCS            | Richfield                    |
| 2016        | Taylor Payne                | GIP             | Randolph                     |
| 2017        | Jessica Warner              | FS              | Kanab                        |
| 2018        | Mitch Bayles                | BLM             | Cedar City                   |

**Table 17. Excellence in Range Management Award**

| <b>Year</b> | <b>Allotment or Unit</b>                                   | <b>Rancher</b>          | <b>Agency</b>                              |
|-------------|--|-------------------------|--|
| 1992        | Fish Creek Alt., Price                                     | Sharell & Gary Anderson | FS, Ron Higgs                              |
|             | Cleveland Alt., Price                                      | Cleveland Cattle Assoc. | BLM, Karl Ivory                            |
|             | Mormon Gap Alt. Filmore                                    | Ray Okelbery            | BLM, Ladd Davies                           |
| 1993        |  |                         |  |
| 1994        | Glade Mower Ranch, Fairfield                               |                         | NRCS, Boyd Bradford                        |
|             | McIntyre Allotment, Tintic                                 | Sam McIntyre            | BLM, Paul Caso                             |
| 1995        |  |                         |  |
| 1996        | Clover Creek, Rush Valley                                  | Darrell Johnson         |  |
|             | Lake Fork Land and Cattle Co.                              | Max Brotherson          | Mud Creek Allotment, Ashley NF             |
| 1997        | Vernon Cattle Allotment,                                   | Pete Castagno           | FS, Tom Tidwell                            |
|             |  | Jim Ekker               |  |
|             |  | Charley Larson          |  |
| 1998        | Kennecott Reclamation                                      | Paul Rokicha            | Bill Adams                                 |
| 1999        | Bears Ears Allotment                                       | Preston Nielsen         | Monticello FS, Glen Casamasa, Jimmy Forest |
| 2000        | DeLambert Ranch, Vernal                                    | Burt DeLambert          | DWR  |
| 2001        | Cutler Res.  | Pacific Corp            | Logan Davies                               |
| 2002        | Eddie Larsen Sheep Ranch, Cedar City                       |                         |  |
| 2003        | Flaming Gorge District                                     |                         | FS, Sherrel Goodrich                       |
| 2004        | Parker Mountain Adaptive Resource Management working group |                         |  |
| 2005        | Fire Rehab   |                         | BLM, Fillmore and Salt Lake Field Office   |
| 2006        | Glibert Yardley Cattle Co., Beaver                         |                         | State Lands, Ron Torgerson                 |
| 2007        | Dale Mathis Ranch, Price                                   |                         |  |

| <b>Year</b> | <b>Allotment or Unit</b>           | <b>Rancher</b>      | <b>Agency</b>           |
|-------------|------------------------------------|---------------------|-------------------------|
| 2008        | Lane & Daniel Little,<br>Kanab     |                     |                         |
| 2009        | Nutter Ranch, Price                | Blair&KreshaEastman |                         |
| 2010        | Utah Partners for<br>Conservation  | Kevin Carter        |                         |
| 2011        | Deserete Land,<br>Woodruff         | Mike Meek           |                         |
| 2012        | Color Country Fire,<br>Cedar City  |                     | BLM, Ryan<br>Shakespear |
| 2013        | Red Creek Allotment,<br>Cedar City | Christopher Stole   | Dixie NF                |
| 2014        | Not given                          |                     |                         |

**Table 18. Youth Camp Awards**

| <b>Year</b> | <b>Winner</b>   | <b>Location</b>  |
|-------------|---|--|
| 1993        | Beau Benson   | Tremonton  |
|             | Ester Yardley   | Centerfield  |
| 1994        | Jennifer Davis  | Hyrum  |
|             | Susan Palmer  | Alton  |
| 1995        | Melanie Carver  | Provo  |
|             | Sarah Heaton  | Alton  |
| 1996        | Carolyn Heaton  | Alton  |
|             | Scott Jackson   | Nephi  |
| 1997        | not held  |  |
| 1998        | Rebecca Ciccone   | Ogden  |
|             | Rex Larson  | Tremonton  |
| 1999        | Guy Banner  | Logan  |
|             | Trina Ketchum   | Boulder  |
| 2000        | Mindy Westwood  | Highland   |
|             | Joanna Bjork  | Price  |
|             | Josh Gregory  | Randolph   |
| 2001        | Lori Ann Yardley  | Beaver   |
|             | Jessica Westwood  | Highland   |
| 2003        | Morgan Russell  | St. George<br>High School Youth Forum<br>FFA Range Judging Award |
| 2004        | Clint Eastman   | Cleveland  |
| 2005        |   |  |
| 2006        | Tayna Yardley   | Beaver   |
| 2007        | Dusty Cox<br>Ryan Reese<br>Sam Mitchel                    | Glendale<br>Mt Carmel<br>Vernon                                  |
| 2008        | Tara Torgerson<br>Jesse Malan                             | Koosharem<br>Emery   |
| 2009        | Britney Bosshardt<br>Calie Jo Covington<br>Angela Yardley | Enterprise<br>Cedar City<br>Beaver                               |
| 2010        | Tyler Reese<br>Mike Roberts                               | Mt Carmel<br>Siguard   |
| 2011        | Clint Sorensen<br>Wyatt Warr<br>Josslyn Barker            |  |
| 2012        | Sierra Allen<br>Bethany Lamb<br>Stormy Cox                | Grantsville<br>Loa<br>Alton                                      |
| 2013        | Bryn Dayton   |  |



| <b>Year</b>               | <b>Winner</b>   | <b>Location</b>                         |
|---------------------------|---|---|
|                           | Sierra Curtis   |   |
| 2014                      | Georgann Cook<br>Samantha Hellis<br>Clayton Horton            | Wellington                              |
| 2015                      |   |   |
| 2016                      | Dallen Tweddell<br>Breann Bitner<br>Jasalene Hackwell         | Price                                   |
| 2017<br>FFA Range Judging | Jace Draper<br>Ashley Spencer<br>Harleigh Bell<br>Jace Draper | Price<br>Glendale<br>Vernal<br>Price    |
| 2018<br>FFA Range Judging | Harleigh Bell<br>Tate Goble<br>Whitney Cox<br>Clancy Ballard  | Vernal<br>Aurora<br>Orderville<br>Kanab |

**Table 19. Parent Society Awards**

| <b>Year</b> | <b>Person</b>    | <b>Award</b>   |
|-------------|------------------|--|
| 1994        | Fred Provenza    | Outstanding Achievement                              |
| 1995        | Juan Villalba    | 2nd Place, Graduate Student Paper Contest            |
|             | Jennifer Davis   | 2nd Place, High School Youth Forum Paper             |
| 1996        | Natalie Gale     | Young Range Professional                             |
|             | Joel Frandsen    | Fellow   |
|             | Sharell Goodrich | Fellow   |
|             | Stan Tixier      | Lifetime Achievement                                 |
| 1998        | Max Robinson     | Lifetime Achievement                                 |
|             | BYU URME Team    | 5th Place  |
|             | BYU Pant Team    | 3rd Place  |
| 1999        | Everett Doman    | Sustained Lifetime Achievement                       |
|             | Fred Provenza    | Chapline Research Award                              |
|             | Doug Johnson     | Fellow   |
|             | Dale Bartos      | Outstanding Achievement                              |
|             | Chris Call       | Outstanding Achievement                              |
|             | Allen Rasmussen  | Outstanding Achievement                              |
|             | Jim Pfister      | Outstanding Achievement                              |
|             | Scott Walker     | Young Professional                                   |
| 2000        | Hugh Thompson    | Sustained Lifetime Achievement                       |
|             | Michael Ralphs   | Outstanding Achievement                              |
|             | Bruce Roundy     | RSCC Undergraduate Teaching Award                    |
|             | Marla Judy BYU   | 1 <sup>st</sup> place Plant ID                       |
|             | BYU              | 3 <sup>rd</sup> place team, Plant ID                 |
|             | Marla Judy BYU   | 4 <sup>th</sup> place, Combined URME & Plant ID      |
|             | Libby Knowle     | 5 <sup>th</sup> place, Combined URME & Plant ID      |
|             | Libby Knowle     | 2 <sup>nd</sup> place, Undergraduate Public Speaking |
|             | Mark Wimmer      | 3 <sup>rd</sup> place, Undergraduate Public Speaking |
| 2001        | Jim Butler       | Sustained Lifetime Achievement                       |
|             | Val Jo Anderson  | Fellow   |
| 2003        | Stan Tixier      | Fredrick G. Renner Award                             |
|             | Al Winward       | Chapline Research Award                              |

| <b>Year</b> | <b>Person</b>          | <b>Award</b>  |
|-------------|------------------------|---|
|             | Tom Jones              | Outstanding Achievement   |
|             | Val Jo Anderson        | Undergraduate Teaching  |
|             | BYU Team               | 2 <sup>nd</sup> Place Plant ID  |
|             | BYU Team               | 1 <sup>st</sup> Place URME  |
|             | Rachel Fugal BYU       | 1 <sup>st</sup> Place URME, 1 <sup>st</sup> Place Combined                        |
|             | Teana Mathison BYU     | 3 <sup>rd</sup> Place URME, 3 <sup>rd</sup> Place Combined, 3 <sup>rd</sup> Speak |
|             | Matt Stephenson BYU    | 1 <sup>st</sup> Place Undergraduate Public Speaking                               |
| 2004        | USU Team               | 4 <sup>th</sup> Place URME  |
|             | BYU Team               | 5 <sup>th</sup> Place URME  |
|             | Eric Gardner BYU       | 4 <sup>th</sup> Place URME  |
|             | BYU Team               | 3 <sup>rd</sup> Place Plant ID  |
|             | USU Team               | 5 <sup>th</sup> place Plant ID  |
|             | Matt Stevenson BYU     | 2 <sup>nd</sup> Place Undergraduate Public Speaking                               |
|             | USU Range Club         | 3 <sup>rd</sup> Place University Display  |
| 2005        | Curt Johnson FS        | Outstanding Achievement-Stewardship   |
|             | Bob Thompson FS        | Outstanding Achievement - Stewardship   |
|             | BYU Team               | 2 <sup>nd</sup> Place URME  |
|             | Jeremiah Armstrong BYU | 4 <sup>th</sup> Place Individual URME   |
|             | BYU Team               | 3 <sup>rd</sup> Place Plant ID  |
|             | UVSC Team              | 4 <sup>th</sup> Place Plant ID  |
|             | Eric Gardner BYU       | 5 <sup>th</sup> Place Combined URME/PlantID                                       |
|             | Jordan Hennifer BYU    | 2 <sup>nd</sup> Place Undergraduate Speaking                                      |
|             | Lexie Carrol BYU       | 3 <sup>rd</sup> Place Undergraduate Speaking                                      |
|             | Zachary Anderson Provo | 2 <sup>nd</sup> Place High School Youth Forum                                     |
| 2006        | BYU Team               | 1 <sup>st</sup> Place URME  |
|             | BYU Team               | 3 <sup>rd</sup> Place Plant ID  |
|             | Eric Gardner BYU       | 3 <sup>rd</sup> Place URME  |
|             | Jennifer Coleman BYU   | 2 <sup>nd</sup> Place All Around  |
|             | Eric Gardner BYU       | 4 <sup>th</sup> Place All Around  |
|             | Scott Davis BYU        | 1 <sup>st</sup> Place Undergraduate Speaking                                      |
|             | John Reese USU         | 2 <sup>nd</sup> Place Undergraduate Speaking                                      |

| <b>Year</b> | <b>Person</b>  | <b>Award</b>                                 |
|-------------|--|--|
|             | James Stuart USU   | 5 <sup>th</sup> Place Undergraduate Speaking |
|             | Zachary Anderson BYU   | National Masonic Range Scholarship           |
|             | George Cook  | Sustained Lifetime Achievement award         |
|             | Deseret Land and Livestock<br>Gregg Siomonds, Rick Danvir, Bill Hopkin | W.R. Chapline Stewardship award              |
| 2007        | Chris Call   | Undergraduate Teaching Award                 |
|             | John Malechek USU  | CNR Lifetime achievement Award               |
|             | Kody Menghini USU<br>Katie Santini                                     | 1 <sup>st</sup> Place Rangeland Cup          |
| 2008        | Durant McArthur  | FS Outstanding Achievement                   |
|             | Paul Curtis  | BLM Outstanding performance                  |
|             | Casey Addy<br>Ashley Hansen<br>Katie Santini                           | 1 <sup>st</sup> Place Rangeland Cup          |
| 2009        | Durant McArthur  | Sustained lifetime achievement award         |
| 2010        | Jim Bowns  | Sustained lifetime achievement award         |
|             | Bruce Roundy<br>Tom Monaco   | Outstanding Achievement - Reserch            |
|             | BYU Team 2 <sup>nd</sup> place   | URME   |
|             | USU 2 <sup>nd</sup> place  | Rangeland Cup                                |
| 2011        | Shane Green  | USU Lifetime achievement                     |
|             | BYU 5 <sup>th</sup> place  | Plant ID                                     |
|             | BUY 5 <sup>th</sup> place  | URME   |
|             | USU 2 <sup>nd</sup> place  | Rangeland Cup                                |
| 2012        | Steve Peterson   | RSEC Early Career Teaching                   |
|             | BYU 4 <sup>th</sup> place  | Plant ID                                     |
|             | USU 5 <sup>th</sup> place  | Plant ID                                     |
|             | BYU 3 <sup>rd</sup> place  | Rangeland Cup                                |
|             | Bromwyn Maier 2 <sup>nd</sup> BYU                                      | Undergrad Extemp Speaking                    |
| 2013        | Doug Johnson   | WR Chapline Research                         |
|             | USU 1 <sup>st</sup> place  | URME   |
|             | USU  | Collegiate Trail Boss                        |
| 2014        | John Malechek  | Fredric G. Renner                            |
|             | Hannah Richs BYU   | URME, Combined                               |
|             | BYU  | Collegiate Trail Boss                        |
|             | Darrell Roundy   | MS Poster 1 <sup>st</sup>                    |

| <b>Year</b> | <b>Person</b>                | <b>Award</b>                                 |
|-------------|------------------------------|--|
| 2017        | Bruce Roundy                 | W.R Chapline, Research                       |
|             | Christine Bluebaugh, USU     | URME 1 <sup>st</sup> place                   |
|             | Julien Mesick, SUU           | URME 5 <sup>th</sup> place                   |
|             | Christine Bluebaugh, USU     | Combined URME, Plant ID 1st                  |
|             | Katlyn Uhart, USU            | Extemp Speaking 1 <sup>st</sup> place        |
|             | Britney Allen, USU           | Extemp Speaking 3 <sup>rd</sup> place        |
|             | Dallen Tweddell              | High School Youth Forum 5 <sup>th</sup>      |
|             | USU team                     | URME 1 <sup>st</sup> place                   |
|             | BYU team                     | URME 4 <sup>th</sup> place                   |
|             | BYU team                     | Plant ID 4 <sup>th</sup> place               |
|             | SUU team                     | Chapter Display                              |
| 2018        | Doug Johnson                 | F.G. Renner                                  |
|             | Jim Pfister                  | Lifetime Achievement                         |
|             | Daniel Cook                  | Outstanding Achievement                      |
|             | SUU Team                     | Chapter Display                              |
|             | William Pace 2 <sup>nd</sup> | Extemp. Speaking                             |
|             | BYU Team                     | URME 3 <sup>rd</sup> place                   |
|             | USU Team                     | URME 5 <sup>th</sup> place                   |
|             | William Price USU            | URME 3 <sup>rd</sup>                         |
|             | Julian Mesick SUU            | URME 4 <sup>th</sup>                         |
|             | Rachel Mayfield BYU          | URME 5th                                     |
|             | BYU Team                     | Plant ID 5 <sup>th</sup>                     |
|             | Clarissa Chipman BYU         | Combined 2nd                                 |
|             | Samuel Dearing BUY           | Combined 5th                                 |
| 2019        | Tate Goble                   | High School Youth Forum 5 <sup>th</sup>      |
|             | SUU Chapter                  | Univ. Display 2 <sup>nd</sup>                |
|             | USU Team                     | URME 2 <sup>nd</sup>                         |
|             | Julian Mesick SUU            | URME Individual 2 <sup>nd</sup>              |
|             | Will Price USU               | URME Individual 5 <sup>th</sup>              |
|             | BYU 2 Teams                  | Plant ID 4 <sup>th</sup> and 5 <sup>th</sup> |
|             | Delaney Phariss USU          | Combined URME Plant ID 2nd                   |
|             |                              |  |

**Table 20. Membership in Utah Section**

| <b>Year</b> | <b>Total</b>                 |
|-------------|------------------------------|
| 1979        | 341                          |
| 1980        | 333 12/21/79                 |
| 1981        | 275 Spring<br>285 11/81      |
| 1982        | 282 Spring<br>294 11/82      |
| 1983        | 311 1/13/83<br>386 7/31/83   |
| 1984        | 422                          |
| 1985        | 452                          |
| 1986        | 287 10/31/86<br>292 12/31/86 |
| 1987        | 299 12/31/87                 |
| 1988        | 297                          |
| 1989        | 306                          |
| 1990        | 324                          |
| 1991        | 297                          |
| 1992        | 293                          |
| 1993        | 273                          |
| 1994        | 273                          |
| 1995        | 259                          |
| 1996        | 234                          |
| 1997        | 216                          |
| 1998        | 197                          |
| 1999        | 206                          |
| 2000        | 203                          |
| 2001        | 188                          |
| 2002        | 175                          |
| 2003        | 245                          |
| 2004        | 267                          |
| 2005        | 228                          |
| 2006        | 223                          |
| 2007        | 223                          |
| 2010        | 189                          |
| 2012        | 155                          |
| 2013        | 144                          |
| 2014        | 155                          |
| 2015        | 137                          |

| <b>Year</b> | <b>Total</b> |
|-------------|--------------|
| 2016        | 144          |
| 2017        | 197          |
| 2018        | 183          |

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## **2018: Taylor Payne**

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 2nd. 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 man

## **2018 Scholarships**

**Jeff Barnes**

### **Brianna Young**

Brianna was a junior attending Utah State University at the time she applied for this scholarship. She will graduate with a degree in Rangeland Ecology Management in the Spring of 2019. Brianna grew up on the Rex Ranch in the Sandhills of Western Nebraska, where she learned to love plants, wildlife and livestock on the range.

While in high school Brianna participated in FFA range judging and has continued her interests as a member of the USU Plant ID team. She has participated in both state and international SRM

conferences. Brianna has been employed by the USU wildland department serving as a field technician gathering data on sage grouse.

Her career goal is to manage a beef cattle ranch with her husband who also shares her passion for healthy rangelands.

### **Delaney Phariss**

Delaney was a junior attending Utah State University at the time she applied for this scholarship. She is a conservation and restoration ecology major with an emphasis in range science, also pursuing minors in Anthropology and sustainable systems. She will graduate in May 2019. Delaney has been involved with the Utah State Plant ID and URME teams competing in state and national SRM meetings. She has worked for the ARS range and forage research lab in Logan, Utah learning about vegetation monitoring as well as spraying weeds on the Payette National Forest near Boise Idaho.

Delaney believes there are many career paths that she could take that would be personally fulfilling and would give her the opportunity to do meaningful work.

### **Range Camp** **Randall Violett**

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. There was another plant ID test that day and then awards were presented and they broke camp. Randall felt these were the best yet.

### **Annual Meeting Sponsors** **Taylor Payne**

Jed Heaton of Range Water Solutions- gave us money to help sponsor 2018 and 2017 state section meetings in Midway. He gave us \$500 cash.

Commissioner Louann Adams of the Utah Department of Agriculture and Food- She helped sponsor the state section meeting by giving us \$2500.

Granite Seed- helped sponsor the section meeting and gave \$500.

Utah Farm Bureau Federation- They helped sponsor our annual meeting with a cash donation of \$250.

**2018 Awards**  
**Jenny Addy**

**Young Range Professional of the Year**

Mitch Bayles was nominated by Dan Fletcher and the Cedar City Field Office Bureau of Land Management. Mitch is a rangeland management specialist responsible for the administration of 62 grazing allotments, where he has an outstanding relationship with all his permittees, leading to good management of the public lands under his jurisdiction. Mitch consistently works with his permittees to ensure that grazing management systems are adhered to while allowing flexibility to maintain the viability of their grazing operations.

Mitch has done an outstanding job with his customer service obligations by meeting and negotiating with Range Users to resolve difficult situations. The effective communication skills that Mitch possesses allow him to communicate Resource Goals and Objectives to a variety of public land users to ensure the long-term sustainability of the public lands in support of the BLM mission.

**Range Manager of the Year**

Chad Reid was nominated by Ron Torgerson. Chad is a Natural Resource/Agriculture Extension Professor located in Cedar City, a Range Area Agent for five counties in Southern Utah, and coordinator for the Cedar Mountain Initiative. He is also an adjunct faculty member at Southern Utah University, where he has shared his passion for Natural Resource Management with many of his students. A small sampling of Chad's research includes repeat historic photography to document landscape changes, Aspen ecology and survival on Cedar Mountain, and downy brome and rabbitbrush control on rangelands. His research on rabbitbrush control has been applied by many rangeland managers around the state.

Chad is known among ranchers and farmers throughout southern Utah as a source of help for various rangeland and farming challenges they might be facing. He has helped to arrange and plan annual livestock/rangeland meetings for producers in southern Utah and presented at many conferences around the state. Chad is an enormous asset to rangeland management in the state of Utah.

**Rancher of the Year**

Bill and Louise Stuart of the Rafter J. Cattle company were nominated by Taylor Payne. The Rafter J. Cattle Company is based in Woodruff Utah and operates on private and public lands in Rich County. The Stuarts have operated their private lands and public grazing allotments for multiple generations. The father and son team have made improvements in multiple fields by working with the NRCS to install pivots, and working with the Grazing Improvement Program, NRCS, and the US Fish and Wildlife Service Partner's Program to make a vast difference on their private and public rangelands. Bill and Louis have installed four different large livestock watering projects, which has resulted in a never-before seen grazing distribution that has improved sustainability of the range, as well as improving water quality on the Forest Service.

The Stuarts have been a great example to the Rich County grazing community by showing leadership in investing time and finances back into the land they care for, and have been influential to their neighbors who benefit from the Stuart's ability to complete project and improve lands with management. Bill has been asked to speak at field day workshops hosted by the Forest Service and Utah State Extension to talk about cooperating as a Forest Service Permittee.

## 2017: Kendall F. Nelson

In 2017, the Utah Section of the Society for Range Management continued to further its one written objective: *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.* It was a busy year, but also one that helped the section come together and rely on each other to accomplish some remarkable things. One in particular was hosting a very successful international meeting in St. George.

Before the Section hosted the international meeting, we held our annual section meeting (November 2016) in Richfield on the campus of Snow College South. The theme for the meeting was “Rangeland Solutions through Cooperation and Partnerships” and for a day and a half we heard from about twenty-five different presenters on rangeland successes and ongoing endeavors in scientific research. At our banquet, we were also privileged to recognize some folks that are truly making a difference on the landscape with their efforts to continue to improve the facets that they control on the rangeland resources of which they influence. Also, for the first time, we had student representation from five universities/colleges across the state in our undergraduate contests. It was truly exciting and refreshing for me to hear about real-life current examples of things like opportunity, working together, compromise, finding solutions, collaboration, relationships, and the list goes on. My many thanks to all those that presented, attended, and helped out in other ways to make our meeting a success!

The theme for the international SRM meeting was “Red Rock and Rangelands” and the meetings were held in St. George from January 29<sup>th</sup> through February 2<sup>nd</sup>. This was a wonderful opportunity for our section to showcase some of our most spectacular resources in the southern part of the state as well as spotlight our outstanding section membership. On that note, I would like to thank our international meeting co-chairs, Randall Violett and Tom Monaco. They did an outstanding job! Also, my thanks to Mark Brunson for putting together a top-notch program. Another job well done! They, along with many others, did a lot of heavy lifting to make the meetings such a wonderful experience for all those in attendance.

For the 2017 summer tour, the Northern Chapter put together an exceptional trip out to Elko Nevada on May 31<sup>st</sup> and June 1<sup>st</sup> 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 Violett and company for putting together a super 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.

We capped off 2017 with our annual fall section meeting on November 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> in Midway at the Homestead Resort. President-Elect, Taylor Payne, worked hard to put together another excellent meeting with the theme of “Working together As One”. Great work Taylor!

It was a great experience for me to serve as section president in 2017. I am humbled and honored to be a part of this great professional organization. Furthermore, I am continually impressed with the talent, intellect, and passion that so many have for the Society for Range Management. Thank you for the opportunity to serve!

### **Committee Reports**

#### **AWARDS**

The following awards were presented at our annual meeting in November:

Range Manager of the Year- Jeff Barnes

Young Range Professional of the Year- Jessie Warner

Rancher of the Year- Jr Goring

#### **STUDENT ACTIVITIES**

Report pending

#### **SCHOLARSHIPS**

##### **Nicholas Anderson**

Nicholas was a junior at Brigham Young University when he applied for this scholarship. He is now a senior majoring in wildlife and wildlands conservation program. He will graduate in the Spring of 2018. Nicholas has worked as a lead technician on research focusing on the tall forb communities of the Wasatch Plateau. He has been involved with the BYU URME team competing in state and national SRM meetings. He competed in impromptu speaking and has given undergraduate presentations on his research. Nicholas is serving as vice-president of communications on the Wildlife and Range Club presidency at BYU. Nicholas hopes to obtain a PhD in some form of ecology involving range and wildlife science. With a love for teaching and learning, he hopes to become a professor so he can help the coming generations learn the importance of good management practices.

##### **Kristina Wood**

Kristina is a senior at Southern Utah University where she is in the process of obtaining her Bachelors of Biology Degree, with an emphasis in Botany and Range/Natural Resource Management. She is a member of the Southern Utah University Range Club and has participated in both state and international competitions in plant identification and the range URME exam. Kristina dedicated herself to three seasons of field work which have contributed to her learning and experience. She works as a teacher’s assistant with a wildland plant identification course. Kristina has high standards in regards to her work ethic, safety, timeliness and scientific practices. She is passionately invested in learning and contributing to the science, understanding and management of our magnificent lands.

### **RANGE CAMP**

Range camp for 2017 was held at the Gooseberry Forest Service Administration Site from July 25<sup>th</sup> through the 28<sup>th</sup>. This camp is an education program sponsored by the Utah section of the SRM. It is open to any high school aged student that is interested in learning more about managing natural resources. The four day three night camp was filled with field trips, guest lectures from university and agency personnel as well as time working on plant collections and extemporaneous speeches. The top two campers are awarded an expense paid trip to the annual international SRM meeting, to participate in the High School Youth Forum. All expenses were paid for from a STEM grant. Income generated was through 13 registrations @ \$125.00 each totaling \$1,625.00 net profit which was paid to the Section.

### **FINANCE**

The Section made a profit of just over \$45,000 in 2017.

### **MEMBERSHIP**

Nothing reported

## **2016: Steve Deeter**

My tenure as President of the Utah Section of the SRM was rewarding and enjoyable. I appreciate the experience and especially appreciated the support given to me by the section members. I thank Mike Ralphs for his invaluable insights and Val Jo Anderson for his advice. I had some serious health problems from Dec. 2015 until May 2016 that didn't allow me to carry out my duties as president in a manner that I would like to have done. But, after winning that battle I was able carry and was met with my first challenge as Section President. Jake Owens transferred to a job out of state and left the section without a treasurer for several months. Thankfully, Ashley Longmore kindly volunteered to fill the vacancy. By the way, she is doing a great job. She is also the Awards Committee chairperson.

Some of the end of the year business was to change gender preference in the By-Laws to read "He or She" instead of "He". Also Snow College was given \$500 to get a student chapter started and send members to the national meeting.

Randall Violet and Tom Monaco are working on getting committees in place to help organizing the National meeting that will be held in St. George in January – February 2017. This will be an exciting time for the Utah Section.

### **Awards Committee Report**

Outstanding Young Range Professional Taylor Payne UDAF-GIP  
Range Manager of the Year Dr. Eric Thacker, USU Extension Specialist  
Rancher of the Year - Parker Mountain Grazers, Dave Christensen President

### **Scholarship Committee Report**

#### **Scholarship Winners presented by Jeff Barnes**

Cecily Fitch Wilson –Brigham Young University  
Britney Gwen Allen Bosshardt –Utah State University

### **Range Camp Report**

Randall Violet reported that the camp has gone through a transition with Fee Busby stepping down and Randall taking over. It was a successful camp with 25 campers and eight or nine staff. The Gooseberry camp doesn't cost the section. The camp netted \$1,827. Randall would like to see that money used to send youth to the National Meeting. One change in the camp this year was the dropping of the written test and going to an oral presentation. This should help prepare the students to compete in the SRM oral competition. It was suggested by Mike Ralphs that having representatives from the Government agencies attend the first evening of camp and let the students know about careers in the range management field.

The winners at the camp were: 1<sup>st</sup> place – Dallen Tweddell, 2<sup>nd</sup> place – Breann Bitner, 3<sup>rd</sup> place – Jasalene Hackwell, 4<sup>th</sup> place – Kiley Spincer, 5<sup>th</sup> place – Hunter Norris.

### **Financial Report**

Kimball and Roberts, Certified Professional Accountants from Richfield, Utah compiled the financial statements for the year 2016. Zions checking had \$1,263.58. Wells Fargo Money Market



Fund had investments of \$89,169.52. The Utah Section has a total of \$90,433.10 in checking and investments.

#### **Membership Committee**

Jessica Warner is the Committee chair. We have lost about 41 members from 2015 to 2016. Some of this loss may be due to students leaving school for jobs, marriage, church missions, marriage, etc. The Utah section membership was 143 in October 2017.

**2015: Beth Burritt**

## **2014: Shane Green**

### **Awards Committee Report 2014 – Tom Monaco**

In 2014, the awards committee began seeking nominations in April. The committee consisted of Tom Monaco (chair), Larry Lichthardt, Ashley Hansen, President Shane Green, and Past President Linden Greenhalgh. With this committee we were able to cast a broad net across the BLM, NRCS, County Extension, and producers.

Our committee completed the request of the section council to update the awards list and create an excel file for SRM records (see attached). After nominations were acquired, Tom compiled the forms for each candidate and distributed to the committee for voting. After selections were made for the three award categories, Tom contacted the nominators and the nominees to inform them of the committee's selections. We made every effort to have the nominators present during the awards banquet.

Winners for 2014 included:

#### **Rancher of the Year**

Colby and McKenzie Pace, Half Circle Cross Ranch, Coalville, Utah.  
Reed and Jeralene Groll, Groll Land and Livestock, Randolph, Utah

#### **Outstanding Young Range Professional**

Jamin Johanson, NRCS, Richfield  
Jeff Reese, BLM, Cedar City

#### **Range Manager of the Year**

Troy Forrest, UDAF, UGIP, Salt Lake City.

The committee would like to see the awards list published on the website (or linked) to facilitate future nominations. Knowing the past winners will help identify those deserving future attention.

**2013: Linden Greenhalgh**

## 2012: Brian Monroe

The Utah Section of the Society for Range Management completed the 2012 year at its annual meeting in Orem, Utah on November 1 and 2, 2012. This report is written to document work and accomplishments of the section officers and committees as reported to and observed by the President.

### Awards Committee

#### National Awards

Brigham Young University- Range Plant ID Team 4th Place

Utah State University-Range Plant ID Team 5th Place

Brigham Young University-Rangeland Cup 3rd Place

Bromwyn Maier-Brigham Young University-Undergraduate Extemporeous Speaking 2nd Place

Steven Peterson-RSEC Early Career Teaching

#### State Awards

Plant ID:

##### Individual

1st Megan Curtis- UVU

2nd Hannah Ricks- BYU

3rd Clay Handy- USU

##### Team

1<sup>st</sup> Utah State University

2<sup>nd</sup> Brigham Young University

3<sup>rd</sup> Utah Valley University

Under Graduate Range Management Exam:

##### Individual

1st Kaitlyn Hasler- USU

2nd Jacelyn Raphel- BYU & Hannah Ricks-  
BYU (tie)

3rd Colten Grange- USU

##### Team

1<sup>st</sup> Utah State University

2<sup>nd</sup> Brigham Young University

3<sup>rd</sup> Southern Utah University

Combined:

##### Individual

1st Hannah Ricks- BYU

2nd Laura Kitchen- USU

3rd Alysa Defranco-BYU

##### Team

1<sup>st</sup> Utah State University

2<sup>nd</sup> Brigham Young University

3<sup>rd</sup> Utah Valley University

Outstanding Young Range Professional: Lowell Gardner

Range Manager of the Year: Chris Call

### Range Excellence Award

The range Excellence Award this year goes to the Color Country District, Fire and Fuels Program of the Bureau of Land Management. Accepting on behalf of the Fire and Fuels Program is Ryan Shakespear, Prescribed Fire Specialist.

The Greenville Bench project was one of the first landscape level projects within the Color Country District that looked at encroaching pinyon/juniper and declining shrub/steppe habitats.

The Greenville Bench area was listed as a high priority area for treatment during the Beaver River Watershed Management Planning process because of declining rangelands and decreased water quality and quantity.

Over the past 6 years, BLM has completed over 26,000 acres of treatment within the Greenville Bench area, by utilizing prescribed fire, chaining, mechanical treatments, hand thinning, aerial seeding and grazing management.

In addition to increasing water yield and quality, this project has also improved wildlife habitat (specifically for mule deer and sage grouse), provided better hunting and recreational opportunities and has established community fire protection.

Partners involved in this project include USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service, Beaver River Watershed Steering Committee, Utah Division of Wildlife Resources, Sportsmen for Fish and Wildlife, Grazing Allotment Permittees, The Mule Deer Foundation, Utah Partners for Conservation and Development, and many others.

This project highlights the importance of utilizing a variety of partners, tools and funding sources to accomplish projects across all jurisdictional boundaries. To date, BLM and other southern region partners have improved over 485,000 acres of rangeland within the BLM Color Country District and Southern Region Watershed Restoration Initiative boundary. The Color Country District Fire and Fuels program continues to move forward and currently has 7 more watershed level projects, like Greenville Bench, that are being implemented in a similar manner.

Paul Briggs, BLM Color Country District Supervisory Fuels Management Specialist, recently received the prestigious Kevin Conway Conservation Award at the Utah Division of Wildlife Resources' Annual Awards Banquet.

Jim Karpowitz, Director of the Utah Division of Wildlife Resources, presented the award to Paul in front of a large group of employees and partners. The award, presented in the memory of the past Director of the Utah Division of Wildlife Resources, Kevin Conway, recognizes an individual or group committed to Conway's vision of restoration and improvement of wildlife habitat in Utah. Karpowitz added "it is unusual for an individual not employed by the Division of Wildlife to receive this award." That comment greatly elevated the significance of the award.

Shane Green

Range Excellence Chairman

11/2/2012

## **Information/Education**

### **Summer Tour:**

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 Monsen (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 Monsen (Infinity Pharmaceuticals), Karl Anderson (USFS), Robert Davidson (USFS) and Jan Curtis-Pollestrup (USFS).

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

Chad Horman

Southern Utah Chapter President

12/12/2012

## **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. Twentysix 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. Mindy and Fee served as camp directors.

This year's outstanding campers were 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.

Fee Busby  
Utah Natural Resources Field School  
10/30/2012

### **Utah SRM Scholarship Committee Report for 2012**

The scholarship committee consisted of Jeff Barnes, Chairman, and members Dana Truman, Lowell Gardner and Scott Chamberlain. The committee reviewed six (6) applications for the two \$1500 L. A. Stoddart scholarships. Applications were received from students attending Utah State University and Brigham Young University. Selecting the recipients was difficult due to several excellent applications. The committee selected the following two individuals:

#### Wyatt Shakespear

Wyatt is a junior attending Brigham Young University, majoring in Wildlife and Wildlands Conservation. He will graduate in April 2013. At BYU he is a member of the Wildlife and Range Club and has been actively involved with the Plant ID team and URME competitions. He has participated in State and National competitions. Wyatt has always been interested in biology and plant ecology. He grew up on a ranch in southern Utah and has cattle of his own which he grazes on public land allotments. His upbringing and education have helped him understand the aspects of rangeland systems. Wyatt wants to earn a Master's degree and work in research allowing him to contribute to future rangeland science.

#### Jocelyn Raphael

Jocelyn is a junior at Brigham Young University, majoring in Wildlife and Wildlands Conservation. She will graduate in 2013. She has been involved with the BYU Wildlife and Range Club serving as club Secretary and Club Vice President. For two years she has attended both the state and national SRM meetings, participating in Plant ID, URME, Extemporaneous Speech and Rangeland Cup. At the 2011 State Meeting Jocelyn placed first in the URME test. She plans to continue on to graduate school and pursue a degree in Botany. The principles she has learned through SRM, BYU's Wildlife and Range Club, and classes she has taken have provided a great foundation of range principles as well as life skills.

Jeff Barnes  
11/26/2012

### **Student Activities**

Utah State University:

Utah Valley University:

NONE REPORTED

Brigham Young University:

Southern Utah University:

### **Membership**

Last spring Steve Deeter sent emails to almost all individuals that were delinquent on paying membership dues. Almost all USFS emails were returned as postmaster not available. Several female emails also came back. It is estimated that may be due to changes to their last names. Steve's computer lost the motherboard prior to the report. Last year's list was not available to



compare to the current members list. Sandy Hyman is the national membership committee chair and has sent out a new revised membership committee handbook. She has asked for suggestions or changes needed to be specific for each section. Section committee chairs are also on the national committee. Steve will be emailing individuals that are delinquent as soon as his laptop returns.

As of January 2, 2013 the Utah Section has 155 current members. There are 84 past members who are expired. There are an additional 8 members who have dual section memberships that have not renewed their association with the Utah Section.

Steve Deeter  
Membership Committee Chair  
11/2/2012

## **Endowment/Fundraising**

### Treasurers Report

As of November 30, 2012, the Utah Section of the Society for Range Management has the following account balances:

Wells Fargo Investments: \$90,271.32 invested in

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|------------------------|-------------|
| Alabama Power Co.      | \$16,512.00 |
| Dodge & Cox            | \$8,585.46  |
| Vornado Realty LP      | \$10,160.20 |
| Wells Fargo Capitol    | \$55,000.00 |
| Wells Fargo Cash Sweep | \$13.66     |

Zion's Checking Account Balance: \$6,241.08

The Utah Section SRM continues to fund two \$1,500.00 scholarships, send two to three high school students to the National meeting to compete in the High School Youth Forum, and funds the URME and Plant ID awards at the Utah Section annual meeting. Income sources for the section are investment earnings (approx. \$4,600.00 per year), \$5.00 per member for Utah SRM registered members, registration fees for the summer tour, annual meeting registration fees, and natural resource field school (\$100.00 per student) registration fees.

In addition, the 2011 financial report is enclosed for the historical records.

Ron Torgerson  
SRM - Utah Section Treasurer

### Fundraising

There was no fundraising reported for the year of 2012. The section council had moved forward with placing the responsibility for organizing the silent auction on the "Off" chapter (the chapter that was not organizing the summer tour).

**Range Reference Areas Report - Sherel Goodrich and Chad Reid (Co-Chairs)**

The web site (<http://www.ext.usu.edu/rra>) continues to be expanded; the site now contains over 2000 pairs of photographs that documents long-term vegetation change in Southern Utah. A repeat photo project in the Henry Mountain by Dr. Charles Kay (USU) has been completed with 331 photos repeated; those photos will be added to the website soon. In addition, two successful grant applications has allowed the repeat photo project to be expanded into northern Utah with the following work having been completed so far: All the photos/photo collections on the Utah State Historical Society, University of Utah, and USU websites----for Box Elder, Tooele, Wasatch, Duchesne, and Daggett counties have been searched. Sixty-eight photos from those searches have been completed so far with plans to complete many more in the spring and summer of 2013.

A GIS layer for the Ashley National Forest that shows areas that have been closed to grazing and when they were closed has been completed as well a narrative on the vegetation types in these areas. In 2012, Sherel updated the Lucerne area powerpoint and completed the Upper Sheep Creek powerpoint. So far 5 powerpoint presentations have been completed for these reference areas. Currently, USU Extension is updating the Utah Range Reference Area Website. We hope to have all past and current photos and powerpoints on the updated website soon.

Chad Reid and Sherel Goodrich

## 2011: Jeff Barnes

The Utah Section SRM presidency in 2011 was led by Jeff Barnes (President), Brian Monrow (Vice President), and Chad Reid (Past President).

Section Membership in 2011 equaled 190 registered members.

Board meetings were held quarterly in January, April, June, September and November. Board meetings were held via conference call which worked well for all board members.

At the annual meeting in November, Linden Greenhalgh was elected to the President Elect Position.

The Utah Section SRM contributed \$500.00 to Southern Utah University for the construction of a new herbarium to be named the James Bowns Herbarium in honor of his lifetime service, commitment and dedication to the college of natural resources at the University.

At the national meeting held in Billings, Montana in February, 2011, our own Shane Green, NRCS, State Range Conservationist was recognized by Utah State University with a lifetime Achievement award presented by Fee Busby. The presentation was made at the Utah State Dinner Gathering.

Also at the national meeting, Val Jo Anderson was elected and introduced as one of the new parent society board members.

Student activities at the national meeting included the following: Brigham Young University student team won 5<sup>th</sup> place in the plant identification contest. They also place 5<sup>th</sup> in the URME competition. Utah State University student team captured 2<sup>nd</sup> place in the Rangeland Cup competition.

### **Treasurers Report** Ron Torgerson

As of December 31, 2011, the Utah Section of the Society for Range Management has the following account balances:

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|--|-------------|
| Wells Fargo Investments: \$87,199.40 invested in |             |
| Alabama Power Co.                                | \$16,121.60 |
| Bank of America                                  | \$18,450.81 |
| Dodge & Cox                                      | \$7,542.19  |
| Kimco Realty Corp.                               | \$14,806.25 |
| Vornado Realty LP                                | \$10,167.60 |
| Wells Fargo Capitol                              | \$19,758.45 |
| Wells Fargo Cash Sweep                           | \$352.50    |

Zion's Checking Account Balance: \$6,026.74

The Utah Section SRM continues to fund two \$1,500.00 scholarships, send two high school students to the National meeting to compete in the High School Youth Forum, and funds the URME and Plant ID awards at the Utah Section annual meeting. Income sources for the section are investment earnings, \$5.00 per member for Utah SRM registered members, registration fees for the summer tour, annual meeting registration fees, and natural resource field school (\$100.00 per student) registration fees.

### **Information and Education** Dana Truman

Two newsletters were sent electronically to section members in 2011. One sent in the Spring and one in the Fall. The website was updated quarterly by Mindy Pratt. Maxine Deeter, Dana Truman and President Jeff Barnes worked closely with Mindy Pratt to coordinate website updates.

**Summer Tour 2011** Daniel Cook

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 as 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. Lunch was provided by the Park Valley FFA. On June 3 we visited the South Cache Weed Management Area demonstrating their efforts to control medusaheadrye, a noxious weed invading areas around Paradise and Avon in southern Cache County.

**Natural Resource Field School** Mindy Pratt

The natural resource field school was held July 25-28, 2011. Congratulations to Clint Sorensen, Wyatt Warr and Josslyn Barker for winning the top student award. These 3 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.

**Winter Meeting at Snow College Richfield Campus.**

The annual meeting of the Utah SRM Section was held in Richfield, Utah on November 3-4 with 89 members in attendance. Lunch and the dinner banquet were located at the Frontier Village. All breaks were sponsored by Dow AgroSciences.

**Student Activities**

At the 2011 Utah SRM annual meeting students from BYU, USU, SUU and UVU competed in plant identification and the united range management exam. Placing of individuals and teams in each category:

**Plant ID Individual**

1. Katherine Willis BYU
2. Aaron Searle UVU
3. Bromwyn Maier BYU

**Plant ID Team**

- BYU
- UVU
- USU

**URME Individual**

1. Jocelyn Raphael BYU

**URME Team**

- BYU

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| 2. Richard Curzon | BYU | USU |
| 3. Hannah Ricks   | BYU | SUU |

**Overall Combined Individual**

1. Bromwyn Maier   BYU
2. Richard Curzon   BYU
3. Katherine Willis   BYU

**Overall Combined Team**

- BYU
- UVU
- USU

**Section Awards** Stephen B Monsen

The Utah Section Awards committee with the assistance from various section members requested nominations and then selected individuals for the following 2011 awards:

- Outstanding Young Range Professional - Carson Kendall Gubler , BLM, Kanab
- Range Manager of the Year - Nile A. Sorenson – UDWR, Cedar City
- Rancher of the Year - Taft Farms , Bicknell, Utah - Andrew (Andy) G. Taft and Joni Taft - Owners, Sheep Herder-Bradio

**Range Excellence Committee** – Bob Campbell

Dale Bartos and Bill Hopkin brought this year’s winning nomination forward and did a great job. (Two other tentative nominations were available for consideration because of the efforts of Chad Horman and Justin Peterson.)

The Utah Section’s 2011 Range Excellence Award was presented to Deseret Land and Livestock, Woodruff, Utah, for sustained excellence in improving diverse rangelands and demonstrating profitable livestock production in harmony with healthy wildlife habitats accomplished by a high performing team of managers who openly share their experiences with others. Please see Deseret Land and Livestock’s website ([www.dlandl.com](http://www.dlandl.com)).

**Range Reference Areas Report** Sherel Goodrich and Chad Reid (Co-Chairs)

The web site (<http://www.ext.usu.edu/rra>) continues to be expanded; the site now contains over 2000 pairs of photographs that documents long-term vegetation change in Southern Utah. A repeat photo project in the Henry Mountain by Dr. Charles Kay (USU) is in the final stages and those photos will be added to the website soon. In addition, a new successful grant application has allowed the repeat photo project to be expanded into northern Utah with the following work having been completed so far: All the photos/photo collections on the Utah State Historical Society, University of Utah, and USU websites----for Box Elder, Tooele, Wasatch, Duchesne, and Daggett counties have been searched. A selection of those photos in Box Elder and Tooele Counties will be repeated this spring/early summer.

A GIS layer for the Ashley National Forest that shows areas that have been closed to grazing and when they were closed has been completed as well a narrative on the vegetation types in these areas. Four Powerpoint presentations have been completed for these reference areas. A 5th power point for a Wyoming big sagebrush area that has been closed for 50 years (in part) is about complete. These Powerpoint presentations will be placed on the website in the near future

**Scholarship Committee** Jeff Barnes

The scholarship committee reviewed 3 applications for the 2-\$1500, L.A. Stoddart Scholarships for 2011. The two recipients selected were John C. Hill (BYU) and Trevor Mark Peterson (USU).

## **2010: Chad Reid**

The Utah Section presidency in 2010 was led by Chad Reid (president) Jeffery Barnes (vice president) and Randy Russell (past president) Section Membership in 2010 was tallied at 189. Board meetings were held quarterly in January, April, June, and September, and November. Board meetings were held via conference call which worked well for all board members.

### **Summer Tour**

Our Summer tour was held June 3 and 4<sup>th</sup> in the Kanab area. The weather 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 entice the birds 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 Pinyon/Juniper 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

### **Winter Meeting**

The annual meeting was held in Logan on November 4-5 with over 90 members in attendance. The meeting featured a workshop entitled: Cache County Medusahead Rye Weed Prevention Area. Presenters included: 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.

Other topics included: 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.

This was just a few of the informative presentations we heard at the Utah Section SRM Winter meeting.

In addition, at the meeting Brian Monroe was elected to the President Elect position

## **Treasurers Report – Ron Torgerson**

As of December 31, 2010, the Utah Section of the Society for Range Management has the following account balances:

Wells Fargo Investments: \$88,787.20 invested in  
Bank of America  
Dodge & Cox  
Kimco Realty Corp.  
Vornado Realty LP  
Wells Fargo Capitol

Zion's Checking Account Balance: \$9,125.66

### **Range Reference Areas - Sherel Goodrich and Chad Reid (Co-Chairs)**

The web site (<http://www.ext.usu.edu/rra>) continues to be expanded; the site now contains over 2000 pairs of photographs that documents long-term vegetation change in Southern Utah. In addition a photo project has just been completed of the Henry Mountain by Dr. Charles Kay (USU) that will be added to the website soon. In addition, the website has a searchable database of exclosures in the state.

A GIS layer for the Ashley National Forest that shows areas that have been closed to grazing and when they were closed has been completed a narrative on the vegetation types in these areas is also well underway. This project should then be expanded to public lands statewide. In addition we are pursuing taking low altitude aerial photographs of exclosures in the state. We hope to take photographs that will show equal amounts of area inside and outside of the exclosure and will still have enough detail to show major vegetation types. These photographs will then be posted on the web for use by land managers and to educate the general public.

### **Natural Resource Field School (Range Camp) - George Cook and Mindy Pratt**

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.

### **Information and Education – Dana Truman**

Four newsletters were sent electronically to section members in 2010. The website was updated quarterly by a contract awarded to Mindy Pratt. Maxine Deeter worked closely with Mindy to coordinate website updates.

### **Student Activities**



It was our great pleasure to accept Southern Utah University as our newest Student Chapter during the Annual Winter Meeting.

Students from BYU, SUU, USU and UVU competed during the URME and plant ID test.

Winners included: Plant ID individual: 1. Misty Curtis 2. Jordan Bybee 3. Kasee Puckett Team: 1. UVU 2. BYU 3. USU; URME Individual: 1. Jace Lambeth 2. Kasee Puckett 3. Rio Franzman Team: 1. SUU 2. BYU 3. USU; Overall Combined individual: 1. Kasee Puckett 2. Jordan Bybee 3. Misty Curtis. Team: 1. BYU 2. USU 3. UVU.

#### **Range Excellence - Bob Campell**

Dale Thomas changed work assignments and needed to step away from the Range Excellence Committee. We thank Dale for his excellent help and able participation with the committee during the past six years. We welcome Shane Green and appreciate the range experience and insight that he brings to the Range Excellence Committee.

Steve Monsen brought this year's winning nomination forward and did a great job. (Two other tentative nominations were available for consideration because of the efforts of Chad Horman and Justin Peterson.)

The Utah Section's 2010 Range Excellence Award was presented to Utah Partners for Conservation and Development for improving and sustaining diverse rangelands and promoting healthy wildlife habitat through excellent leadership, proactive funding, and monitoring of projects in conjunction with Utah's Watershed Restoration Initiative.

Utah Partners for Conservation and Development (PCD) sponsors the Watershed Restoration Initiative that serves as a clearinghouse to coordinate and share participants' conservation concerns and priorities, discuss and implement solutions, and promote an atmosphere of collaboration. Partners participating in projects include nearly 20 state and federal agencies and about 75 private organizations and individuals. Utah's Watershed Restoration Initiative is a partnership-driven effort to conserve, restore and manage ecosystems in priority areas across the state to enhance Utah's: wildlife and biological diversity, water quality and yield for all users, and opportunities for sustainable uses.

Utah PCD was formally created in 2003 and grew on the foundation of the great work and sustained efforts of many in the state which extended back to the 1950's and 60's. Since 2003 more than 700 projects have been completed on well over a million acres of public lands in Utah. In 2009-2010, 134 projects were planned and implementation begun to improve conditions on 110,000 acres. During the past three years Utah's PCD funding earmarks were \$15 million plus another \$7 million from partners (2008), \$13 million plus \$8 million (2009) and \$10 million plus \$14 million (2010).

Kevin Carter, Director of Utah School and Institutional Trust Lands, chairs Utah PCD's Director's Council and accepted the award on behalf of Utah Partners for Conservation and Development. This collaborative partnership is unparalleled in any other state or region of the country. Recently, Nevada, Wyoming, and Colorado each came to Utah PCD to learn how such an effort can be started in their states. Kevin and others also made presentations in Washington D.C. about how this partnership approach might be effective in other regions of the country. Members of Congress, staffers and others they spoke with were surprised that Utah PCD was not

there asking for money, but rather, was there to share concepts and ideas that might improve resource management elsewhere.

Utah PCD collaboratively conducts projects that protect wildlife and sensitive species habitat, restore water quality and quantity, and prevent or reduce encroachment by invasive species. Benefits of increased federal funding and potential additional state funding include long term planning and monitoring of watershed projects; more timely completion of projects; equipment purchases (for example, Dixie harrows and rangeland drills); cost savings of bulk seed purchasing through expansion of seed storage facilities; and potential for buying more seed from Utah producers, due to a sustained market need.

These are a few of the reasons that the Utah Section of the Society for Range Management recognized and honored Utah Partners for Conservation and Development for their commitment to excellence in range management.

### **Scholarship – Jeffery Barnes**

The scholarship committee reviewed 6 applications for the 2-\$1500, L.A. Stoddart Scholarships for 2010. The two recipients selected were Laura Hansen and Zach Anderson.

Laura Hansen is a junior at Utah State University majoring in Rangeland Resources with a minor in Animal Science. She has maintained a GPA of 3.7. She was involved in FFA in high school and enjoyed plant ID contests. She has served as Secretary of the USU Range Club and attended State and National SRM meetings participating in the Undergraduate Range Management Exams. During summer breaks she has worked for the US Forest Service in a SCEP position. Zach Anderson is a junior majoring in Wildlife and Wildland Conservation at Brigham Young University. Future career goals include a master's degree, a PhD and teaching at a university. He maintains a 3.79 GPA. Zach loves the outdoors participating in camping, hunting, trapping and fishing with family and friends. He is an Eagle Scout and was selected as a sterling scholar in social sciences in 2005. He has attended SRM national meetings and has published an article in the Rangeland Journal.

### **Awards - Stephen B. Monsen**

The Utah Section Awards Committee with the assistance from various section members completed requests for nominees and selection of individuals for the following awards for the 2010 period: Outstanding Young Range Professional, Range Manager of the Year, and Rancher of the Year. Awards were presented by T Stephen B. Monsen at the annual meeting held in Logan, UT.

Chad Horman nominated Brian Monroe for Outstanding Young Range Professional. Brian has developed a strong and defensible range program on the Cedar City Ranger District. He has instituted an aggressive monitoring program that provides photo documentation of compliance with grazing standards on nearly all grazing allotments each year. Brian is also the weed program manager for the district and has worked with the Iron County Coordinated Weed Management Area (CWMA) to control noxious weeds on both Forest Service lands and adjacent private and BLM lands. He played an important role in the completion of the Sandy Creek project for the control of white top. Brian's leadership skills were recently strengthened through serving as the Acting District Ranger for a month during the past summer. Brian has been an active member of the Society for Range Management since 2000. He regularly participates in the planning

committee for the annual Arizona/Utah Livestock Workshop held each April in Kanab and St. George. Brain was elected as the President Elect for the Utah Section of the SRM.

Dr. John Malechek nominated Mark W. Brunson Range Manager of the Year. Dr. Brunson is currently Professor and Interim Department Head for the Department of Environment and Society at Utah State University. He has been with USU since 1992. Prior to that he was an assistant professor in Forest Research at Oregon State University. He holds a PhD in Forestry from Oregon State University. Dr. Brunson has had 35 articles published in peer reviewed journals, 13 book chapters, 15 invited book chapters and a variety of other published reports. Activity in professional Societies and Organizations include having served as President of both the Utah Section of the SRM and President of the Utah Chapter of the Society of American Foresters. He is the member of many other associations and committees. Dr. Brunson has been a true leader in bring an objective and science based approach to the social dimension of range management and ranching. His research in public perceptions of ranching and rangelands has been pioneering. His ability to forge relationships across disciplinary and emotional boundaries is outstanding. He is viewed as equally credible within the environmental community as he is within the range and forestry professions. Mark has the distinct ability to foster this attitude with his colleagues and to model it to his students. He has recently embarked upon a whole new career path in university administration and will doubtlessly demonstrate the same admirable leadership characteristics in that arena. The Society for Range Management is truly fortunate to enjoy the dedication and professional leadership of Dr. Mark Brunson.

Rancher of the Year was awarded to Lance and Nancy Westmoreland of the Basque Cross Ranch. The ranch currently consists of 381 acres of cropland (primarily hay production), 100 acres of pasture, and 4,900 acres of private range. The ranch holds Federal grazing permits and is a principle member of a local grazing association. They run 300 mother cows, 40 replacement heifers, 16 bulls and 14 horses. Lance and Emilie are continually striving to improve the resources that they manage. The whole family takes part in the day to day operation of the ranch. Over the last ten years, the Westmorelands have vastly improved their ability to manage their land resources. All but a few acres of crop ground have been converted to sprinklers. Miles of cross fence have been constructed to create small manageable pastures. Water has been distributed to troughs in each pasture by several pipeline projects. In several areas of the ranch, soil and wildlife habitat concerns are being addressed with range improvement such as range seedings and brush management. The success of these projects have allowed the ranch to implement a deferred grazing rotation and increase the herd from the original 200 to 300 mother cows.

## **2009: Randy Russell**

### **Range Reference Areas Report - Sherel Goodrich and Chad Reid (Co-Chairs)**

The web site (<http://www.ext.usu.edu/rra>) continues to be expanded; the site now contains 1930 pairs of photographs that documents long-term vegetation change in Southern Utah. By definition Rangelands includes Forestlands. Some of the original photos on the site date back to 1872. Ecological descriptions of the changes over time that have occurred at each site are also included. In addition, to help the general public understand changes to rangelands over time, this site has a photo tour that documents: Range condition, Soil erosion, Riparian conditions, Stream conditions, Oil and Gas development, Mining, Pinyon-Juniper invasion, Sagebrush expansion Aspen's demise and Forage production. This site is of great value to resource managers to evaluate the results of past management actions and to educate the public with irrefutable evidence of changes that have occurred to rangelands over time. In addition, the website has a searchable database of Exlosures in the state. Furthermore, 3 journal articles based on these photographs have been written and will be submitted for publication in early 2010. Future projects include developing a GIS layer for the Ashley National Forest that shows areas that have been closed to grazing and when they were closed. This project should then be expanded to public lands statewide. In addition we are pursuing taking low altitude aerial photographs of exclosures in the state. We hope to take photographs that will show equal amounts of area inside and outside of the exclosure and will still have enough detail to show major vegetation types. These photographs will then be posted on the web for use by land managers and to educate the general public.

### **Utah Section SRM 2009 Scholarships**

The Utah Section SRM announced in January 2009 the section would be awarding two \$1500 scholarships for the 2009-2010 academic year. Applications were due the end of March 2009. Seven applications were received from students, one from Brigham Young University, one from Southern Utah University and five from Utah State University. The scholarship committee consisted of four members of the Utah Section and the following individuals were selected: The two \$1500 recipients were  
Chris Jorgensen, attending Utah State, from Peoa, Utah  
Levi Bennington, attending Utah State, from East Garland, Utah  
The alternate recipient was Jake Russell, attending Utah State, from St George, Utah

### **Awards Committee Report**

Awards Committee -Chairman: Stephen B. Monsen

The Utah Section Awards Committee with the assistance from various section members completed requests for nominees and selection of individuals for the following awards for the 2009 period: Outstanding Young Range Professional, Range Manager of the Year, and Rancher of the Year. Awards were presented by Tom Monaco and Bob Campbell at the annual meeting held in Cedar City, UT.

Three nominees for Outstanding Young Range Professional were submitted and Dana Truman, Range Management Specialist, Price Field Office, BLM was selected. The nomination was submitted by Dr. Tom Monaco, Scientist, USDA, ARS, Logan, Utah. Dana has gained

experience working with different agencies in various states, and has demonstrated outstanding ability to use her professional background in working with professional and non professional individuals. She has developed excellent skills that allow her to complete projects with favorable results. She has continued to be involved in planning efforts with a number of organizations and working groups to assemble data and initiate area wide plans. Dana currently serves as Iand E Chairman for the Utah Section, and has played a active role in the development of the new website and electronic distribution of the quarterly section newsletter.

One nominee for Rancher of the Year was submitted, and Willis and Sophia Hall of the S&W Hall Company, Inc., Newcastle, UT were selected. The nomination was prepared and submitted by Chad R. Reid and James E. Bowens, Cedar City, UT. Both Willis and Sophia are very active in local and community organizations. Serving as the Western iron County Cattleman's representatives. Sophia currently serves on the Farm Services Agency County Committee and has completed a term on the Iron County Commission. Willis is currently serving on the Western Iron County Coordinating Council. Both are members of the Southwest Adoptive Resource Management Committee which is our Sage Grouse committee. Their lands support the largest population of Sage Grouse in iron County. Because of their strong conservation efforts both were awarded Cooperator of the Year by the Enterprise and Iron Conservation Districts.

The Hall's have been active in land improvement practices and have worked to improve their management program to improve their animals and range resources. They support an active and well managed program to sustain and improve their livestock by selection and breeding of animals suited to their range conditions.

One nomination for Range Manager of the Year was submitted by Ashley Green, Orem, UT, and John Fairchild, Regional Manager, Central Region, Springville, UT, Utah Division of Wildlife Resources was selected for the award.

John has provided the Utah division of Wildlife Resources and it's partners much needed leadership in developing and maintaining range management programs within their representative agencies. John's entire career has been devoted to range improvement, management, and conservation. His greatest legacy is the integral role he played in acquiring support and funding to relocate and expand the Division's Great Basin Research Center in Ephraim. John's vision and persistence ultimately led to the construction of the GRBC which has allowed the establishment and maintenance of the Watershed Restoration Initiative. From its beginnings in the early 200's hundreds of thousands of acres of depleted rangelands have been improved through cooperation with partners throughout the state. The GRRC Seed warehouse maintains an inventory of seeds for restoration projects. The center also has assembled equipment to effectively prepare and treat a diverse array of sites. The center has also sustained and supported research programs required to design ecologically sound restoration programs.

### **Range Excellence Committee 2009 Annual Report – from Bob Campbell**

The Utah Section's 2009 Range Excellence Award was presented to Preston Nutter Ranch of Carbon County, Utah owned by Hunt Oil Company with Blair and Kresha Eastman, Ranch Managers. The recognition was for improving and sustaining diverse rangelands and promoting healthy wildlife habitat through excellent management and treatments including fire, seeding, and integrated weed control.

Karl Ivory brought this nomination forward and did a great job. Two other tentative nominations were available for consideration because of the efforts of Steve Monsen and Chad Horman.

The Preston Nutter Ranch was established in 1902 by Preston Nutter on the West Tavaputs Plateau in Carbon County, Utah. The Preston Nutter Ranch was purchased by Hunt Oil Company in 1992. Ranch managers are Blair and Kresha Eastman.

The Nutter Ranch operation encompasses over 200,000 acres of rangeland, forest land, riparian areas, and farm land including 21,000 acres of deeded land, 7,000 acres of leased state land and 175,000 acres of BLM land within the Green River and Water Canyon grazing allotments managed by the BLM Green River District. The Green River allotment is divided into nine (9) pastures that include federal, state and deeded land. Cattle are able to move through these pastures starting in late winter and ending in early fall. Recent assessments show that the rangeland health standards are being met on over 90% of the federal lands. State and private lands are also in good range condition.

Over the last 8 years, approximately 4,000 acres have been enhanced by way of sagebrush removal and fire rehabilitation and restoration. Large areas of the ranch received land treatments to enhance the critical sage grouse habitat found at the mid and high elevations of the ranch. The salvage logging of burned timber followed by seeding of the burned area was completed with great success. The ranch is specifically managed to sustain prime elk habitat within the ranch boundary.

A mix of land uses (livestock grazing, wildlife habitat, recreation, etc.) demonstrates diversified and sustained benefits. The ranch has the capacity for a large (1,000+) cattle operation. Currently, 250 cattle use the ranch on a year-round basis. A large elk herd is also sustained year-round on the ranch including BLM winter and spring range and summer and fall range on the higher elevation deeded land. The Nutter Ranch is managed as a Cooperative Wildlife Management Unit for big game hunting. The Range Creek wild horse herd management area (HMA) is within the ranch boundary on federal land with a herd size ranging from 75 – 150 horses. Periodic wild horse gathers help control herd size and help maintain good range condition.

The Nutter Ranch operation demonstrates both intensive and extensive management systems on forest land and mountain, foothill and riparian range types. Blair and Kresha have taken an aggressive role in noxious weed control. Coordination with the local Skyline Cooperative Weed Management Area has enabled the ranch to remain virtually noxious weed free. Small infestations of musk thistle and Canada thistle have been controlled through an integrated management approach using biological, mechanical and chemical control.

Blair and Kresha promote the use of range management principles and encouraged and supported their son Clint's participation in the Section's range summer camp in 2003 and 2004.

These are a few of the reasons that the Utah Section of the Society for Range Management recognized and congratulated Hunt Oil Company and Blair and Kresha Eastman, Ranch Managers, for excellence in range management.

### **2009 UTAH NATURAL RESOURCES FIELD SCHOOL**

The 2009 Utah Natural Resources Field School was held August 10-13, 2009 at the Goose-berry Administrative Site on the Fishlake National Forest outside of Salina, Utah. Both the students and staff this year were outstanding.

Eighteen outstanding students attended from across the state, bringing an interest in learning and a willingness to work hard. While at the School they learned about natural resource systems and the components that combine to make these systems, both biotic and abiotic. They had the opportunity to study many systems at sites from the low desert to the high mountain. The students also received experience in plant identification and collection techniques, and how to determine available forage and stocking rate.

The staff this year was composed of George Cook, Fee Busby, Mike Ralphs, Roger Banner, and Mindy Pratt. We also appreciated the help from past campers and winners Tara Torgensen, Jesse Malan, and Tiffany Bradley that attended this year.

Each of the campers participated in various activities, including: field trips, interactive instruction, plant ID and collection, tests, and hands on experience in the field. In addition to these activities, campers were evaluated on notebooks and their overall participation at camp. Based on these evaluations, the top individuals who will represent the Utah Section of the Society for Range Management at the Society's annual meeting in Denver are Britney Bosshardt, Callie Jo Covington, and Angela Yardley. Each will present a paper and compete with other students from throughout the United States, Canada and Mexico in the Society's High School Youth Forum and will also have the opportunity to be selected as an officer for next year's meeting. These three ladies should be commended on their high level of achievement and dedication to this activity.

We would like to thank the many SCD Boards, FFA Chapters, Private Businesses and parents that sponsored students. Also, thanks to the Utah SRM, Cooperative Extension, the Wildland Resources Department at USU, College of Natural Resources at USU, Utah Association of Conservation Districts, USDI Bureau of Land Management, USDA Forest Service, and the Utah Education System for supporting and sponsoring the 2009 Utah Natural Resources Field School. Students which attended this year were:

2009 Range Camp Attendees: Jarod Hansen (Monticello), Sam McIntyre (Cedar City), Callie Jo Covington (Brookside), Kelli Rowley (Enoch), Crystal Burton (Parowan), Angela Yardley (Beaver), Garrett Billings (West Point), Mika Roberts (Sigurd), Tyler Christianson (Richfield), Spencer Allen (Kingston), Ryan Allen (Kingston). Tyler Reese (Mt. Carmel), Britney Bosshardt (Beryl), Cassie Bradley (Price), Rhett Harward (Glenwood), and Andrew "Howie" Erickson (Glenwood).

## **2008: Tom Monaco**

Utah Section in 2009 was led with Randy Russell, Tom Monaco, and Mark Brunson as a presidency. Section Membership in Mid-2008 was tallied at 213. Board meetings were held quarterly in January, April, June, and September, and November. Board meetings in April and June were held in Provo at the USDA/FS Shrub Sciences Lab., and we established a conference call on intercom phone for board members to call in.

### **Officer Changes**

A number of committee chairs officers were replaced during 2008. The following were greeted as new Committee Chairmen and Section and Chapter officers:

Jeff Barnes – Scholarship Committee  
Steve Monsen – Awards Committee  
Chad Reid – Section President Elect  
Karl Ivory – Board of Directors  
Chad Horman – Southern Chapter President Elect  
Linden Greenhalgh – Northern Chapter President Elect

### **Summer Tour**

Our Summer Tour was a successful event with over 50 registrants. The summer tour was successful and informative. The tour covered very large areas, and lots of discussions at each stop. Highlights included a visit to Greenville Bench Vegetation Enhancement projects where Lynn Kitchen (NRCS) discussed the Beaver River Watershed Plan. Paul Briggs (BLM) discussed the seeding completed on the prescribed fire project. The tour visited the juniper removal treatments implemented to reduce the fuel load near I-15. On the second day, we toured the Milford Flat Fire. Harvey Gates (BLM) provided a good description of the fire, suppression, stabilization and rehabilitation of the fire.

### **Winter Meeting**

The annual meeting was held in Provo on November 6-7. Over 80 were in attendance. The program sponsored a workshop titled “Management Strategies and Plant Materials for Restoration/Rehabilitation of Rangelands”, wherein expert around the state touched on research and management efforts. A total of seven graduate students participated by giving talks.

### **Financial Status**

As of December 31, 2007 the Section had net assets of \$92,854.23. During the past few months the Section’s investments have suffered significant losses. The finance committee will meet concerning the Section’s current investments. Because of the cost, Ron Togerson (Treasurer) recommended that we require only one accountant’s report each year. Ron also reported that the action necessary to maintain the Section’s tax-exempt status has been taken.

### **Membership**

A total of 29 memberships in the section expired. John Malechek personally contacted all expired members and many rejoined. The section board decided that a one-year gift membership



be given to nonmembers who are given awards by the Section and then be urged to keep up their memberships in the society.

### **Natural Resource Field School Rangeland Camp**

The Rangeland Camp was held at Gooseberry Forest Service Educational Camp on July 28, 29, 30, and 31. Five students and five instructors participated in the 2008 school. Their local conservation districts sponsored the students. They learned about soil plant relationships, and why plants grow where they do. They went from deserts to the high mountains to check the differences in vegetation in each area. Tara Torgerson was the winner, and Jesse Malan was a close second. They will be representing Utah at the International meeting in Albuquerque in February. The Gooseberry Ranger Station in Salina Canyon offers the perfect setting to learn about the natural environment. 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! The instructors and staff members this year included: George Cook, Fee Busby, Mike Ralphs, Kendal Nelson, and Ron Torgerson.

### **Information and Education**

Four newsletters were sent electronically to section members in 2009. The website will be updated quarterly by a contract awarded to Mindy Pratt. Maxine Deeter work closely with Mindy to coordinate website updates.

### **Student Activities**

Tom Monaco determined that there currently were not enough interested students at UVU and SUU to organize student chapters. During the Annual Winter Meeting, students from USU, UVU, and BYU competed during the URME and plant ID test. Winners included: Plant ID Team: 1 BYU, 2 USU, 3 UVSU; and URME Team: 1 BYU, 2 USU.

### **Scholarship**

Craig Limesand moved to Texas and the Jeff Barnes accepted an invitation to chair the committee. The following Stoddard Scholarship recipients were given for 2009: Janessa Chew – USU and Daniel Zvirzdin – BYU.

### **Awards**

Justin Peterson stepped down as chair and Steve Monson accepted an invitation to chair the committee. Awards presented at the Annual Winter Meeting were given to the following: Young Range Professional - Mark Madsen - Botanist, Dixie NF, Cedar City, UT; Rancher of the Year - Ray Larsen, Ephraim, UT; Range Manager of the Year - Bruce Roundy, BYU; Range Excellence - Lane and Daniel Little, Kanab, UT; and Presidents Award - Stewart Sanderson, Botanist, FS Shrub Lab, Provo, UT. Elections were held resulting in Chad Reid as the president-elect.

### **Range Reference and Natural Areas**

Chad Reid placed range reference photo collections online announced website through the newsletter.

### **Chapters**

Under the direction of Larry Litchthardt, Chapter by-laws that had been accepted by the members of the Northern and Southern Chapters were ratified and accepted as clarified by the board. Under these bylaws, the chapters will be led by a president and a president elect, each serving for two years in each office for a total of four years. This will require the election of a president elect every other year. For the Northern Chapter, 2009 is a catch-up year and the president elect will only serve one year before becoming chapter president. The chapters will continue to host the Section's summer tour with the Northern Chapter hosting the 2009 tour.

### **Information and Education**

Dana Truman felt the section was still struggling to get the word out about the SRM. In 2008 we her committee sent out 4 newsletters. The committee informed the membership via e-mail or snail mail if necessary about upcoming events and news. The major event of 2008 was that it was decided to hire a professional web designer to update our website. Tom Monaco pursued this suggestion and the board approved hiring and contracting a professional Webmaster to update and maintain the Section's Web Page.

**2007: Mark Brunson**

## 2006: Paul Curtis

### Awards – Justin Peterson

There were some great nominations submitted this year. Candidates were selected by the awards committee and the awards were presented at the 2006 Utah Section annual meeting. The Range Manager of the Year went to John C. Malechek, Outstanding Young Range Professional was awarded to Jason Vernon, and the Rancher of the Year was presented to Keith K. Iverson.

### Range Reference Areas Report - Sherel Goodrich and Chad Reid (Co-Chairs)

The web site (<http://www.ext.usu.edu/rra>) continues to be expanded; the site now contains 1571 pairs of photographs that documents long-term vegetation change in Southern Utah. By definition Rangelands includes Forestlands. Some of the original photos on the site date back to 1872. Ecological descriptions of the changes over time that have occurred at each site are also included. In addition, to help the general public understand changes to rangelands over time, this site has a photo tour that documents: Range condition, Soil erosion, Riparian conditions, Stream conditions, Oil and Gas development, Mining, Pinyon-Juniper invasion, Sagebrush expansion Aspen's demise and Forage production. This site is of great value to resource managers to evaluate the results of past management actions and to educate the public with irrefutable evidence of changes that have occurred to rangelands over time. In addition, the website has a searchable database of Exclosures in the state. Furthermore, a small grant has been obtained to pursue taking low altitude aerial photographs of exclosures in the state. We hope to take photographs that will show equal amounts of area inside and outside of the exclosure and will still have enough detail to show major vegetation types. These photographs will then be posted on the web for use by land managers and to educate the general public. Chad Reid and Sherel Goodrich

### Range Excellence Award – Bob Campbell

The Utah Section's 2006 Range Excellence Award was presented to the Yardley Cattle Co. of Beaver, Utah, with Gilbert T. (Gib) Yardley, President. The recognition was for sustaining native plant communities on desert and mountain rangelands, promoting healthy riparian pastures and fisheries restoration projects, and encouraging education in range management principles.

This is a family operation that demonstrates quality land stewardship. Mr. Yardley has several private, state, and federal grazing allotments and pastures that are used for their cattle grazing operation. The Yardley Cattle Co. completed chainings, pond construction, fence construction, and herbicide (Spike) vegetation treatments on State Trust Land sections. In times of drought, which are all too often, Gib willingly reduces his livestock numbers within the allotments. The Yardley's continually show that they are excellent stewards of public lands.

Some of Gib's philosophies about rangeland stewardship include:

“Have more feed on the range than you have cattle. Never let the cattle get out of feed.”

“Preserve the range, especially the delicate west desert range. 2002 was one of the worst droughts in years. The Yardley Cattle Co. did not put any cattle on the desert range that winter.”

“If we take care of the land, it will take care of us.”

In 2004, the Utah Division of Wildlife Resources (UDWR) approached State Trust Lands and Mr. Yardley about completing a riparian restoration project along the upper Sevier River. This project included the creation of a riparian pasture and water gaps for watering the livestock and adherence to management criteria for the riparian pasture. The riparian improvement project drastically improved fisheries habitat and recreational visitor days for fisherman along this segment of stream. The water gaps have been maintained and stream bank vegetation is responding favorably. The Yardley’s attitude toward completing this riparian restoration work is exemplary.

The Yardley’s encouraged their eight children in conservation ethics and sent four to the Utah Section SRM Range Camp. The children participated in, and won, several range competitions sponsored by the Utah Section. Three of the children won trips to national and/or international SRM Meetings. Through the Yardley’s demonstration of land stewardship and appreciation for range values, it is apparent that the family ranch will be passed down to future generations.

#### Annual Fall Meeting – Mark Brunson

The annual meeting of the Utah Section was held Nov. 2-3, 2006, on the Utah State University campus in Logan. Attendance varied over the two days but totaled about 100 persons overall.

Activities on the morning of Nov. 2 included a tour of the new USDA-ARS Poisonous Plants Laboratory, with presentations by a number of scientists at the lab about current research. Thanks to Drs. Mike Ralphs and Jim Pfister for helping us get the ball rolling and especially to Dr. Lynn James, director of the lab, for organizing the presentations and tour and arranging for snacks.

Student competitions also began that morning and continued into the afternoon, with teams from Brigham Young, Utah State, and Utah Valley State College participating in the Plant ID contest and teams from BYU and USU in the URME exam. In addition, two four-student teams from USU presented draft posters prepared for the new Rangeland Cup competition that will take place for the first time at the annual SRM meeting in Reno in February 2007. In future years teams may compete at the state meeting, but for this first year students displayed the posters during the social hour before the evening banquet and were given an opportunity to receive feedback on their ideas from Section members.

The afternoon session on Thursday was titled, “What’s All this Fuss about Sagebrush?” and was intended to bring members up to date on various research and management activities focusing on sagebrush-steppe restoration. Panelists included Durant McArthur, USFS; Rory Reynolds, Utah Dept. of Natural Resources; Terry Messmer, USU Extension; Summer Olsen and Jeff Burnham, USU (SageSTEP); and Kelly Memmott, restoration professional.

Friday morning's presentations were volunteer papers given by: Lindsay Brown, USU Biology; Heather Garrison, USU Wildland Resources; Eric LaMalfa, USU Wildland Resources; Robert Johnson, BYU Plant and Animal Sciences; Angela Redding, USU Political Science; Tom Monaco, USDA-ARS; Eamonn Leonard, USU Wildland Resources; and Joshua Voss, BYU Plant and Animal Sciences.

One change from previous years was that registration was raised to \$65 for SRM members and \$80 for non-members. Students could register for \$30 with meals included or free without meals. This cost included both a luncheon and awards banquet on Thursday. There was no regular live auction, but a silent auction took place during the meeting, and lunch was followed by a "lightning auction" in which participants could win inexpensive items if they were the last person to put \$1 into a hat before a timer rang.

At the business meeting on Thursday, Dennis Philippi (incoming national SRM President) gave reports about organizational business including membership, a proposed change in selection of annual meeting sites, a Young Professionals mentoring program, summer workshops such as the Sage Grouse Workshop to be held in Park City in July 2007, and the use of Viewpoint columns in Rangelands. Election results were that Tom Monaco was elected President-Elect and Maxine Deeter as Director.

Chapter meetings were held the morning of Nov. 3. Chapters selected as President-Elect Joe Jenson (Southern chapter) and Larry Lichthardt (Northern). The Northern Chapter has decided to hold the summer tour on Tuesday, July 10, in conjunction with the SRM Sage Grouse Workshop to be held in Park City. At the conclusion of the annual meeting at noon, the Council and committee chairs met briefly before adjourning at 12:35 p.m.

#### Student Affairs – Boyd W. Hatch

At the 2006 Utah section SRM meeting in Logan Utah we had a 19 college students participate in the Undergraduate Range Management Exam (URME) and 14 participants in the Plant Identification (Plant ID) contests. The Plant ID contest was put together by Seth Ohms, and the URME was put together by Kendall Nelson. Schools represented were Utah State University (USU), Brigham Young University (BYU), and Utah Valley State College (UVSC). The contests were graded by top three individuals in each event and then a combined percents of the two events. BYU's Lexie Carroll took 1<sup>st</sup> place in the Plant ID and 2<sup>nd</sup> place in the URME; she also took 1<sup>st</sup> place in the overall score of the two events. BYU's Ruth Walker took 2<sup>nd</sup> place in the Plant ID, and 2<sup>nd</sup> place in overall. BYU's Scott Hunter took 3<sup>rd</sup> place in the Plant ID and 3<sup>rd</sup> place in the overall. BYU's Bryan Taylor took 1<sup>st</sup> place in the URME. USU's John Reese took 3<sup>rd</sup> place in the URME. There were also team scores given out based on the top 3 scores of each event and the combination of the two events. BYU's team took 1<sup>st</sup> in all three categories of Plant ID, URME, and the overall combination of the two. USU's team took 2<sup>nd</sup> place in the URME, 3<sup>rd</sup> in the Plant ID, and in the overall standings 2<sup>nd</sup> place. UVSC's team took 2<sup>nd</sup> place in the Plant ID, 3<sup>rd</sup> in the URME, and in the overall standing 3<sup>rd</sup> place. (Due to an error in the figuring of the scores Rachel Hill was awarded the 3<sup>rd</sup> place when it should have gone to Scott Hunter.)

Cash awards were given out to the top three Plant ID, URME, Overall Individuals, and Team Scores. Top three in the Plant ID and URME received \$100, \$75, and \$50. Top three individual in the overall combined scores of the Plant ID and URME received \$100, \$75, and \$50. Also the top team scores in Plant ID, and URME received \$125, and \$75.

USU also had two teams' present posters that would be used in the Rangeland Cup contest in National Meeting in Reno. They received good comments and feedback to help them present these posters in Reno.

#### Scholarship – Loren Chase

For the academic year 2006, we had five applicants for the two scholarships that the SRM offers. Those applicants include John Reese, Thomas Stewart, Rachel Hill, Robert Edgel, and Skye Rhodes. John and Thomas were the most qualified of the five and the vote for them was unanimous among the scholarship committee. However, I feel that there are several things that can be done to encourage greater participation. The first is moving the application date. The current timing is very inconvenient for most schools. I would suggest that applications be collected during September and a deadline of October 1st. That way, students are in the beginning of the semester when most other scholarships are due. The second is initiate greater contact to other schools; just because BYU and USU have bigger programs, doesn't mean that SUU and UVSC don't have good students. The third suggestion that I have is establish one of the scholarships for graduate students, and the other for undergrads. My reasoning is that graduate students are more committed to the cause and there are many deserving students that are being ignored (and if we open it to graduate students, we will have a deluge of applications). If this were the case, one award would go to a promising young person, and the other to someone who has already shown potential for distinction. I would prefer that over two awards going to two mediocre applicants. I realize that most of these suggestion are responsibilities that would fall to my shoulders, but I would be willing to do them to see a better end product.

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## **2005: Ronald G Torgerson**

### **President's Summary – Ron Torgerson**

The 2005 year for the Utah Section of the Society for Range Management was average with annual activities, business, and events occurring as expected.

The Texas Section hosted the 58<sup>th</sup> annual SRM meeting in Fort Worth where several members of the Utah Section were given awards or won in the student competitions. Kurt Johnson, Region Four Forest Service Range and Ecosystem Management Leader, and Bob Thompson, Manti-LaSal National Forest Range Botanist, both received Outstanding Achievement Awards in the Stewardship Category for the accomplishments they have made in the range profession. Zachery Anderson took second place in the High School Youth Forum. Jeremiah Armstrong (BYU) took 4<sup>th</sup> place in the individual URME. Brigham Young University students took 2<sup>nd</sup> place as a team in the URME. Brigham Young University students took 3<sup>rd</sup> place in the Range Plant Identification. Utah Valley State College took 4<sup>th</sup> place in the Range Plant Identification. Eric Gardner (BYU), and Jennifer Coleman (BYU), tied for 5<sup>th</sup> place in the combined URME/Plant ID tests. Jordan Hennefer (BYU) took 2<sup>nd</sup> place, Lexie Carroll (BYU) took 3<sup>rd</sup> place, and Clint Sampson (USU) took 5<sup>th</sup> place in the undergraduate public speaking contest.

The section had an outstanding and professionally stimulating summer tour with only 30 participants who toured the West Desert fire rehabilitation projects. The tour began at the Tintic Valley Research Headquarters. We then traveled by vans to Skull Valley where several researchers from the ARS in Logan and managers from the Salt Lake District BLM office shared with the group their experiences and research findings in seeding following wildfire. We made several stops looking at green stripping and cheatgrass research. That evening George Cook and gang again prepared another feast of fine beef steaks and the fixings that was enjoyed by all. After dinner, the real feast started when Dr. Neil West shared with the group the history of Tintic Valley and other amazing information. The next day the tour reviewed the fire rehabilitation seeding in Tintic Valley that was completed by Tyler Thompson (BYU Graduate student), and the Fillmore BLM office. Many thanks go to Dr. Chris Call for organizing such an excellent tour.

On August 1-4, 2005, eight high school students attended the Utah Natural Resources Field School (UNRFS) hosted by the section at the Gooseberry Guard Station. Officially appointed UNRFS chairman George Cook, along with other leaders included Mindy Pratt, Kendall Nelson, Roger Banner, Kurt Robins, Rick Oyler, and Max Robinson, taught these students the finest range management lessons possible for high school students. After several quizzes and worksheets, Emile Yardley from Beaver, Utah and Janessa Chew from the Uintah Basin finished at top to represent the Utah Section at the next High School Youth Forum in Vancouver, Canada.

A newly formed finance committee was organized with Art Tait appointed as committee chairman. The treasurer, past-president, president, and president-elect will serve on the committee. The committee will be responsible for reviewing budgets, investments, tax-exempt status, and uses of the endowment funds for scholarships and UNRFS. Mr. Scott Wilson, a CPA residing in Cedar City continues to certify uses of our section funds and helps us to maintain our tax exempt ID status.



George Cook and gang again came through with flying colors providing several steak dinners as fund raisers for the section. Our best to George for all the service he renders to the section.

The following new president-elect, directors and chairpersons were appointed to these positions: Paul Curtis – President-elect\*; Natalie Brayton – Director; Art Tait – Finance; Justin Peterson – Awards; Bob Campbell – Range Excellence; George Cook – UNRFS; Dana Truman – Information & Education; and Loren Chase – Scholarship. (\* Because of personal reasons, Steve Deeter resigned from President-elect in March, 2005)

In November 3-4, 2005, President Elect Paul Curtis organized an outstanding fall section meeting at Midway, Utah addressing timely topics of noxious weed management and BEHAVE principles from the Range 101 School cadre. The evening was very enjoyable with an awards banquet. A scholarship auction was not held this year. Dennis Phillippi from the Denver SRM office visited the section meetings this year and spoke to the section about happenings from the National office. It was a pleasure to have him come and participate with us through the entire meetings. The reins of leadership was exchanged from Ron Torgerson to Paul Curtis as the newly installed president of the Utah Section for 2006. According to by-laws, Paul was voted in as 2006 section President by the membership at this meeting. Mark Brunson was voted in as President-elect and Boyd Hatch was elected as three-year Director replacing Chris Call, whose term had expired.

### **Southern Chapter Report - David Whitaker**

The Southern Chapter met at the fall meeting in Midway. They discussed potential summer tours that the chapter is in charge of in summer 2006. The president is David Whitaker. Art Partridge was elected as president elect. Suzanne Mayne and Joe Jensen are still serving as Directors in the Chapter.

### **Northern Chapter Report – Shane Green**

The Northern Chapter held the summer tour in Skull Valley and the Tintic area. Thanks to Chris Call for his efforts in organizing and conducting the tour. The Northern Chapter met together at the Fall meetings and elected Steve Brayton as president elect.

### **Summer Tour – Chris Call**

On June 15 and 16, approximately 30 range managers and scientists participated in a tour emphasizing fire ecology/management and weed ecology/management in sagebrush, salt desert shrub and pinyon/juniper communities in Skull Valley and Tintic Valley. Four of the participants were visiting scientists from Uzbekistan. Presentations on June 15 included: 1) prostrate kochia (*Kochia prostrata*) ecology, establishment and management by Bob Newhall (USU Extension), and Tom Monaco, Blair Waldron and Howard Horton (USDA-ARS Forage and Range Research Laboratory); 2) dispersed disking fuel management treatments, and fire rehabilitation seedings by Dan Washington (BLM Salt Lake Field Office); 3) cheatgrass (*Bromus tectorum*) control and restoration by Gene Schupp, Jeff Burnham and Steve Ostoja (USU Forest, Range & Wildlife Sciences Department); and 4) the history and fire ecology of Tintic Valley by Neil West (USU Forest, Range & Wildlife Sciences Department). Presentations on June 16 included: 1) rodent/ant granivory implications for restoration by Steve Ostoja (USU);

2) squarrose knapweed (*Centaurea squarrosa*) competition, control and restoration by Alison Whittaker (UDWR Great Basin Research Center); and 3) fire rehabilitation seeding mixtures/treatments by Tyler Thompson (UDWR Southern Region). Participants were exposed to small-scale research efforts investigating ecological processes such as competition and nutrient cycling, and large-scale demonstration efforts showing research applications to management. As always, George Cook and Jim Brown prepared some delicious meals that satisfied the appetites of the tour participants and provided funds for the Section scholarships and activities. Eight participants received 7 Continuing Education Units toward re-certification as an SRM Certified Professional in Rangeland Management. Thanks to the presenters and participants for making it a successful tour.

### **Range Reference Areas Report - Sherel Goodrich and Chad Reid (Co-Chairs)**

What I have to add is not very official. However, I conducted studies that included taking photos in areas that I consider reference areas. These are areas that have been closed to livestock grazing for several to many years. These include Bare Top Mountain in Daggett County, Utah and closed areas in Strawberry Valley, Wasatch County. These are sagebrush areas. Studies were also conducted on alpine of Kabell Ridge of the Uinta Mountains, Summit County and other points in the Uinta Mountains where grazing was discontinued about 20 years ago. What I need to do sometime is make a list of what I considered reference areas and make this a permanent record with SRM. History of the areas and vegetation types need to be part of the list. History could include reasons why the areas are considered references. I have lots of repeat photography that needs to be included in Chad's site. Maybe I could do a little this year, but I have lots of stuff piled up. Not sure I will get to many of these. Sherel Goodrich

The web site (<http://www.ext.usu.edu/rra>) was expanded; the site contains repeat photography that documents long-term vegetation change in Southern Utah. By definition Rangelands includes Forestlands. The web site contains 800-paired photos showing changes to rangelands over time, some of the original photos date back to 1872. Ecological descriptions of the changes over time that have occurred at each site are also included. In addition, to help the general public understand changes to rangelands over time, this site has a photo tour that documents: Range condition, Soil erosion, Riparian conditions, Stream conditions, Oil and Gas development, Mining, Pinyon-Juniper invasion, Sagebrush expansion Aspen's demise and Forage production. This site is of great value to resource managers to evaluate the results of past management actions and to educate the public with irrefutable evidence of changes that have occurred to rangelands over time. In addition website now has a searchable database of Exlosures in the state. Chad Reid.

### **Range Excellence Award – Bob Campbell**

The Utah Section's 2005 Range Excellence Awards were presented to the Bureau of Land Management's Fillmore Field Office and Salt Lake Field Office.

These awards recognized sustained performance on the part of both field offices for postfire rehabilitation of the salt desert shrub, sagebrush steppe, and juniper woodland ecosystems of Utah's west deserts, principally in the areas of Skull Valley and Tintic Valley. Catastrophic wildfires in the 1980's and 1990's charred more than 250,000 acres, removed the native

vegetation, and created landscapes dominated almost solely by cheatgrass and other alien species.

Diligent efforts of many individuals on the past and present staffs of these two field offices were acknowledged. These field offices actively pursued a variety of treatments and management scenarios to rehabilitate the west desert including: dispersed discing fuel management; prostrate kochia establishment and management; cheatgrass control; squarrose knapweed control; and rehabilitation seed mixtures of natives, introduced and combined seed mixes. This work was featured during the Section's summer tour in June 2005 where many of these accomplishments were observed in Skull Valley and Tintic Valley.

A key part of this recognition was also the substantial cooperation of a large array of partners who worked in the area of one or both of these two field offices. More than a dozen groups, university departments, and state and federal agencies are, or have been, partners. The number of individuals involved may be 50 to 75+ (possibly more than 100).

The awards acknowledge incremental improvement and recognize that ongoing projects will continue to enhance these areas. The great challenge is finding sufficient funding to continue to implement projects.

#### **Awards – Justin Peterson**

There were some great nominations submitted this year. Candidates were selected by the awards committee and the awards were presented at the 2005 Utah Section annual meeting. The Range Manager of the Year went to Randy L. Russell, Outstanding Young Range Professional was awarded to Kendall F. Nelson, and the Rancher of the Year was presented to Jack Chivers.

#### **The Utah Section Annual Fall Meeting – Paul Curtis**

The annual fall Utah Section SRM meeting was held on November 3-4 in Midway, Utah at the Homestead Resort facilities. There were approximately 90 registrants for this meeting and 65 members and guests that attended the banquet. The conference started on November 4 with the student exams at 8:00 AM. There were approximately 19 students from USU, BYU, and UVSC that took the plant ID exam. UVSC students did not take the URME, so there were only about 18 students from BYU and USU who participated in the URME.

The technical session began at 9:00 AM where Ralph Whitesides, USU Professor/Extension Weed Specialist, gave a presentation on Musk Thistle and herbicide formulations and demonstration.

The afternoon session was a BEHAVE group presentation "applying Behavioral Principles to Rangeland Management in Multiple Ownerships by Mark Brunson, Fred Provenza, Floyd Reed and Bill Hopkins.

We did not have an auction this year. SRM staff (Dennis Phillippi) from Denver gave reports regarding membership and latest information. Jim Keyes, extension agent, San Juan County provided the entertainment by singing and playing the guitar. The awards ceremony went well with all committees giving awards that will be reported by them for this report. Paul Curtis was

elected President and Mark Brunson was elected president-elect and Boyd Hatch was elected as a Director.

The morning of Nov 4<sup>th</sup> began with Chapter meetings at 7:30 and a section business meeting held at 8:00 AM. The Southern Chapter will host the 2006 summer tour and Art Partridge was elected as the Southern Chapter president. The meeting then went into action with presentations by: Ben Baldwin, Tyler Staggs, Aimee Zobell, Allen Huber, Bruce Roundy, Randy Larsen, Jennifer Coleman, Rachel Fugal, Joshua Voss, Brian Taylor, Tina Ward, Cristina Juran, Eve Richards, Eric Gardener, Jeremiah Armstrong and Rick Baxter. The annual meeting was then finished followed by a directors and committee chairman meeting which lasted for one hour or so.

### **Student Affairs - Dale Bartos**

Two main activities for students this year was held at the Utah -SRM annual meeting in Midway, Utah. Nineteen students participated in the plant identification competition (conducted by Seth Ohms) and 18 in the URME test (conducted by Kendal Nelson). Participants were from USU, BYU, and UVSC. These types of activities tend to get the students more involved in SRM section activities.

Cash awards in the amount of \$100, \$75, and \$50 were given to the three top finishers and each University team. Individuals from BYU won both the URME exam and the plant ID contest. The order of completion by teams was BYU, USU, and UVSC.

The Section will sponsor two high school students (Emile Yardley from Beaver and Janessa Chew from Vernal) to attend the National Meetings in Vancouver, BC this next February.

### **Student Scholarships - Paul Curtis**

During this last year the scholarship winners were Jennifer Coleman as the winner of the 2005-2006 Stoddart Scholarship, \$1,000 and Issac Pittman as the winner of the 2005-2006 Utah Section Student Scholarship, \$1,000.

### **2005 Financial Summary - Jessica Bulloch**

As of December 31, 2005, the Utah Section has assets totaling approximately \$95,920. These assets are still in the following six accounts:

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| Checking -           | \$18,430 |
| Savings -            | \$1,200  |
| Zion's Investments - | \$38,227 |
| Dodge & Cox -        | \$8,794  |
| Janus -              | \$23,518 |
| Zion's CD -          | \$5,751  |

The newly formed finance committee is working with Wells Fargo Investments to re-invest some of these funds into one account for ease and financial safeguards.

## **2004: Kurtis A. Robins**

### **President's Summary**

The 2004 year for the Utah Section of the Society for Range Management had many successful activities and events with the grand daddy Utah Section hosting the 57<sup>th</sup> annual SRM meeting, "Rangelands in Transition," in Salt Lake City, Utah on January 24-30. A new attendance record of registrants joined hundreds of range folks in the beautiful confines of the Grand America hotel in SLC. Our section members Doug Johnson and Durant McArthur co-chaired the planning committee and did an outstanding job with many section members contributing to the success of the meetings. The section realized over \$18,000 to their pool of funds from their efforts. George Cook and gang provided a steak dinner organized by Steve Monsen for a tour on Antelope Island that was a hit for all those who attended.

The section did not rest on its laurels this year and pressed forward with an outstanding summer tour with over 60 participants who toured the historical Fremont River expedition route through Utah. The route was followed from Provo to Lytle Ranch near Beaver Dam reservoir in south west Utah. Dr. Stan Welch narrated the event and told many stories and identified several plants. He did an excellent job and arranged to allow the group to stay at the ranch at no cost. George Cook and gang presented a feast of fine bovine and the fixings that was enjoyed by all. Many thanks go to Ron Torgerson and Steve Monsen for organizing the event.

Thanks to George Cook, the summer range camp for high school students was resurrected this summer. In August 2004, 12 high school students attended three days of training at the Gooseberry Guard station. Leaders included Mindy Pratt, Kendall Nelson, Ron Torgerson, Roger Banner, Kurt Robins and George Cook. After several quizzes and worksheets, Clint Eastman from Moore, Utah finished as the top range camper.

A thank you goes to past president Art Tait and financial committee member Jessica Bullock for spending a considerable amount of time getting our financial house in order. We now have entered an agreement with Mr. Wilson, a CPA residing in Cedar City who has assisted with getting our tax exempt ID status current. Section officers are also evaluating our current financial structure and investments to see if there isn't a more efficient way to handle the finances with such high turnover with the presidents and directors of the section council.

George Cook and gang come through with flying colors providing several steak dinners as fund raisers for the section. Our best to George for all the service he renders to the section.

In November 2004, President Elect Ron Torgerson organized an outstanding fall section meeting addressing timely topics of poorly planned ATV use on rangelands, rangeland monitoring assessment and proper functioning condition of riparian areas. The evening was very enjoyable with an awards banquet and scholarship auction for students in range schools in the state of Utah. The "Reins" of leadership were exchanged from Kurtis Robins to Ron Torgerson as the newly installed president of the Utah Section for 2005. Congratulations Ron and much thanks Art Tait for the fine service as the outgoing past president of the section. Kurtis Robins

## 2003: Art Tait

Business meetings were held in Nov. 2002, January, April and September. The summer meeting was cancelled as a result of canceling the summer tour. Steve Monsen had arranged with Stan Welsh to host us on a summer tour to trace portions of the John C. Fremont's travel through Utah. He arranged to have a small booklet printed that included a list and description of the key species we would observe on the route. The booklet includes color pictures and a brief write-up of each species. The Section had budgeted money to pay for the booklet along with costs to cover buses, evening meal, etc. Steve paid for the booklet which amounted to \$300.00. He still has the booklets and the Section has elected to reschedule the tour next summer. The Section needs to reimburse Steve Monsen for his costs.

Thanks to Ross Wight the handbook was updated and some additions made. The Bylaws were updated and changed at the Fall 2003 meeting to reflect \$ changes to the L.A. Stoddard scholarship fund.

The major administrative action was to get the Sections non-profit status reinstated by the State of Utah. This has now been done. Financially the Section is in good standing but work to satisfy the IRS tax reporting requirements need to be followed up.

Through the year nearly \$3000.00 was raised for the scholarship fund. Many thanks to the members and to Gorge Cook et.al. for their efforts. Recipients; Utah State and BYU received their money \$1,000.00 each.

Participation and membership is up some thanks to Dave Grider and others for their efforts in promoting the Society. The Section membership increased about 20 percent during 2003.

Considerable work has been accomplished regards to the 2004 annual meeting. A big thanks goes to Durant McArthur and Doug Johnson and their committee Chairs.

Rachel Jolley Student Affairs Committee Chair has done a tremendous job and reports:

Over 20 students participated in this year's state meetings held in Provo on November 7-8. This year's student activities included a plant contest, the Undergraduate Range Management Exam (URME), a high school paper presentation, and several undergraduate and graduate student presentations. Students represented Utah State University, Brigham Young University, and Utah Valley State College. In the high school paper presentation, Morgan Russell, from Dixie High School, pioneered the competition and will go on to represent the Utah section at the National Meetings in January. In the plant ID contest, Matt Stevenson (BYU) placed first, with Morgan Mendenhall (USU) finishing a very close second place. In the very challenging URME, Travis Mote (USU) took first, with BYU's Luke Marchant in second. The best combined score for both the URME and the plant contest was from BYU student, Matt Stevenson. The SRM also recognized North Sanpete High School as the winning team in the State judging contest (coached by Kevin Allen).

After several years without student activities, we are very pleased with the number of participants this year. We express appreciation to those who donated their time to make this

event a success. In the future, we hope to have more high school organizations participate and become familiar with the SRM. We hope the student activities will be a means of recruiting the next generation of range managers in Utah.

A great fall meeting was planned and carried out by Kurt Robins the 2003-4 President. Thanks Kurt.

**2002: Jim Brown**



## 2001: John Malechek

### A. Section Board of Directors and Committee Chairs

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| John Malechek, President                                     | James Brown, President Elect           |
| Steve Monson, Past President                                 | Steve Deeter, Director                 |
| Curt Johnson, Director                                       | Art Tait, Director                     |
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| Ross Wight, Executive Secretary                              | Danny Summers, BYU Student Chap. Pres. |
| Cindy Heaton & Eric Thacker, USU Student Chap. Co-Presidents |  |

### B. National Meeting, Kona, Hawaii

A large contingent of Utah Section members attended the 2001 Annual Meeting in Kona, Hawaii, and enjoyed a great meeting, as well as a tropical paradise location.

### C. Major Activities

Summer Tour, June 14 and 15, Monticello area.

Organized and led by Paul Curtis, Monticello BLM, approximately 30 people enjoyed two days of educational and scenic visits, discussing CRP lands, sage grouse habitat, a local elk ranch, and uranium mill tailings clean-up. A steak dinner was provided by members George Cook and Jim Brown with local entertainment. The second day included a visit to the Comb Wash area west of Blanding, followed by a visit and discussion of Forest Service management issues on the Slickhorn Allotment.

Annual Winter Meeting, Vernal, UT, Nov. 8&9, 2001

President Elect Jim Brown organized and presided over an interesting and well-attended meeting where issues such as potential T&H listing of sage grouse was discussed in-depth by a panel of scientists and managers. Tim Munns was named Rancher of the Year and Eve Davies of Pacificorp accepted the award for Range Excellence.

### D. Major Section Business Activities

Perhaps the item having the greatest near-term impact on the future of the Utah Section was the successful awarding by the parent Society of the hosting of the 2004 Annual National Meeting by the Utah Section. The meeting is scheduled for the Grand America Hotel in Salt Lake City for January 23-31, 2004. Dr. Durant McArthur will be the General Chairman of the meeting, with Dr. Douglas Johnson as Co-chair.

The future of the Range Youth Camp was one of the most-discussed items of business during the year. Mindy Pratt, with the help of other Section members George Cook, Jim Brown and others had been facing increasing difficulty in getting a sufficient number of students enrolled to make the camp worthwhile. Finally, Mindy stated that she was no longer interested in leading the Camp effort. A long discussion was held at the Annual Winter meeting in Vernal, but the outcome was largely inconclusive relative to long-range plans for the Camp. However, for the immediate future, the Utah Section will not be offering a summer youth camp.

The Utah Section was presented a generous gift of \$5,000 by the Charles and Annaley Redd Foundation for unspecified use. Steps were taken to maintain the Redd Foundation's identity with this gift until a specific purpose could be found to which it can be applied. Additionally, the Redd Foundation contributed \$1,000 to be applied to the Natural Resources Field School.

Otherwise, the finances of the Utah Section were deemed to be in relatively solid condition, despite the loss in performance of the mutual fund investments. Much thanks is due George Cook, Jim Brown, Sam Rowley, and others who have continued to generate funds for the Section through their catering of meals for various organization's outings.

**2000: Steve Monson**

## **1999: Jerry Goodman**

The National meeting in Omaha was well attended by Section members. The Student chapters were active in the competitions and did well. We also had two students that participated in the High School Youth Forum. Eight members of the Section received awards or national recognition.

Our summer meeting, held at the Great Basin Environmental Center, was one of the best we have had in several years. The meeting/tour was a joint venture with the American Society of Forestry. It was well attended and well organized, and we were joined by some members that have not participated with us in recent years.

In July the Utah Section hosted and cosponsored a tour in conjunction with the Statewide Grazing Land Conservation Initiative Committee. Approximately 85 state congressional and other state and community leaders participated, and viewed habitat restoration, pasture management, noxious weed management, wildfire rehabilitation, and CRP projects. Again we were able to reach and explain current issues to a group that we normally have not reached in the past.

Each year the Utah Section hosts a week-long Natural Resources Field School for high school students. This event took place at the Great Basin Environmental Center and we had 24 participants. In addition to hosting the event, the entire program was reviewed in 1999 and a new “work plan” or charter was developed to deal with current issues.

In conjunction with the annual meeting, the Section offered a training workshop on Threatened, Endangered and Sensitive Plants. The workshop was attended by more than 80 participants. The theme of the general meeting was the “Management and Preservation of Open Spaces to Sustain Diverse Resources.” Our National President, Kendell Johnson was the keynote speaker at the banquet where we presented 2 Range Manager of the Year Awards and recognized our Rancher of the Year and Range Excellence recipients. Approximately \$2600 was raised through the annual auction to support the Sections’ endowment fund, which currently supports 2 scholarships for our University students studying range science. In addition our “Dutch Oven Crew” raised approximately \$5000 for the endowment fund, providing meals to a variety of meetings and tours throughout the year. These events not only bring in much needed funding, but they are also an excellent advertisement for SRM.

Hopefully, the Utah Section has turned the corner on declining membership. As of the end of November our membership rose slightly to 206, an increase of 9 members over 1998, and the first year we have seen an increase since 1991. During this past year, our Membership Committee sent letters to agency heads including mid-management, suggesting the value of SRM membership and attendance at meetings. Selected members and past members were also targeted, reminding them of the value of SRM and our need for their participation.

Based on the recommendation of the President, the Section’s Council considered and approved several organizational changes for the coming year. Committees will report directly to one of the

three Directors. With all the duties of the President, this will hopefully focus more attention and help to the various committees. The use of an Executive Secretary was also approved.

In summary, the Utah Section had a very busy and productive year, achieving one of my primary goals, which was to provide a quality service or product for our membership. Some needed organizational changes have also been adopted in both the Natural Resource Field School, as well as the Section as a whole.

## **1998: Michael Ralphs**

The Utah Section SRM pursued 3 goals this year: 1) Improve the image of the Range Profession in Utah through publicizing our award winners and examples of good range management; 2) Improve the level of professionalism among our members by offering continuing education workshops in conjunction with our annual meeting and tours; 3) Revitalize the Coordinated Resource Management (CRM) process.

The Utah Section put out 8 news releases in regional newspapers. The Utah Farmer Stockman ran an announcement and description of our 1997 Annual Meeting at Sherwood Hills Resort. The Logan Herald Journal had a nice write-up of our Annual meeting featuring the panel discussion on "Scientific Based Resource Management," as well as awards received by Allen Rasmussen and Chandra Heaton, and on Mike Ralphs as President Elect. The Tooele Transcript carried articles on our Rancher of the Year, Darrell Johnson, and Excellence in Range Management that was awarded to the Vernon Cattle Allotment. The Provo Daily Herald had a corresponding article on the Spanish Fork Ranger District as the agency involved in the Range Excellence award. The Ephriam paper featured Scott Walker as the Young Range Professional. The Provo Daily Herald featured the technical abstract by Jim Davis on using monitoring data in management decisions. Abstracts of the other technical presentations were delivered to local newspapers. There were 7 other news presentations about our Utah Section Members that originated outside of the Section. Three TV reports on the Fire Rehabilitation project, and newspaper articles in the Provo Daily Herald and Ogden Standard Examiner resulting from the media tour in May. The Utah Farmer Stockman ran a front cover picture and 3 articles on Noxious Weed Control featuring Pat Fossie and Steve Dewey. Pat Fossie was also on the Channel 5 News talking about Weed Control. The Western Livestock Journal had an article on Fred Provenza and his grazing behavior research. And finally, the Logan Herald Journal featured Chuck Gay and his conservation and grassland restoration.

Continuing education workshops were offered in conjunction with our annual meeting and tours. The first was a hands-on training to access data bases and other forms of electronic information retrieval. It was organized by Allen Rasmussen and held at Utah State Univ. the morning of the 1997 annual meeting. The second workshop was held at the 1998 summer tour and Jim Bowns presented a discussion on plant ID and structure and function in plant communities. The third was a workshop on Thursday morning of our 1998 annual meeting in Moab and Allen Rasmussen discussed interpreting monitoring data. We made an effort to contact all mid and upper level managers in the land management agencies and encouraged them to send their employees for training as well as participation in our professional society.

There is a long history of successful CRM projects in Utah (see attached list). However about 3 years ago, the State Executive CRM Committee was absorbed into the Governor's Natural Resources Coordinating Council (NRCC), and CRM went dormant. The Utah Section SRM took the initiative to develop a new memorandum of understanding (MOU) recognizing the NRCC as the appropriate body to administer CRM. There were some changes in the CRM structure. At the state level, there will be a Task Group composed of line officers from each of the agencies to coordinate CRM activities within their organizations and support their field offices involved with CRM projects. SRM will nominate the chairman of the Task Group in order to maintain continuity and retain institutional memory. On the local level, Steering

Committees will organize to carry out projects or management initiatives on the scale ranging from allotments, watersheds, to river basins. These local committees will be comprised of landowners, local government officials (primarily county commissioners), land management and regulatory agency officials, Conservation District representatives, and other interested parties that are willing to accept CRM concepts, objectives and procedures.

### Coordinated Resource Management Projects

|  |               |
|--|---------------|
| Oak Creek Mountains                        | Fillmore      |
| Henry Mountain buffalo management          | Hanksville    |
| Muddy Creek watershed improvement          | Orderville    |
| Book Cliffs wildlife management plan       |               |
| Clover Creek watershed improvement         | Tooele        |
| Chalk Creek watershed improvement          | Summit County |
| Elk Ridge wildlife/livestock competition   | Monticello    |
| Weber River Basin                          |               |
| Spanish Fork River watershed stabilization | Provo         |

### Change the Name of SRM?

The Texas Section SRM made a proposal at the Summer Meeting to change the name of our society, its logo, and our journal, as a first step in improving our image. This issue has been discussed before, but the changing values of society, the decline in our membership, and the perceived decline of our credibility, have caused many of our members to reevaluate this issue. We included a survey in the newsletter asking members if they favored a change leave the names as they are. Half of the responses mailed back favored changing the name. However, of those who filled out the survey at our annual meeting, 82% voted to retain the names. A total of 68% of responses favored retaining the name, 73% wanted to retain the Trail Boss Logo, and 60% wanted to retain the name of the Journal. Responses from members (both old and young) who were actively involved in the Society activities favored retaining the names as they are. Those not participating in Section activities, or on the fringes of the discipline, favored changing the name. The question remains, who should we, as a professional society, try to serve?

### Committee Reports

#### Awards

|                                      |                                  |
|--------------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Chair                                | Sherel Goodrich                  |
| Members                              | Gus Warr, Kurtis Robins.         |
| Rancher of the Year                  | R. Kedric Somerville, Monticello |
| Range Manager of the Year            | Ron Wilson, FS Cedar City        |
| Outstanding Young Range Professional | Mark Farmer, DWR Provo           |

## National Awards

|                                |                  |
|--------------------------------|------------------|
| Sustained Lifetime Achievement | Everett R. Doman |
| Chapline Research Award        | Fred Provenza    |
| Fellow                         | Doug Johnson     |
| Outstanding Achievement        | Jim Pfister      |
|                                | Dale Bartos      |
|                                | Chris Call       |
|                                | Allen Rasmussen  |
| Young Professional             | Scott Walker     |

## Endowment

Chair: Joel Frandsen

Committee: Jack Brotherson, Chuck Gay, Hardy Redd, Tom Shore and Kent Taylor  
The Education Endowment Fund was created to enable the Utah Section SRM to increase the stipend of the L.A. Stoddart Scholarship; to offer a second scholarship, the Utah Section SRM Scholarship; and to support the Utah Natural Resource Field School (Range Youth Camp).

### Accomplishments

1. Developed Education Endowment letterhead; printed and distributed to committee members.
2. Modified a portion of Endowment Brochure, printed and distributed to committee members.
3. Compiled list of parents of Range Youth Camp participants from 1990-1996 and sent a letter with brochure requesting donation.
4. Developed donor data base at BUY Botany and Range Dept.
5. Divided up potential large donor list between Committee members and asked them to make personal contact for possible donation.
6. Sent 2 copies of Brochure out with Section newsletter and requested that Section Membership distribute to potential donors.

### Results

1. Charles Redd Foundation made a \$2000 donation to Endowment Fund.
2. Dan Freed made a personal donation of \$100
3. Funds raised from Cookouts - NRCS Dinner hosted by George Cook \$482
4. Proceeds from Summer meeting \$398
5. From Southern Chapter \$300
6. 1998 Scholarship Auction \$1200

## I&E

Chair: Steve Monsen

Committee: Mark Farmer, Dee Nelson, Paul Skabland  
Organized and constructed a new informative display. The display includes a number of excellent pictures, drawings, and related items that illustrate the variable resources of the state. The display features our "State Grass" Indian ricegrass *Oryzopsis hymenoides*. The committee



developed an excellent display that illustrates resources that currently have considerable interest within the state. The display will be available for use at various meetings, training and conference sessions.

Some newspaper articles were prepared following the annual meeting, but little else was completed. The committee felt this was a major weakness, and recognized that local issues should be described or presented through newspaper reports prepared by our members. We recommended items or topics of concern be identified and a series of articles assigned and prepared by select members.

## **Public Affairs**

Chair: Wayne Urie

Committee: Natalie Gale, Alan Huber, Scott Walker, Bruce Roundy

Goal: Promote the benefits of Scientific Based Range Management Practices and make the public aware of the range management profession.

### Activities and Projects

1. Abstracts from the Technical Session on Scientific Based Resource Management Practices were sent to contacts in local newspapers in the counties where the authors reside.
2. Contacted the Texas Section to see how to link the Utah Section home page to the National Organization's home page.
3. Responded to scoping letter from North Kiabab Ranger district and Arizona Strip BLM concerning consolidating allotments controlled by Cain Ranches and coordinating management on 600,000 acres of public land.
4. Contacted the FS Shrub lab to support funding to maintain enclosure plots.
5. Provided input on changes to SRM Policy Statements, Position Statements and Resolutions.
6. Obtained permission to set up new display at the Farm Bureau annual convention.

Summary: There is still a great need to get the "word out" to more of the public about the benefits of scientific based range management practices and what SRM can do to make them happen!

## **Range Excellence**

Chair: Chris Call

Committee: Tim Brown, Brent Bunderson, Larry Ellicott, Rod Hardy

The Committee received four nominations for the 1998 Range Excellence Award.

1. Kennecott Copper Corporation reclamation/management of the northern Oquirrh Mountains near Magna.
2. USFS Bears Ears Allotment near Monticello.
3. USFS Trail Mountain allotment near Castle Dale.
4. DWR Elbow Ranch near Richfield.

Committee members reviewed the nomination packages and scheduled field tours for the Kennecott, Bears Ears, and Trail Mountain sites. After completing the field tours, committee members selected Kennecott as the recipient of the award. Paul Rokicha and Bill Adams accepted the award at the SRM banquet in Moab on November 12. The award is a wall plaque, similar to the plaques given out the Range Manager of the Year etc.

Chris Call is working with Kennecott public relations personnel to develop news releases to publicize the award. The other nominees will be considered for the award next year.

### **Range Reference Areas**

Chair: Chad Reid

Committee: Allen Rasmussen, Lyle Holmgren

All of the records assembled by Larry Maxfield were reviewed. There were 600 records, but only 200 had data or pictures and 140 were suitable to include. This will be put on a web site and updated periodically, and a search engine included to search by region, plant community, land ownership etc.

#### **Scholarship**

Eralee Jordan (BYU) was chosen to receive the \$1000 SRM Laurence A. Stoddart Memorial Scholarship for 1990-1999. Eralee is a junior majoring in Ecology and Systematics with a Range Science minor. She has a 3.52 GPA and has worked for the last 3 years as a zoology research assistant, and taught 2 Zoology labs.

Rachel Fugal (USU) was chosen to receive the \$1000 Utah Section SRM Student Scholarship for 1998-1999. Rachel transferred to BYU but set out the Fall semester. The Scholarship will be awarded for the 1999 spring and fall semester. Rachel is a sophomore majoring in both Range Management and Piano Performance with a 3.99 GPA. Rachel was on the Plant ID team and Reporter of the Range Club in 1997. In 1998, she was on both the Plant ID and URME teams, and was Vice President of the Range Club.

### **Student/Youth Affairs**

Chair: Mindy Pratt

Committee: George Cook, Scott Pratt, Kathy Voth, Natalie Gale

The Natural Resources Field School was held at the LaSal Mountain Ranch. It was co-hosted with the Canyonlands Institute.

## **1997: Val Jo Anderson**

The Utah Section of SRM has had a productive and enjoyable year in 1997. Many of our members attended the meetings in South Dakota. Students from Utah State University and Brigham Young University participated very successfully in SRM competitions. The BYU Plant ID Team won 5<sup>th</sup> place and The USU URME Team took 6<sup>th</sup> place.

The first section activity, and one of the highlights for the section, was the summer tour to the Monroe Mountain Seeking Common Ground Demonstration Area. This tour was hosted by our Southern Utah Chapter and we were able to see how many different ownership and use groups came together to manage a large area of beautiful mountain rangeland which accommodates many uses and users, yet has allowed the land to be healthy and improving in ecological condition. This activity was successful in attracting nearly as many potential SRM members as registered members.

A second highlight of our year, was to realize that our Section had met another of its long standing goals to offer a second endowed \$1,000 scholarship to students pursuing range degrees at Utah universities. This was the culmination of the efforts of many people over a number of years. We awarded these scholarships to Chandra Heaton of Utah State University and Kevin Bunnell of Brigham Young University.

A tremendous effort was made to contact land management agency heads in the state to gain more exposure with them, solicit their support for their employees to take part in SRM activities and to identify ways that the Utah Section could better serve their needs. It was identified that a formal shortcourse or other training in conjunction with our summer tour and annual meeting would both help to meet agency needs and goals as well as promote attendance at these events.

We were also very active in supporting the efforts of agencies engaged in the wildland fire rehabilitation efforts in central Utah. They met stiff opposition by some well meaning, but misdirected conservation groups which eventually led to a court ordered shut-down of their rehab. efforts. We made contacts with those groups, the agencies and government, both state legislature and Washington D.C. While we received a great deal of support from many sources, it appears that our legal system is incapable of responding and the resource remains in jeopardy.

Our crowning section event was our annual meeting, held Nov. 13 and 14 at Sherwood Hills Resort between Brigham City and Logan, Utah. We had excellent attendance at that meeting. The program centered on scientific based management of rangelands and included presentations from agency heads, research directors and examples from successes of on-the-ground management using these principles. We were also able to recognize some of our outstanding members: Kimball T. Harper as the Range Manager of the Year, Darrell Johnson as the Rancher of the Year and Scott C. Walker as the Young Range Professional of the Year. It was a meeting that fulfilled its billing as informative and enjoyable.

**1996: G. Allen Rasmussen**

## **1995: Sam Rowley**

My term as President of the Utah Section of the Society of Range Management began Thursday night January 12, 1995 at the annual winter meeting banquet. The "Reins of Leadership" were turned over to me at that time by Ron Wilson.

We held our annual winter meeting for the section Wednesday, January 11, through Friday January 13, 1995, at the Holiday Inn in St. George. It was a combined meeting with the Utah Chapter of the Wildlife Society. We had an excellent panel discussions and papers given during the three day session. In addition to the banquet and sessions the Wednesday program was highlighted that evening by a Dutch Oven dinner and auction/raffle which helped defray expenses and raise money for the Scholarship Fund. My committee members were Brent Jensen, Joel Frandsen, and Sheldon Wimmer as well as our counterparts from the Wildlife Society, Terry Messmer, Ana Egnaw and Ken MacDonald.

The week Following the Utah Section meeting was the Annual International Meeting in Phoenix, Arizona. We were represented at the Advisory Council meetings by myself and Ron Wilson. Utah was also represented on several committees by section members. In addition, the section received special recognition at the awards ceremony. Among awards received, James Potts won the Combined Student Award. High School Youth Forum presentations were made by Susan Palmer and Jennifer Davis. Davis placed second with her presentation.

I began my year as President with a full agenda. We hosted the Society for Range Management annual summer meeting July 21-22, 1995 in Salt Lake City. Val Jo Anderson was our coordinator for this meeting. Although the session was lightly attended Val did an excellent job organizing and overseeing this meeting. Our section was represented at the Advisory Council by myself, Ron Wilson and Allen Rasmussen.

The summer meeting was held in conjunction with the International Rangeland Congress July 23-28, 1995 at the Red Lion Inn in Salt Lake City. The Society for Range Management (parent society) was the sponsor for this international meeting. As such, the Utah section had major responsibilities for the meeting and tours. In addition to the meeting, four tours were conducted in the Northern part of the State on Wednesday July 26th. Jim Bowns had the overall responsibility for these tours. Tour leaders were, Chris Call, Logan Tour, Durrant McArthur, Provo Tour, Jim Cook, Salt Lake Tour, and Greg Simonds the Deseret Land and Livestock Tour. Our major responsibility as a section was to prepare and serve the dinner at the end of each tour. Mike Ralphs, Steve Smith, Jim Brown and George Cook accepted the assignment to take care of these meals. They did an excellent job organizing and catering each meal. Mike Ralphs organized most of the food that was provided. Steak donations were secured by Willy Conrad from the Beef Council and Mike Ralphs from Miller Beef. Many people, both section members and others helped with the tours and prepared the meals. With three tour dinners and one tour luncheon, we fed over five hundred people.

Even though the two above mentioned events were our biggest projects for the year we had other work being done throughout the year. Joel Frandsen headed a committee of, Kent Taylor, Tom Shore, Frank Brotherson, Phill Urness and Hardy Redd to set up a Utah Section Endowment Fund. Excellent progress was made, a brochure had been prepared to explain the endowment

fund and a list of potential donors is being prepared to solicit contributions. Joel was busy throughout the year; the section in conjunction with the Wildlife Society submitted him and Terry Messmer to serve on the nominating committee for the new Wildlife Board. Joel was selected and served well on this committee. In addition, the section endorsed Joel Frandsen and Jim Bowns to serve on the BLM statewide Resource Advisory Committee. Jim Bowns was selected to serve on this committee, and is currently serving as President.

The Southern Chapter sponsored a one day tour to the Tintic area. On this tour the BLM presented efforts to control squareose knapweed and cheatgrass expansion as a result of fire. A letter was prepared and sent to the Juab County Commissioners acknowledging their efforts and cooperation with the BLM in the control of noxious weeds. The section sponsored a booth at the Urban Field Day in Provo in June. The field day was organized to increase resource awareness among urban dwellers. Shane Green and Mindy Smith set up the SRM display and answered questions. Approximately 1300 people attended the fair. Vernon Parnet was selected as the 1995-1996 SRM scholarship winner, for use at USU. A CRM workshop was organized by Shane Green and scheduled for the first week in December 1995. We continue to have an active CRP program. Work has concentrated on alternate uses of CRP lands. Youth activities continue to be a priority in the section. This summer 24 students participated in the annual Natural Resources Field School. Natalie Gale acted as Camp Director this year for Mark Francis. Our students continue to do well in SRM competition. The 1995 Rancher of the year was Alex Radosevich and the 1995 Range Manager of the year is George Cook. Val Jo Anderson is the section President Elect and Natalie Gale is the new three year Council Member.

I appreciate greatly the following section members who served well as council members and committee chairs:

**COUNCIL**

|              |                 |
|--------------|-----------------|
| Ron Wilson   | Allen Rasmussen |
| Jim Brown    | Roger Banner    |
| Steve Smith  | John Healy      |
| Natalie Gale |                 |

**COMMITTEE CHAIRS**

|                 |                       |
|-----------------|-----------------------|
| Ron Wilson      | Nominations           |
| Willy Conrad    | CRP                   |
| Shane Green     | CRM                   |
| Mike Ralphs     | Historian             |
| Boyd Bradford   | Awards                |
| Tom Pick        | I&E                   |
| George Cook     |                       |
| Tom Shore       | Membership            |
| Kerry Schwartz  | Public Affairs        |
| Paul Curtis     | Scholarship           |
| Mark Francis    | Student/Youth Affairs |
| Larry Maxfield  | Rangeland Reference   |
| Karl Ivory      | Range Excellence      |
| Larry Mickelson |                       |

## **1994: Ron Wilson**

The year 1994 was a busy, challenging, interesting and rewarding year for me as I served as section president. For the most part I think it was a good year as we accomplished many of things we needed to do. I appreciate the willingness of those who served and the efforts they made in behalf of the section.

At the beginning of the year I asked for members to become ambassadors for the society in their part of the state to educate the public about rangelands and promote the objectives of the society. Some volunteered to go to the civil clubs, livestock associations, wildlife groups, environmental groups, recreation groups and schools and deliver the message about proper rangeland management and the value of healthy rangeland ecosystems. Several of us took the opportunity on tours and other meetings to do this and I think these efforts will eventually pay off, but it's something that will need to be continued.

Many section members attended the International Winter Meeting in Colorado Springs. This was an excellent meeting and we had a lot of our members presenting papers and serving on committees. Sam Rowley, Hardy Redd and I participated on the advisory council and represented the Utah Section in conducting the society's business and making recommendations to the Board of Directors. We had a section breakfast while there, that was attended by 23 members.

We had an excellent summer tour in Daggett County on the Ashley National Forest, Vernal and Rock Springs BLM Districts in June. This was hosted by the Northern Chapter and under Sherel Goodrich's leadership, Natalie Gale organized and directed the tour. Floyd Bartlett took charge of cooking breakfast. The tour was well attended and a good time was had by all.

The International summer meeting was held in Edmonton Canada in July. Sam Rowley and myself represented the section on the Advisory Council and Curt Johnson attended as a committee member. This meeting was excellent and the Canadians were great hosts. It was interesting to see how lush and green the rangelands were in Canada after driving through miles of dry country.

In August, the Southern Chapter hosted a tour of the Monroe Mountain Livestock/Big Game National Demonstration Project. This was another good tour. John Healy, Del Barnhurst and other members of the Southern Chapter did a great job. Our committees were active this year some of their reports are attached, but finally is a synopsis of their activities:

**Awards Committee:** Boyd Bradford chaired the committee and they selected Roger Banner as Range manager of the year, and Lynn James as Rancher of the year. They were both presented plaques and honored at the annual section meeting.

**Information and Education Committee:** Paul Kelley and George Cook co-chairs made sure four quality news letters were produced during the year. Pat Johnston news letter editor did a great job and they were always out on time and had timely information for us. George also did a lot of work updating the mailing list. Paul Kelley transferred to Oregon during the year. He was replaced by Tom Pick from NRCS in Vernal.

Membership Committee: Increasing the membership was one of our emphasis areas this year. However, membership declined throughout most of the year. Pat Shaver chairman, transferred to Oregon, he was replaced by Tom Shore. Through Tom's aggressive efforts and some challenges I made to the council we were able to improve and I think we will see our goal of 300 achieved sometime in 1995.

Conservation Reserve Program Committee: Willie Conrad has done a great job with this committee. Through his efforts a Utah Conservation Reserve Program Coalition was formed consisting of representatives from SRM, Utah Farm Bureau, Utah State University, Utah Cattleman, SCS, Soil Water Conservation Society, Utah Association of Conservation Districts and Utah Department of Agriculture. They had several meetings conducted a land owner survey and involved many interests groups in planning programs and activities to provide land owners with information and alternatives in using CRP lands.

Public Affairs: Pam Schuller was the chair of this committee. They were not real active, but did prepare a letter that was sent to Ted Stewart and Bob Vallentine supporting the retention of the rangeland habitat research positions in DWR.

Scholarship Committee: Paul Curtis, chairperson reported that Robert L. Duke was the winner of the L.A. Stoddart scholarship for 1994-1995. Rob is the president of the BYU student chapter.

Student Youth Affairs Committee: Mark Francis, chairperson reported another successful youth camp, it was conducted August 1 thru August 6 at the USU forestry station in Logan Canyon. The name of this camp was changed to Utah Natural Resources Field School this year. There were many other successful youth activities including: participation in the annual section meeting in St. George and International Winter Meeting in Colorado Springs. Details can be found in the committee report.

Range Excellence Committee: Karl Ivory and Larry Mickleson co-chair this committee and are doing an excellent job. They evaluated nominations and selected the McIntyre Allotment on the BLM House Range Resource Area and the West Mower Ranch in the Fairview area to receive Range excellence awards this year. These awards were presented at the annual meeting in St. George.

Rangeland Reference Area Committee: Larry Maxfield, chairperson reported that this committee was eliminated at the International level. The Utah section council however, voted to keep it as a committee and Larry agreed to stay on as chair. He submitted a report of activities for this year which is attached.

Coordination Resource Management Committee: Gary Briggs, chair, is working on a CRM workshop to be conducted by Rex Cleary and Denniss Phillipi sometime next year in Utah. This will be an excellent opportunity to get some training for folks in our state. Gary is also the representative on the state CRM Executive Committee.



Historian: Mike Ralphs has served the section in a dual role of Historian and the Director this year and has done an excellent job. He managed to compile and get published the history of the Utah State Section from 1979 to 1993. This is a good history prepared by Max Robinson and Austin Hows. I appreciated Mike's efforts in getting it published.

1995 International Summer Meeting: A lot of work has been done this year to prepare for hosting the summer meeting. It will be at the Red Lion Hotel in Salt Lake City in July in conjunction with the Rangeland Congress. Val Jo Anderson is the chairperson for this meeting and he and several other section members have done a lot of work.

International Rangeland Congress: This congress will be held in Salt Lake City in July. The Utah Section agreed to prepare dinner meals for the tours associated with the congress. Much work and preparations has been done to organize and prepare for this activity, and I have appreciated the willingness of everyone to help. Jim Bowns, section member is the chairperson for these mid congress tours. Assignments have been made to carry out all the tasks associated with this effort and I'm sure it will be a successful event.

Nominations: Hardy Redd, past president chaired the nominations committee. They selected Allen Rasmussen and Mike Ralphs as nominees for President elect, and Roger Banner and Pam Schuller for director. Allen Rasmussen was elected President elect and Roger Banner director.

Finances: Finances were always a concern, but Allen Rasmussen did a great job in keeping us in the black. He did a good job with the money as well as his other secretarial duties. We need to continue our efforts to get more capital. Joel Frandsen agreed to chair Finance Committee to help the section develop an endowment fund for the field school and scholarships. The Charles R. Redd Foundation made a significant financial contribution to the section again this year and we appreciate their help.

Annual Meeting: Sam Rowley did a great job in organizing and conducting the annual winter meeting in St. George. This was held with the Wildlife Society and was an excellent meeting.

I gave presidential recognition awards to Mark Francis, Willie Conrad, Allen Rasmussen, Mike Ralphs, Brent Jensen and Hardy Redd at the annual meeting. I then passed the reins which I had remodeled to Sam Rowley and became past president.

### **1993: Hardy Redd**

The Utah Section of the Society for Range Management had a good year with some successes and some mistakes. We did fairly well in achieving the goal of reaching the general public and outreaching to groups and organizations which have an interest, or ought to have an interest, in range and range management.

We had a good coordinated public lands meeting with the Utah Wool Growers and Cattlemen in December 1992. Letters were sent to livestock organizations, environmental groups and public schools offering members of the Range Society to speak. I envision these as more than a P.R. gesture or an attempt to defend livestock grazing or what we are doing on the range. Rather it should be, to teach people what range is and to impress on them its importance to everyone; whether they are a rancher or live in a city. School Districts in Washington County, Salt Lake, Ogden, Cache County and Park City asked for people to speak to students. The Utah Wildlife Federation asked for someone to speak and Sam Rowley spoke to their board in December.

An attempt to increase our relationships with the livestock organizations had a setback when an anonymous person, purporting to be a member of the Utah Range Society, wrote to the National Cattleman's Association complaining about the poor range management of Utah's ranchers and B.L.M. and Forest Service. This anonymous letter got back to the Utah Cattlemen and Wool Growers and made them more suspicious of us. I still believe we need to continue to make the effort with the cattlemen and wool growers, as well as other public people who are users and are interested in rangelands, to teach them about range, and listen to their concerns.

We had an excellent summer meeting with the Nevada Section at the Great Basin National Park in Baker, Nevada. It was a good program and tours. Sam Rowley and John Healy did a good job coordinating with the Nevada group.

Ron Wilson organized and presented an excellent winter meeting in St. George December 9th and 10th, 1993. Bent Jensen helped coordinate and made the local arrangements and Durant McArthur, Jim Bowns and Jerry Goodman chaired the program. The reins were handed over to Ron Wilson as President for 1994.

During my term, I was a little like an old horse who needed spurring from time to time. I appreciate particularly Mike Ralphs and Doug Johnson who spurred me when I needed it.

I'm also grateful to Allen Rasmussen who takes good care of the money and the minutes. We earned a good return under Allen's management. As interest rates are down we need a little more capital to continue to give the one scholarship we do.

We have raised almost enough money to give a second scholarship.

We have an offer of matching funds if the Society membership can raise \$2,000.00, which would give us enough money with what we have to grant a second scholarship.

Scholarship Committee: This committee was headed by Paul Curtis. Paul reports that Jake Schoppe of B.Y.U. was the winner of the \$ 1,000.00 L.A. Stoddart scholarship for 1993.

Honors and Awards Committee: Honors and Awards committee was chaired by Blake Walbeck and has Verr Don Durfey, Jeff Barnes and Verl Bagley as members. The committee published two articles in the section Newsletter dealing with nominations for Society Section awards. The committee evaluated award nominations and awarded rancher of the year to Jerold Hall and range manager of the year to Sherel Goodrich for 1993. In the process the committee spent \$149.00 for plaques and medallions and frames.

Information and Education Committee: The committee under chairman Paul Kelley worked closely with newsletter editor, Pat Johnston. The newsletter is greatly improved and came out in a timely manner. Efforts to cut costs were made by obtaining advertising and there is some advertising in the newsletter but much more needs to be done. I would urge all council members to make an effort to find people who would advertise in the newsletter.

The council was briefed at the annual meeting on the activities of the Parent Society I & E. committee. As requests were made, pamphlets describing rangelands and their uses were distributed. Tom Jones is heading a project to display Indian Ricegrass in various museums around the state. This project still needs to be pushed. News releases about rangelands and the Society for Range Management were sent to newspapers in Salt Lake and St. George concerning the annual meeting. Radio spots were also aired in St. George. The information and education committee was very active and met most of their goals.

Public Affairs: co-chairman Tom Roberts and Pam Schuller. The committees activities were minimal but there are some issues which need attention in the coming year.

Coordinated Resource Management: Gary Briggs is committee chairman. This committee was reinvigorated in 1993. The C.R.M. committee organized and coordinated the C.R.M. executive council meeting July 22, 1993 in Salt Lake City. The purpose of C.R.M. is to explore ways to improve communication and coordination between private land owners and federal and state land management agencies and other groups interested in a healthy range ecosystem. The C.R.M. process has a good start but little additional progress has been made. An effort is being made to link the C.R.M. concept to Governor Mike Leavitt's strategy to provide a productive sustainable Utah economy in harmony with quality environment through wise stewardship. Governor Leavitt has given his support to the C.R.M. process. Gary Briggs has been appointed to represent the Utah Section S.R.M. on the Grazing Lands Conservation Initiative steering committee.

Conservation Reserve Program: Willie Conrad is chairman. Willie was unable to recruit additional members to help. Individuals from several groups including Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation, Utah Division of Wildlife Resources, Utah Association of Conservation Districts, Soil Conservation Service and the Soil and Water Conservation Society were contacted to determine their interest to establish rapport and to determine their interest in C.R.P. The Utah Section of the Society for Range Management has been asked to help form a Utah C.R.P. coalition.

Membership: Chairman Pat Shaver reports that Utah membership has declined due to members not renewing their memberships. In and out transfers of memberships are about even and we

continue to recruit new members. During September and October five new student members have joined in Logan. We need to continue to work on increasing membership. There are very few ranchers who are members and a continued outreach to these folks should be made.

Youth Activities: Had an excellent year with many activities under the chairmanship of Mark Francis. Even though it's long I will include the entire report of the Youth Activities Committee (attached) because they have done so many things I couldn't find any way to shorten it. This excellent report speaks for itself.

Historian: Chairman Austin Haws set himself some high goals for 1993. He hired a secretary and sorted materials received from past S.R.M. Presidents. He saved, cataloged and filed important materials and discarded the rest. This task has been accomplished with many thanks to the secretary and Mike Ralphs who finished the "potato" sorting task. He has collected all of the annual reports from past S.R.M. presidents except two. Some of the council member names from past years are still missing but will be found. The Utah Section records have been updated through 1993. There are still some missing information but the records are fairly well complete. Copies of the S.R.M. materials have been filed in the U.S.U. special collections and a list provided to the Utah Section's officers and members. More copies are available. Austin spent about \$ 190.00 for secretarial services and putting the information from the Utah Section newsletter on a computer disk. This material has been updated to 6 December, 1993. The computer floppy disk should help information current by just adding information to this disk. Austin complimented Mike Ralphs again for all his work. Mike Ralphs will retain the diskette and continue to collect historical information. I'm very grateful to Austin and Mike for all their work.

Gus Warr in the Range Excellence committee and Larry Maxfield from the Rangeland references have not submitted a report but the committees functioned in 1993.

Nominations and Elections Committee included Douglas Johnson, Chairman, Roger Banner, Jim Bowns, George Cook and Phil Urness. The general membership election vote resulted in a tie for President - elect. This was broken by a vote of the advisory council and Sam Rowley was elected. Stephen Smith was elected as the new council member.

I want to thank the members of the Executive council, committee chairpersons and all the members of the Utah Section for the opportunity to serve as President. As I said at the business meeting in St. George, I've never been in an organization where so many people work so hard and so well to help make it function. I'm grateful to all for their contributions to the success of the Utah Section in 1993.

## **1992: Douglas A. Johnson**

This year has been a rewarding one for me in serving as Utah Section SRM President. I have enjoyed the experience and appreciated the support given to me by our membership in 1992. I want to particularly thank Allen Rasmussen for the time and energies he has given to the Utah Section SRM this past year as Secretary-Treasurer. I also would like to express my appreciation to the Committee Chairmen who led their committees this past year and regularly attended our five council meetings. Their leadership was essential in successfully conducting Utah Section SRM business and allowing \$ 8,000 to be added to the Utah Section Scholarship Fund in 1992. Utah Section students did extremely well at the 1992 SRM annual meetings in Spokane, WA with top honors garnered in the SRM Plant ID and URME exams as well as the SRM High School Youth Forum.

Our Utah section had a busy and successful agenda in 1992, as evidenced by the appended committee reports and financial statement. The highlights of each committee were:

**Awards Committee:** The 1992 Rangeman of the Year Award was presented to Dr. Neil E. West, and the 1992 Rancher of the Year was given to Allen Smith. A Certificate of Recognition was presented to Mark G. Fancis for his outstanding contribution to youth activities of the Utah Section SRM.

**Coordinated Resource Management Committee:** The Utah State Executive Committee met only once in 1992, and the Technical Task Group for CRM in Utah did not meet in 1992. Consequently, the liaison role for this committee was non-functional. This committee probably should be dissolved.

**History Committee:** Historical information pertaining to the Utah Section SRM is being computerized. A new filing system for historical documentation has been prepared. Photographs of past annual meetings, field trips, special events, award winners, and officers are being sought for deposit in Special Collections at Utah State University. More articles with an historical perspective should be published in the Newsletter. Another summary report covering the time period from 1984 needs to be published.

**Information and Education Committee:** The Utah Section SRM Newsletter has been compiled, published, and mailed by staff at the Shrub Science Lab at Provo for more than 10 years. Plans have been finalized to have Pat Johnston, Price, UT, assemble and publish the Newsletter starting in January, 1993. Discussions with the Idaho and Nevada Sections should continue to explore the feasibility of publishing a joint newsletter. The Section display has been updated by the Brigham Young University Student Chapter. A total of 2,000 pamphlets ("Utah - Intrinsic Rangeland Values") were printed and distributed throughout Utah. Next year's committee should be encouraged to work closely with the Utah Travel Council in providing range-related input to the Utah Travel Guide.

**Membership Committee:** The Utah Sections SRM had a net loss of seven members resulting in a total of 281 members. The 1993 Chairman should be encouraged to initiate an effort to contact these members to find out their reasons for dropping their membership.

Nominations Committee: The candidates for President - Elect were Paul Curtis and Ron Wilson and for Council-Elect were Jim Brown and Richard Stevens. Ron Wilson and Jim Brown were elected.

Public Affairs Committee: A letter was written to the Chief of the Forest Service and the Utah Congressional Delegation to solicit public input before moving the headquarters of the Intermountain Station from Ogden, UT to FT. Collins, Co.

Range Excellence Committee: Tremendous progress has been made in focusing the goals of the committee, refining the selection criteria for evaluating sites that exhibit excellence in range management, and evaluating nominated sites. The committee selected three areas deserving of Range Excellence Awards including: 1) Fish Creek, Bennion, and Poison Ridge Allotments, 2) Cleveland Summer Allotment, and 3) Mormon Gap Allotment. The agencies responsible for managing the allotments and the associated livestock operators were presented award certificates at the 1992 Annual Business Meeting.

Rangeland Reference Areas Committee: Almost all available enclosure, natural area, and relic area information for Utah has been entered into a PC database. Additional sites will be added to the database, and this information will be sent to the land management agencies in 1993 for verification and updating.

Scholarship Committee: The 1992 L.A. Stoddart Scholarship was awarded to Shane Green at Utah State University in the amount of \$ 1,000. Another \$ 4000 is needed to allow presentation of a second scholarship.

Youth Activities Committee: Kent Ellett of Utah State University received top honors for the Undergraduate Range Management Exam and James Potts, also of Utah State university, earned the highest score in the Plant Identification Exam held at the SRM Annual Meetings in Spokane, WA. Our three Utah High School delegates (Mindy Smith, Julie Lachowski, and Rachel Chappell) took first, second, and ninth places out of 29 papers in the SRM High School Youth Forum in Spokane. A total of 40 high school students attended the 1992 Utah National Resources youth Camp, and the top individuals were Emiko Chappell and Rachel Heaton. The Utah Section SRM gave each of these individuals a two-year student membership to SRM and will sponsor their travel to the 1993 SRM Annual meeting to be held in Albuquerque, NM.

1992 SRM Summer Meeting Committee: The meetings were held in Park City, UT on July 15-20 1992 with 257 members in attendance. The theme of the meeting was "Rangelands - Shifting Values". On the morning of July 16 Speakers highlighted the current rangeland situation in Utah. A general business meeting was held that afternoon. On July 17 a field tour was taken to Deseret Land and Livestock Corporation, a unique 201,000 acre ranch that manages 11,000 head of cattle and a mix of wildlife near Woodruff, UT. On July 18 a tour was taken to Strawberry Valley in the Uintah National forest near Park City. Two meals during the meetings were provided by the Northern and Southern Chapters. Over \$ 8,000 was added to our Scholarship Fund from these meetings.

Hardy Redd and his Program Committee did an excellent job of planning and organizing our 1992 Annual meeting at the Red Lion Inn at Salt Lake City, UT on December 10-11, 1992. The

meeting was held jointly with the Utah Cattlemen and Wool Growers. A total of 93 members were in attendance at the meeting, which highlighted a panel discussion focusing on the theme "Seeking Common Ground". A volunteer paper session on December 11 focused attention on-going research and current rangeland issues in Utah with 15 paper presentations.

In keeping with the alternating-year sequence of holding our annual meetings with neighboring states, our Utah Section SRM should probably initiate contacts with the Wyoming Section SRM to explore the possibility of a joint meeting in 1993.

## **1991: George S. Cook**

This has been a very rewarding year for me. It has been very exciting and a learning experience. I have learned that the job you do is only equal to the kind of people you have helping you. I express my deep appreciation to all the council members and committee members. Allen Rasmussen replaced Bruce Welch as Secretary-Treasurer. Allen did a very good job plus he added his own touch of humor to the minutes and meetings.

The objectives that I set to meet were to increase the involvement of SRM in the resource decisions in the state and increase the involvement of students in the youth programs. I feel like the objectives were met or at least improvement was made in that direction.

I was a panel member on Pinyon-Juniper control symposium sponsored by the Utah Chapter of the Soil and Water Conservation Society.

The I&E Committee completed the Rangeland Brochure. It was published and copies were distributed to counties throughout the state.

Joel Frandsen succeeded legislatively in getting Indian Rice Grass as the state grass. Now Utah has a state grass. Joel Frandsen was also invited to represent SRM at the Governor's Conference on Natural Resources.

The Section in cooperation with the Forest Service had a work day at the Great Basin Forest and Range Experimental Station in Ephriam Canyon. Members helped the Forest Service reconstruct some of the exclosures that needed repaired.

One of the big successes that we had was the planning for the 1992 Summer Meeting of the Parent Society. The meeting will be held in Park City. There is a lot of cost and money that has to be put up front to organize all of this. The members on the committee in charge are doing great. It is quite a challenge.

The Range Camp went very well this year. We are sending three high school students to Spokane this year. They are Mindy Smith, Julie Lachowski and Rachel Chappell. Heather Heaton and Diantha Chappell did an excellent job during their presentation in Washington D.C.

This year Derek Hall from Brigham Young University was chosen to receive the \$ 1000 L.A. Stoddard Scholarship. We almost have enough money so that we can give two \$ 1000 scholarships.

The two meetings (summer and winter) were very successful. The summer meeting was in Southwestern Utah west of Cedar City and St. George area. We visited the Frisco Peak Kilns and mining area, and the John Wintch Wah Wah Ranch. We traveled to Indian Peaks on Woods and Eyers Cattle Company to view range improvement, shrub die off, and talked about wild horse problems and successes. Then we traveled to the U.S. Forest Service Campground at Pine Valley where we camped that night. The next day we visited the Beaver Dam Slope where the Desert Tortoise study site is located. We heard all about the problems involved with the tortoise, man, and livestock.



The winter meeting was a joint meeting with Colorado and was held in Grand Junction, Colorado November 14th and 15th. Doug Johnson, President-elect along with Harold Gatz from Colorado Section did a very good job with the meeting. The theme was Partnerships in Natural Resource Management. The rancher of the year was Clark Bradshaw from Beaver, Utah. The rangeman of the year was Ken Boyer.

## 1990: Joel Frandson

The following constitutes my report regarding what has happened in the Utah Section during my term for 1990. These highlights are additive to the other business records of the Section from the annual business meeting, and the minutes of the respective Council meetings held throughout the year.

After our joint annual meeting with the Idaho Section on December 7 and 8th, 1989 in Pocatello, Idaho, a brief organizational meeting was held with the newly elected officers and committee chairs to finalize and act on any unfinished business and to solicit ideas and work objective for the new year.

The Plan of Work for 1990 was developed and published in first newsletter:

1. Increase public awareness that Range is a Resource and not a type of use.
2. Foster and expand efforts throughout the State that SRM is the knowledge base on the proper care and management if rangelands.
- 3 Initiate Range Excellence Committee and seek to designate at least two Excellence Areas. Provide for on site recognition and recognition to user and administrator.
4. Build and expand rapport with rangeland users and environmental groups.
5. Designate Indian Ricegrass as State Grass for Utah.
6. Lay ground work for hosting our 1992 annual summer tour with the Society's summer meeting.
7. Consider hosting a Range Camp for users, environmental groups, et al.
8. Increase participation of membership in Section activities.

At the first formal council meeting, the items that stand out were the resignation of councilor Becky Gravenimier, who was transferring to Oregon, and the appointment of Rosemary Pendleton to fill her unexpired term. Also, the approval of the budget was a big task, with the big emphasis being the increase in I & E to cover the cost of developing a new section Display.

Range Management Futures Video - we had taken the liberty to video tape the panel's presentation at our joint section meeting. Both Nancy Shaw, the Idaho Section president, and myself were asked by numerous sources to get copies of the videos. Upon concurrence with Nancy, it was agreed that it would be better to try and edit the panels presentation into a shorter more concise video.

Under the auspices of the I and E committee, a task force was formed to review, edit, and select the key points for refinement and distribution. As several National Forest in both States had requested copies, the FS regional office said they would provide the technical video specialist to edit the tapes. Working with I & E Chair Val Jo Anderson to accomplish this task were, Roger Banner of Utah State, Northern Chapter Pres. Bob Hamner, and Panel Moderator Pat Aguilar. About a fifty minute edited version was completed for showing at the Advisory Council Meeting in July. Copies were made and distributed by the respective Sections to key agencies and institutions in both States and the SRM office in Denver. The original tapes were given to the Utah Section Historian for achieving.

SRM Annual Meeting - Reno\Sparks Nevada - Our annual meeting was a real success and registration topped 1900 beating our 1985 meeting in Salt Lake City. One of the highlights was the effort of many Utah members to take Amtrack which was late in getting them to Sparks and a several day excursion in getting them home: however, the meeting was well attended by Utah Section members with close to 100 present and of those, approximately 65 attended the Section breakfast. Utah members were highly visible. We were well represented by those presenting papers and posters, those in leadership roles, and all the Utah Honor Award recipients and contest winners who received recognition. Stan Tixier stepped up to First Vice President. Dr. Thad Box, retired Dean, College of Natural Resources, Utah State University, received the Society's Renner Award, It's most prestigious. Duane Lloyd and Jim Bowns were both honored with Outstanding Achievement Awards and Hardy Redd received the Society's Trail Boss Award. Utah Section President Frandsen was chosen as Chair Elect for the Advisory Council.

Indian Ricegrass designated State grass - This was indeed a highlight when several of us from the Utah Section witnessed Governor Norm Bangeter sign Senate Bill 104 into law. This was the culmination of several years' effort. Niel Frischknecht headed out a committee to select a State grass for Utah and several proposals were brought forth at an annual meeting and the Section chose Indian Ricegrass. This stalled for several years when we decided to bring it forth again and we asked Senator Alarik Myrin, a Utah SRM member, if he would introduce it. He agreed and companion resolutions were submitted to the Utah Wool Growers and Utah Cattlemen for their consideration. Niel Frischknecht, Durrant McArthur, and Joel Frandsen attended a Senate hearing with Senator Myrin and plugged for the bill with brochures, photographs, and enthusiasm explaining why Utah needed a state grass. This Senate Bill cleared the State Senate with ease, but got sidetracked on the House side. Somehow Senator Myrin and his legislative intern, Jill Kieth of Utah State University, got it back on track and it cleared the full House in the last few moments before adjournment. We don't know why, but there was some limited opposition in the House, but not enough to derail it, and we can take pride in being one of the first states with a designated grass.

The SRM summer meeting in Mexico was a memorable event which combined a lot of SRM business with a lot of fun and tours. It was a real pleasure to represent the Utah Section and participate on the Advisory Council with the SRM leadership in attendance. While attendance was limited, it was amazing to see the dedication and commitment that is put forth on behalf of the Society.

The Mexico Section members were perfect hosts showing us everything from cock fights to the fantastic botanical gardens at Antonio Narro University. The SRM Board of Directors streamlined some of the committee structure and approved a quick response procedure for acting on current issues. They also approved an Advisory Council recommendation to market and promote rangelands.

Our Section had an excellent summer tour in conjunction with the National Range Weed Workshop at Utah State University. It was a combination tour and symposium with a tremendous amount of information exchanged. The Northern Chapter hosted an excellent barbecue featuring Dutch oven Lamb compliments of the Utah Wool Growers. We held a

Council meeting during the time and were honored to have Pete Jackson, our Executive Vice President, sit in with us while we hammered out our Section business.

The reconstruction of the old Sampson Enclosures at the Great Basin Station was a really neat experience which was shared by many volunteers. When you realize these Enclosures are some of the oldest, if not the oldest, continuous vegetation study plots known, it really bridges the past to the future when the current topics are global climate change effects on vegetation and biodiversity. Steve Monsen of the Shrub Lab, Richard Stevens of DWR, Tom Shore and Ed Schoppe of the Sanpete Ranger District were the real motivators who organized and kept the quality and productivity in line. Section member Dave Tippets and Val Jo Anderson captured the spirit of the occasion with photographs and an article for Rangelands (subsequently published in the June, 1991 edition of Rangelands).

Loss of Past Presidents - The Section was indeed saddened by the loss of two of its finest members Neil Frischknecht and Hallie Cox, both past presidents. Hallie was President in 1966 and Neil in 1976. Neil was currently serving as our newsletter editor. Utah Section members were key speakers at their respective services. Durrant McArthur spoke at Neil's Service and Al Winward was one of the principal speakers at the Services for Hallie.

With Neils illness, Steve Monsen consented to fill in as Newsletter Editor and later on the Section was fortunate to have Bobbie Powell of the Shrub Lab fill the vacant position. Bobbie was familiar with the newsletter because over the years she had helped Neil with it.

SRM's 1992 Summer Meeting - One of the big efforts was getting this committee established. Ray Hall and Greg Simons agreed to co-chair this effort and the committee was formed and off and running. The committee assignments are:

GENERAL MEETING CHAIRMAN-Co Chairmen: Ray Hall and Greg Simons  
FINANCE COMMITTEE-Curt Johnson  
Registration Sub-Committee-Steve Smith  
Sponsorship Sub-Committee-John Healy  
ACCOMMODATIONS COMMITTEE-Tom Roberts  
PUBLICITY COMMITTEE-Roger Banner  
FIELD TRIP/TOUR COMMITTEE-Mark Francis  
SOCIAL FUNCTIONS/ENTERTAINMENT COMMITTEE-Tom Tidwell  
TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE-Mark Peterson  
SEMINAR/WORKSHOP COMMITTEE-Rosemary Pendleton  
SECTION LIAISON-Current President

The Section was obligated to enter into a contract with the Prospector Square Hotel and Conference Center to secure the meeting space by the reservation of a given number of rooms.

The following is taken from the minutes of the business meeting portion of the annual Meeting held in Price, Utah on November 15 & 16, 1990 and adds some items not covered above.

Committee Reports

Annual Meeting-George Cook announced that our next meeting will be with the Colorado section probably at Grand Junction. For this meeting we had 115 registered members. Putting on an annual meeting is a great experience. Thanks are extended to all those who have helped to make this meeting a success.

Summer Tour-Bob Hamner reported that this year's summer tour was under the direction of the Northern Chapter. The summer tour was held in conjunction with the International Conference on noxious weeds. We hosted a dinner for the conference as a fund raising project for the section. The summer tour for next year will be under the direction of the Southern Chapter.

Newsletter-Steve Monsen reported that the section published 4 issues of its newsletter. Bobbie Powell will be the editor of the newsletter.

Awards-Larry Oldroyd reported that the committee received 5 nominations for the range manager of the year and 6 for rancher of the year.

I & E-Val Jo Anderson announced that the new section display was shown at this meeting. We designed the display so to accommodate small presentations. Also copies of the section's flyer are at the registration desk. Please feel free to take lots and hand them out to interested parties. We need to have the award committee do a short write up on each winner of awards so that the I & E committee can get these published in various newspapers. We have established a permanent mail in address for the section: Utah Section, Society for Range management, Coop. Extension Service, Dept. Range Science, Utah State University, Logan, Utah 84322. We prepared a video from last year's panel on Range Management Futures and distributed it to agencies, etc.

Membership-Hugh Thompson reported that we had a 3 % increase in section membership over last year. Total section membership for this year was 301. All section members are responsible for recruiting.

Nominations-Paul McCawly's committee produce the ballot and E. Durant McArthur and Rosemary Pendleton counted the votes. 33 percent of our membership voted.

CRM-Ron Wilson announced that the handbook was published this year.

Public Affairs-Tom Roberts explained that his committee functions on an as needed basis. We felt that action was required in two areas:

1. Misinformation published in the Utah native Plant Society newsletter.
2. Responded to the BLM EIS on vegetation treatment.

Scholarship-Paul Curtis announced that John Stewart of Utah State University was the winner of the section's \$ 1000 scholarship. The committee received 3 applications.

Range Reference Areas-Steve Monsen reporting for Nick Van Pelt, pointed out the following accomplished: completed surveys of relict vegetation sites at Bryce Canyon, Capital Reef, Canyonlands and portion of Dinosaur National Monument, and have installed permanent photographic stations; completed reports on the following Research Natural Areas, Table Cliff, Timbered Cinder Cone, and Sims Peak Potholes, three more reports are nearing completion;

determined whether adverse changes had occurred on three previously established Research Natural Areas; and repaired enclosure at the Great Basin Experimental Range and other sites.

Range Excellent Committee - Jim Bowns explained that this is a new committee. We are feeling our way along. The purpose of the committee is to review and give recognition to rangelands within the state that reflect quality range management. We have received 12 excellent nominations. First awards should be made in 1991. We need help from section members on the following: additions of committee members, number of areas to be recognized or on an annual basis, and methods of recognition and publicity.

1992 National Summer Meeting - Ray Hall led a discussion concerning the 1992 National Summer Meeting. Points discussed were: place and time to hold the meeting (Park City, Utah July 17 -22, 1991), committee assignments, \$ 1000 up front monies from the Section, field tour, and meeting theme.

Youth Affairs - Mark Francis reported that two high school papers were presented at the Reno National Meeting. We sponsored the largest youth camp to date.

Tom Tidwell requested volunteers to act as contacts for affiliations between the Society for Range Management and other organizations interested in the management of rangelands. These volunteers would make themselves available to members of these organizations to answer questions concerning the rangeland resource and to improve the image of the Society with these groups.

In the new business category, Tom Roberts led a discussion about the BLM's situation on Affected Interest. After much discussion it was the consensus that the Section did not have enough information and for the Public Affairs committee to review it and bring it up again if warranted.

Another discussion developed on whether the section should develop another scholarship as the Stoddart scholarship now contains sufficient fund to earn enough interest to support the primary goal of \$ 1000 yearly. It was motioned and seconded for the scholarship committee to review and come back with a recommendation.

The business meeting adjourned at 5:12 pm.

Post Script:

At the awards Banquet, it was announced that Doug Johnson would be the new President elect and John Malechek was elected to the Council. The Rancher of the Year was awarded to Bliss Brinkerhoff, and Kent Taylor received the Range Manager of the Year Award. Presidential Citations were presented: to Senator Alarik Myrin for sponsoring the Indian Ricegrass bill; to Bill Davis for his significant effort in improving rangelands; to Ralph Holmgren for his contribution to the knowledge of the desert ecosystem. Outstanding Service awards were presented: to Darwin Nielsen for his support and leadership of the Sections's Council; and to Bruce Welch for his dedication and support of the Section in serving as its Secretary and Treasurer. Certificates of Recognition were presented to Gene Nodine for his continuous support

of the Utah Section, and to Steve Monsen, Tom Shore, Ed Schoppe, Richard Stevens, Stephanie Carlson, and Gary Jorgensen for their effort in leading the Great Basin Enclosure project.

In conclusion it has really been an honor to serve the Utah Section. We have some really great people and I want to express my personal thanks for all the hard work put forth on behalf of the Section.

## 1988: Thomas C Roberts

The appended committee reports including the business meeting agenda of our annual meeting document the activity during the last year. The attached reports include the minutes of the Annual Meeting in St. George, the Financial report and the reports of the History Committee, the I&E Committee, the Membership Committee, the Nominations Committee, the Reference Area report, the Scholarship Committee report, and the Producer's Affairs report. Also included is a copy of an article on the Summer Tour. A common thread throughout the year in the committees was a need for continuity. In accordance with that demonstrated need I will attempt to encapsulate some thoughts on the year's activities.

**Awards Committee:** Richard Stevens assumed the chair of this committee in April of 1988. The Rancher of the Year was Clift Jordan of Kamas and the Range Manager of the year Joel Frandsen, U.S. Forest Service.

**Finance Committee:** This committee was again chaired by Bruce Welch. His stewardship of our financial affairs has brought us nearly to the point where our the scholarships are self-funded. His report is attached.

**History Committee:** Austin Haws has continued to chair the History Committee and has a continuing need for pictures of Utah Section members on tours, at work, ect. He has stated that he has been entering the material on the USU Range Science Dept. computer. Austin's report is attached.

**I&E Committee:** This committee was chaired this year by Riche Gonzales. At the Annual meeting, he turned the reins of the I&E Committee to Rosemary Pendleton. The I&E committee, through the efforts of Riche and Rosemary put together and supported a beautiful display for the State Fair on Riparian Areas. Riche's report is attached.

**Membership:** Kent Taylor chaired the Membership Committee. Although he had a hard time attending all the functions, Kent was an active membership committee chair. Under his tutelage, the Section has not only maintained it's membership, but has increased slightly. Kent's report is attached.

**Newsletter:** The newsletter has continued to be edited and pieced together by Neil Frischknecht. He has sold advertisements to subsidize it's costs. He has done an excellent job on the newsletter and the Section will be hard pressed to find an equal replacement when he leaves.

**Nominations:** Past President Durant McArthur did an excellent job on the nominations committee as evidenced by the slate of nominees that were fielded. His report is attached.

**Producer Affairs:** This committee was chaired by Darwin Neilsen and although he has questioned it's utility (the Parent Society has gone to an Excellence in Management Committee), he has done a good job. The goal was to have more functions in common with the Cattlemen's and Wool Grower's Associations. However, because of scheduling problems it wasn't possible the last year. We did supply two speakers to the Wool Grower's meeting. I was



also a speaker the Wool Grower's board of director's meeting in April. So I do feel the goal of doing more things together and increasing the visibility of the SRM was partially completed. Darwin's report is attached.

**Public Affairs:** This committee was chaired by Pat Aguilar, U.S. Forest Service, Ogden office. Its purpose was to duplicate on a state level what the Public Affairs committee does on the Parent Society level. It takes questions from the Advisory Council and develops them or reviews them for adequacy or suitability, then returns them to the President for action. This is what happened on the letter on the Desert Tortoise. It is also the charge of this committee to be aware of items that may need action by the Section, or a resolution. The committee did function as charged in reviewing the Desert Tortoise letter. No resolutions were formed, partially at least, because of my opinion that resolutions to the State legislature serve little purpose.

**Rangeland Reference Areas:** This committee was chaired by Joel Tuhy and has been quietly active on both the State and Parent Society levels. His report is attached.

**Riparian Issues:** This committee was chaired by Bob Hamner, U.S. Forest Service, Ogden office. The goal was to form a watershed coalition committee a'la Oregon Watershed Coalition (OWC). We had one meeting in Ogden with myself, Bob Hamner, Al Winward, and Roger Banner present. The meeting was preliminary in nature to query everyone to see if there was any future to carry on the goal of watershed improvement by coalition. The belief was that at that time that there was enough interest in Utah to go ahead with the coalition. The committee members contacted people in numerous walks of life on the idea which was generally acceptable. Jim Dobrowloski is now the chair of this committee.

**Scholarship Committee:** This committee was/is formed by John Workman, Jim Bowns, and John Valentine. Natalie Gale was selected as the winner of the L.A. Stoddart Scholarship. Their report is attached.

**Conservation Reserve Program Committee:** This committee was formed late last fall at the suggestion of the Parent Society. So far, the chair of the committee, David Somervill has done an adequate job of work on the committee on his report at the Annual Meeting.

I feel pleased to end the year in having broadened our base and visibility, even if just a little. We have had speakers at the Wool Growers meetings, and have had a very good program in St. George at the Annual Meeting. The program in St. George was well attended and balanced, with papers that were of interest to the many people that attended the meeting.

Suggestion to the incoming officers, would be to start early in making arrangements for the meetings with the Cattlemen or Wool Growers's, or Wildlife Society. Start early on the arrangements for the annual meeting with Idaho. Attempt to involve many people early and keep them involved. I think that the Section is growing and given some support will continue to grow.

## 1987: E. Durant McArthur

The appended committee reports including the business meeting agenda of our annual meeting document the activity of our Section during the past year. The appended reports include minutes of the 1986 annual meeting, the financial report, and committee reports for the Annual Meeting, Awards, Information and Education, Nomination, Producer Affairs, Resolution, Summer Tour, and Youth Activities committees. One theme from the committee reports was an effort to keep committee business continuous by maintaining some continuity on each committee. Oral reports were given by all committees including those for which there is no written report appended (History, Membership, Newsletter, and Scholarship). Each of these committees has been active this year. History continues to update our formal and informal Section activities but plans an update of Dr. Art Smith's 30 year (1949-1978) Section history; Membership has worked to keep us at last year's level or higher in membership (this is the face of declining Society membership and general profession membership losses)--we are up slightly too; Newsletter has been right on schedule and full of quality --we have an excellent editor and newsletter; Scholarship awarded the Stoddard Scholarship to USU's Karl Ivory. I believe that we have an active and vital Section. The council has been active with four formal meetings and many individual follow up items.

One way we broadened our base this year was by sending up to 100 complimentary newsletters to interested colleagues and organizations that are not affiliated with SRM and by instituting Presidential Citations to Section members in various disciplines, management or research areas.

The balance of this report are brief highlights of each of my formal President's messages as recorded in the Section newsletters. December 1986 (86-4): "I hope during this next year we can focus on two broad and related issues: 1) maintaining and increasing our membership, and 2) broadening the 'outside' perception of SRM. What ties us together is, I believe, a love of the land, with the wild and tame plants and animals it can support, and at the same time maintain or enhance landscape and soil quality. " March 1987 (87-1): Our section was well represented at the SRM annual meeting in Boise as "a few unofficial statistics show... of the 380 papers presented by 580 authors, 52 papers had 105 Utah authors or coauthors; 11 Utahans moderated or co-moderated the 25 different meeting sessions; and the Utah Section members received some fine honors". May 1987 (87-2): A quote from Dr. Orville Bentley "We must train our students, scientists, and managers in the basic scientific principles that will enable them to move with ease and comfort from genes to ecosystems, from computers to conference tables and from the laboratory to the land". September 1987 (87-3): "...serve your Society by being active in the chapters, the Section and the Society. I have found good ways to accomplish this goal are to attend events at all levels, get to know fellow members with diverse backgrounds and make it a point to be knowledgeable about range management issues".

### Committee Reports

Membership Committee - Committee report was given by Ray Hall. Ray stated that Phil Urness and Neil Frischknecht were the Section's top recruiters. Membership stands at 246 down by 14% from last year. On a national level membership is down by 7%. Ray stated that there are three reasons why our membership is declining: 1) decrease in number of range professionals, 2)

reduced support from land management agencies, and 3) a decreased enrollment of range students in the universities.

Nominations and Elections Committee - Committee report was given by Gary Laing. Nominees for president-elect and council member were selected in mid-July. Gary reported that 36% of the Section voted. Tom Roberts was chosen as president-elect and Hardy Redd as council member.

Awards Committee - Committee report was given by Bruce Welch. Thad Box will receive the Fellow Award at the national meeting. Alma Winward was awarded the Rangeman of the Year Award for 1986 and Greg Simons as rancher of the year. To help broaden the appeal of the Society for Range Management, the award committee proposed a third award to be given to individuals who advance the science and art of range management for the benefit of non-livestock production such as wildlife, fishery, watershed, recreation, ect. After a lengthy discussion the proposal was turned down.

Scholarship Committee - Committee report was given by Jack Brotherson. Jack announced that the committee awarded \$ 500 to Bruce Jenkins of BYU and \$250 to Karl Ivory of USU. The scholarship committee proposed splitting the scholarship monies into four awards. After a lengthy discussion the proposal was turned down. A new proposal was presented that all scholarship monies be put into one award. After a lengthy discussion it was approved that all scholarship monies be put into one award - The Stoddard Scholarship Award.

Newsletter Committee - Committee report was given by Phil Urness. Phil stated that Neil Frischknecht is doing an outstanding job as newsletter editor. The advertisements he has solicited nearly pays for the newsletter. please support our advertisers.

Historical Committee - Committee report was given by Austin Haws. Austin reported that the committee is working on updating the first 30 years history of the Utah Section of the Society for Range Management written by Arthur Smith. Austin stated that the committee needs data on the student chapters and appropriate photographs. The committee would also like information on Section members that have or are serving on foreign assignments.

Youth Affairs Committee - Committee report was given by Jeff Murphy. Range camp went very smoothly this year. We had 22 enrolles. Two youths were sent to the international meeting, hopefully we will send two this years. Range judging workshop was held with high schools in the following counties, Morgan, Cache Valley, and Fillmore. Work continues toward completing the Utah 4H range management handbooks. All members of the Section are needed to become included in 4H range projects as volunteer leaders or training volunteer leaders.

Resolutions Committee - Committee report by Alma Winward. Three resolutions were proposed by the committee. All three resolutions were adopted. They were: 1. " Be it resolved that the Utah Section, Society for Range management, supports a renewed effort to get back into a vigorous range improvement program; 2. " Be it resolved that he Utah Section, Society for Range Management, encourages the Parent Society to support management of riparian areas in such a way as to recognize those special concerns required for their proper management"; and 3. "Resolve conflicts in the current use of terms, such as rangelands, animal months, animal unit months, ect."; 3b. "Update the 1974 edition of 'A Glossary of Terms used in Range

Management; 3c. "Encourage resource management agencies, ect. to adopt and promote usage of the updated, standardized definition". Resolutions 1,2,and 3, were sent to the Parent Society. Resolutions 1 and 2 were sent to the Utah Congressional Delegation.

Special Note - Many thanks were extended to Carl Thurgood for the monies he raised for the Section's Scholarship fund and to the Southern Chapter for and outstanding summer tour. Meeting adjourned at 6:00 pm.

## 1986: Phil Urness

Major objectives during the year were 1) a push to achieve the 1985 goal of increasing our scholarship amount to \$ 1000 per year, 2) work to overcome a slide in membership, 3) operate on a lean budget recognizing our income would be lower than 1985 because of fewer members, and 4) involve as many members in section efforts as possible.

**Scholarship:** It was moved and passed at the business meeting in Moab in 1985 to raise the amount awarded annually in the L.A. Stoddart scholarship competition to \$1000 from the \$575 in 1985. To do this, the section needed to raise the principal amount to approximately \$ 10,000 from \$ 8000 at 1985 interest levels. Despite a significant decline in interest rates the amount yielded in 1986 was \$ 750 with \$1900 added to the principal from three sources: The Southern Chapter donated \$400 out of their account, \$500 was donated by Zion's Bank through Kay Frischknecht's efforts, and the "rifle raffle" sponsored by Carl Thurgood and the Southern Chapter (and so well supported by the entire section) netted \$1000. So, although the \$1000 goal was not attained, remarkable progress was made.

At the annual business meeting in Ogden it was moved by John Malechek and passed by majority vote to restrict the scholarship award to one winner. Thus the scholarship will be restored to its original ideal of a signal honor with a significant amount to enhance it's value and strengthen the competition.

**Membership:** Ray Hall and his committee worked effectively to overcome a serious loss of membership in the section. The measure of their success is the recovery from a low January count of 216 to end the year at 291. This is still approximately 14% lower than 1985 and is a challenge still to be met by the 1987 officers. A hopeful sign is that student enrollments in Range at the three departments offering Range program appear to be on the rise again.

**Budget:** The decline in members, and the fact that the large one-time surge in income resulting from the International Meeting in Salt Lake City in 1985 would not occur in 1986, meant that we would have to be more fiscally conservative. The actual expenditures for 1985 were slightly less than \$2750 after and estimated amount of \$2350 was planned. The 1986 estimate was \$2900 but actual expenditures were over \$2500 before adjustment for income from advertising in the newsletter. Thus, we ended the year in good financial shape when income from the annual meeting and sale of fund raiser items such as the belt buckles, hats, and cookbooks are considered (see the treasurer's report). The section need to push the inventory items more than was done in 1986.

**Member Involvement:** Despite an appeal early on in the year for committee chairmen to involve as many members in the work of the section as possible to enhance member retention and raise morale, less was done in this regard than is desirable. Most members who requested to be put to work were accommodated, but there are likely many who feel they are not used and want to be. It is left to the 1987 and future officers to achieve this goal to its fullest.

In summary, 1986 was a mix of gain and loss. The section grew financially, with a rise of \$1160 in total assets; but membership declined by 14%. Overall I am pleased with the results and grateful for the support of the membership, committee chairmen, members and the council.

## 1985: Gary Laing

The Utah Section of the Society for Range Management completed the 1985 year at its annual meeting in Moab, Utah on November 21 and 22, 1985. This report is written to document the plans, work and accomplishments of the section officers and committees from President Gary Laing's perception.

My year as president of the Utah Section of the Society for Range Management began at the conclusion of our annual meeting held in Park City, Utah on November 1 and 2, 1984. As I began the year, I identified four major areas which I termed "Key Result Areas" that I wanted to work in. I also itemized the objectives or results that I wanted to achieve in each of these areas.

They were as follows:

### Key Result Areas

1. Budget preparation and management
2. Supervision of council and committee work
3. Coordination of section and parent society activities
4. SRM involvement and visibility

Results or objectives to be achieved in each area:

1. Budget
  - a. Prepare an itemized budget showing expected income and expenses that can be approved by the council at its first meeting.

### Accomplishment

A budget was prepared and approved December 5, 1984. With the completion of the year a comparison of planned vs. actual expenditure is as follows:

| Budget Item            | Amount Planned | Actually Spent |
|------------------------|----------------|----------------|
| Newsletter Publication | \$750.00       | \$803.91       |
| Scholarship            | 600.00         | 575.00         |
| Membership Committee   | 30.00          | 45.00          |
| Awards Committee       | 100.00         | 151.86         |
| I&E Committee          | 50.00          | 181.03         |
| Youth Activities       | 400.00         | 792.75         |
| Nominations Committee  | 100.00         | 37.13          |
| Historical Committee   | 200.00         | 40.07          |
| Producer Affairs       | 25.00          | -0-            |
| Postage, Misc, ect.    | 100.00         | 104.45         |
| 1985 Fund Raisers      | 1700.00        | 2337.50        |
| Belt Buckles           | (400)          |                |
| Hats                   | (900)          |                |
| 1948 proceedings       | (400)          |                |
| Totals                 | 3965.00        | 5068.70        |

With expenditures exceeding approved budget, it would appear the Section would be in financial difficulty. The budget was based on expected income which is shown with the actual income for comparison as follows:

| Revenue Source                                 | Expected Income | Actual Income |
|--|-----------------|---------------|
| Membership                                     | \$900.00        | 1041.00       |
| Interest from Certificate of Deposit           | 645.00          | 499.00        |
| Interest on Savings Account                    | 150.00          | 132.00        |
| Annual meeting                                 | 500.00          | 1167.15       |
| Newsletter Advertising                         | 375.00          | -0-           |
| 1985 Society Meeting                           | 3000.00         | 3293.11       |
| 1985 Fund Raisers (Buckles, hats, proceedings) | -0-             | 1453.00       |
| Rangeland Hydrology Sales                      | -0-             | 84.00         |
| Totals   | \$5570.00       | \$7669.00     |

The \$2099.26 difference in actual vs. expected income more than off sets the \$1103.70 additional expenditure resulted in the section being more financially secure in 1985. A complete statement of finances is shown in the 1985 Treasures Report.

- b. Increase available funds for scholarships from the present \$450 to \$1000 by January 1, 1986.

Accomplishment: The resources of the section for scholarships has been the certificate of deposit of \$5000. This has yielded approximately \$500 per year. An additional C.D. was purchased in the amount of \$3000 thus increasing our expected income to around \$800. In addition, Kay Frischknecht has worked with Zions Bank and First Security Bank and received verbal support in the amount of \$1000 per year to go toward scholarships.

- c. Provide council members with written summary of financial situation at each meeting held in 1985.

Accomplishment: At each meeting held during the year, Paul McCawley, the section secretary - treasurer, had prepared and provided a copy of a detailed financial statement. This enabled the council to monitor the funds of the section and make prudent decisions relative to the financial obligations and commitments that were incurred.

## 2. Supervision

- a. Appoint and obtain council approval for committee chairman for each of the thirteen standing committees by December 30, 1984.

Accomplishment: The 13 committee chairmen were all contacted and accepted the assignment prior to the first council meeting which was held December 5, 1984 at the Hotel Utah. At this meeting the council approved their appointments. A list of these committee heads is attached. At mid-year, the Producer Affairs Committee was decided not to fill the position and a decision would be made at a later date as to whether to keep this as a standing committee. This decision has not yet been made.



b. Provide each council member and committee head with a minimum of one "charge" by December 30, 1984 to be accomplished by November 1, 1985.

Accomplishment: Each council member was given an assignment to work two committees. This was to provide council direction of committee work. All council and committee heads were given the 5 charges listed as an attachment to this summary. Each of the charges were met with varying degrees of success. There was still a tendency to involve the same people in committee work as have always been involved. More could be done to involve less prominently known members of the section. The charge to prepare written objectives was, for the most part, not met. Only one committee head (Austin Haws) actually wrote and provided me with a copy of his committee's objectives. Each committee was active during the year and did make good reports of these activities at the meetings we held. Their written reports are attached.

c. Provide more intense follow up by contacting each council member and committee head monthly to assess progress in attaining agreed upon objectives.

Accomplishment: Monthly contacts were not made. I did make contact about every 2 months via letters and meetings. I sometimes felt even this way was too often as I felt I was "hounding" the committee heads about getting their objectives written and in to me.

### 3. Coordination of Section with International Activities

a. Participate and work with annual meeting committee to assure success of the sections sponsoring the SLC International Meeting.

Accomplishment: With the Salt Lake City Meeting having the largest turnout in the history of the Society and the unnumbered compliments that were given, I feel this objective was fully achieved.

b. Attend and participate in all advisory council meetings and society annual and summer meetings.

Accomplishments: I attended the meeting in Salt Lake City and Amarillo, Texas and participated in all of the Advisory Council Meetings at these meetings.

c. Keep the Denver Office informed of section affairs, section officers and section meetings.

Accomplishments: Following our first council meeting, I later sent a schedule of our winter and summer meeting so people from the Denver Office, Board of Directors and other Society Officers could know of our planned activities. I contacted SRM Direction Bob Ross to confirm his attendance at the Moab Meeting.

### 4. Increase the Visibility and Involvement of SRM in Utah Affairs

a. Provide media coverage of all activities of the section.

Accomplishment: Much of this objective was accomplished by our I&E Committee Chairman, Tom Roberts. A writer for the Utah Farmer-Stockman magazine participated in the summer tour and a very positive article was published regarding the tour. Press coverage of the Moab meeting was also provided. Follow up is still needed to provide coverage of the events that occurred.

The highlight of my year as president was the meeting of the Parent Society in Salt Lake City. A very large number of Utah Section members participated in this affair. A special note should be made of the large number of student members who had active roles in the success of the meeting. In conclusion, I would say that I believe the section is doing well. We are better off financially than ever before, but we need to be more concerned about involving more of our members and recruiting more of the "range people" who do not presently belong to the society.