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Notes from the President

Taylor Payne



Our state section met last November and had a fantastic meeting in Midway at the Homestead Resort. While we were there we had many presentations from professionals to students. One of our forums was specifically about the Rangeland Resource Commission of Idaho and how they have put together an education program that helps citizens appreciate the rangelands in their state.

We invited participants from our major land management agencies, extension, and producer groups to see how we may be able to copy some aspects of Idaho's program and find a way to educate the general public to appreciate and understand Utah's rangelands. I would still like to pursue this topic further and see where we can find the means to incorporate this into our state.

Another major topic that was brought to the attention of our section was the Rangelands journal which had an article written about an allotment in our state. The specific allotment was the Duck Creek allotment on BLM lands in Rich County. The reason the article was brought up was that the article raised questions about the scientific process used to summarize data presented in the research that was published.

During our recent time spent at the national meeting in Reno, Nevada, the article previously mentioned was discussed further as an issue that the entire body of SRM wanted to address. We were educated in ways to write a rebuttal through the Rangelands Journal that would incorporate comments from our state section as well as others from around the country to make sure that the best science is being practiced and submitted. It was a great learning opportunity for us to be involved and represent our section's interest to the National Society.

We have several dates coming up that I want you all to be aware of. We have this coming summer's range tour that the Southern Utah chapter is hosting. We will be touring the Brian Head fire area and looking at the rehabilitation effort by many stakeholders that were affected. The tour will be on June 7-8. More details will be coming soon. I would invite all who are able and interested to attend this tour.

Range Camp will also be held this summer on July 16-19 at the SUU Mountain Center and Randall Violett is always looking for volunteers to help out. If you could help be a mentor and lend a hand during those dates it would really be a great help.

Our annual state section meeting will also be held again in Midway, Utah, at the Homestead Resort on November 1-2. We wish for as many people to attend as possible.

I am looking forward into this summer with great hope that our state will be blessed with more precipitation. We have had a poor water year so far across our state and I hope that we can work as best we can to use our knowledge as members of the Society to assist each other in managing our rangelands as best as possible through tough challenges.

Although we all have different roles we play in our various professions, it is encouraging to know that we all have a common understanding of similar challenges which means there should always be a way we can make a small difference to help each other out. I want to challenge each of our members to encourage those around us to participate in SRM and come to our meetings and find a way to volunteer. The more we put into SRM, the more we'll all get out of it. Let's speak up for rangelands, and make a positive impact!

I'll look forward to seeing you all throughout the year-Sincerely- Taylor Payne



Range Manager of the Year

Jeff Barnes

Experience

Beginning in 1977, SCS Range Conservationist in Buffalo and Evanston WY, then went to Logan, UT as a Range Conservationist in about 1987, where he is currently employed.

Activity in Professional Organizations

SRM member since about 1975 (42 years!)

1983: Utah Section SRM Secretary/Treasurer

1993: Utah Section SRM Awards Committee Member

2009 – present: Utah Section SRM Scholarship Committee Chair

2010 – present: Utah Range Camp staff

2011 – Utah Section SRM President

2016 – SRM Host arrangements for the HSYF



Jeff has been a stalwart regular participant in SRM meetings and functions, both state and national, over the years.

Accomplishments and Leadership

Jeff has been instrumental in the fostering of SRM youth programs. His expertise and influence have been felt by many young people who now have an appreciation of rangelands thanks to Jeff's impact. Hundreds of hours and days spent volunteering as Section Scholarship Committee Chair, Range Camp Staff, and with the SRM High School Youth Forum have ensured that the range profession had a superb ambassador among young people. Jeff has also given a lot of service to the Boy Scouts of America, carrying with him his rangeland knowledge, imparting a conservation ethic to all of those he works with. Jeff has an outstanding career as a Rangeland Specialist for NRCS that has lasted for over 40 years, the majority of that time being spent in the Logan office. He has had the opportunity to guide the decisions of private landowners in northern Utah towards stewardship of rangeland resources, and the impact he has had on range conservation has been great. He has successfully mentored many new employees who have had the privilege of working along with. He always accomplishes more than what is assigned, he goes above and beyond. His cooperators are always pleased with his service, and he has many repeat customers.

Nominated by Tom Monaco



Outstanding Young Range Professional

Jessica Warner

Education

University of Nebraska-Lincoln B.S. Grazing Livestock Systems and Animal Science, 2007
Minors: Agriculture Leadership/Communications and Agricultural Economics

Training

Nebraska Pesticide Applicator, Forest Protection Officer, Collection Officer Certification, Air Quality Station Operator, Served two years as District Safety Officer

Experience

Has been a Range Management Specialist on the Escalante Ranger District on the Dixie National Forest since May 2015. Worked as a Range Technician on the Bessey Ranger District on the Nebraska Forest from 2009 to 2015. Completed three detail assignments as a Range Management Specialist.

Professional Potential

Jessie has shown a great deal of initiative in securing partnership funding to reconstruct range improvements on the Escalante RD. She has applied for and received funding through the following programs:

- Utah Grazing Improvement Program (GIP) - \$17,500 for reconstruction of 5 miles of fence on the Sand Creek Allotment.
- Utah Resource Advisory Committee (RAC) - \$16,500 for reconstruction of 2 miles of fence on the Boulder Allotment.
- Utah Watershed Restoration Initiative (WRI) - \$162,000 for reconstruction of two pipelines, an 8 mile pipeline on the Upper Valley West Allotment and ten miles on the Coyote Allotment.

Jessie has spent a lot of time in the field with the permittees discussing range management needs and solutions to issues that have existed for a long time. She is committed to working with the permittees to ensure that the terms and conditions of the grazing permits are complied with.

Leadership

Jessie has worked closely with permittees in securing funding to replace worn out range improvements in order to improve livestock distribution and utilization. She has also spent many hours in the saddle discussing issues with permittees and possible solutions. She has a no nonsense way about her and tells things as are.

Range Society & Community Activity

Jessie has been active in SRM since 2003. As a student she competed yearly in the Undergraduate Range Management Exam (URME) and the Undergraduate Student Paper Competition. She was President of the International Student Conclave in 2005/2006 and Reporter in 2004/2005. Jessie also participated in the White House Conference on Cooperative Conservation in 2005.

Nominated by Chad Horman





RANCHER OF THE YEAR

Blake Goring Jr., Deweyville, Utah

Ranch Name, W.F. Goring and Son Inc., Headquarters in Deweyville Utah, the majority in Northern Utah, with some in Nevada, Idaho and Wyoming. The candidate has operated unit- for over forty years. The family operation was started by Blake Jr.'s father, who started the place with nothing, Blake Jr.'s son now works with him on the operation. The operation consists of 13,000 acres of native range, 200 acres of cropland and runs on 500,000 acres of public lands. They run 13,000 head of ewes and 8,400 lambs with 30 head of horses.

Junior is married with ten children. They have previously sponsored SRM tours.

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

Junior has long been a scout and church leader. He is a recipient of the Silver Beaver award in scouting. He is also former president of the Utah Woolgrowers Association. He has long been involved in looking for new ways to market lambs and wool.

LAND MANAGEMENT

Goring's have been very progressive in their range management. They have put in 40+ miles of new HDPE pipe and water systems in the past 10 years and dozens and dozens of new troughs for watering livestock and wildlife. They have made extensive use of solar power to pump water to needed locations and have improved livestock distribution so much that in many of their use areas they are now able to stock twice the number of sheep while maintaining or improving range conditions. In addition they have done miles of cross fencing to better control livestock distribution. They have also done brush management and extensive rangeland seedings to improve livestock feed and sage grouse habitat.



Team SUU



Student Teams

From left to right front row is Ruger Carter, Kolbie Daley, Whittni Ananin, Kristina Wood back row left to right is Julian Mesick, Trevor Williams, and Walter Sims.

Team USU



Front Row (L – R): Katlyn Uhart, Delaney Phariss, Dani Sundet, Megan Jamison, and Debbie Clark
Back Row (L-R): Taylor Payne, Will Price, Ethan Hal-lows, Logan Woodfall, Todd Irish, and Emily Wilde,

Team BYU



From left to right:
Nic Anderson, Rachel Mayfield, Colton Brown,
Alex Larson (front row), Zach Jaramillo (middle back), Sara Jaramillo (middle-middle), Sam Dearing (back row), Janae Radke (front row), Benjamin Hoose,



2017 UTAH SRM 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.



Student Winners

URME



1st Julian Mesick, SUU



2nd Delany Phariss, USU



Photo Not Available

3rd Thomas Bates, BYU

Plant ID



1st Natalie Blaine, UVU



2nd Clarrisa Chipman, BYU



3rd Tabatha Hughes, BYU

Combined

Right to Left

1st Justin Mesick, SUU

3rd Clarissa Chipman, BYU

2nd Megan Jamison, USU





Student Team Winners

	<u>URME</u>	<u>Plant ID</u>	<u>Combined</u>
1st	USU	BYU	BYU
2nd	BYU	UVU	USU
3rd	SUU	SUU	SUU

*** Terry Padilla of the Forest Service pledged to match funds to send students to the International Meeting ***

Student Awards at International Meeting

- ◆ Team Plant ID - 5th place - BYU
- ◆ University Chapter Displays - 2nd place - SUU
- ◆ Undergraduate Extemporaneous Speaking - 2nd place - William Price, USU
- ◆ Individual Range Management Exam - URME Exam
 - ◆ 3rd place - William Price, USU
 - ◆ 4th place - Julian Mesick, SUU
 - ◆ 5th place - Rachel Mayfield, BYU
- ◆ Paper Session Presentation (not judged) - Nicholas Anderson, BYU
- ◆ URME Team
 - ◆ 3rd place - BYU
 - ◆ 5th place - USU
- ◆ Combined URME and Plant ID Individual
 - ◆ 2nd place - Clarissa Chipman, BYU
 - ◆ 5th place - Samuel Dearing, BYU



Awards from International Meeting



SRM Honor Award
Outstanding Achievement
Research/Academia

Dr. Daniel D. Cook

Research Plant Physiologist
Poisonous Plant Research Lab
USDA
Agricultural Research Service

SRM Honor Award: Fellow

Dr. Loreen Allphin

Plant Ecologist/Conservation Geneticist
Brigham Young University





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