



Wyoming Section Society for Range Management



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Message from the President

Greetings!

As I write this address, I am watching what I think (and hope) is the tail end of winter storm Vexo's stay in Wyoming. The moisture is welcome, but it does make me think of the warm weather we experienced at the 69th Annual Meeting the Texas Section held in Corpus Christi, TX. If you were not able to attend, you missed a program full of practical rangeland management ideas, wildlife habitat management ideas, research updates, and beautiful views of the Corpus Christi Bay.

Although I was only able to attend a portion of the 69th Annual Meeting, it did give me an opportunity to reflect on why I remain a member of the Society for Range Management. I enjoy the Annual Meetings. It is an opportunity to catch up – with friends now spread across the world, on current research, and on policy ideas floating around. I find our Wyoming Section level meetings equally gratifying. However, SRM membership and involvement continues to be a main topic of conversation at any SRM meeting I attend.

The SRM is changing. Our membership is changing and their needs are changing. As the society reacts to these changes, I ask you to become involved. We have several young SRM members in Wyoming that are stepping up and serving on committees. We also enjoy the leadership and expertise of our long-term members, some who remain active and involved even though they have retired. As you consider your involvement, please think about the reasons you remain a member of SRM and how you can bring benefits to other members and non-members.

One more item related to membership - there have been complications with membership renewal notices over the past year, including some members not receiving their membership renewal notice. The Wyoming Section SRM and the parent society encourage you to visit www.rangelands.org, login and check your membership status. The parent society is working to improve the membership renewal process.

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The Wyoming Section SRM Council met on April 9, 2016 in Laramie. We discussed several items, including the upcoming 2016 WY Section meeting, proposed by-law changes (more on this later in the newsletter), and the opportunity to co-host the 2020 Annual Meeting (parent society) with the Colorado Section. The WY Council is a great group that is working hard to make sure the Wyoming Section stays relevant and provides the information our members need professionally. Meeting minutes are posted online, so check our website (www.rangelands.org/wyoming) regularly for updates.

I hope everyone enjoys the spring weather and moisture!

My Best,

Jessica

IMPORTANT - Please vote on the proposed changes to the Nominations Committee portion of the Wyoming Section By-Laws

<http://goo.gl/forms/044tMHZCS>

Please See Page 6

UW Range Club Update

On April 9, 2016 the University of Wyoming Range Club held their annual Banquet and auction. They had a great turn out, of over 100 people, including many Wyoming SRM members. Our guest speaker, Jim Magagna of the Wyoming Stock Growers, was very much appreciated and had some wonderful things to say to both students and guests alike. The new Officer team was announced, and many awards were given out to multiple members for their great work this past year. The silent and live auctions were a big success, and the food was delicious. After a nice meal and talk, everyone settled down for the night and had a great time at the dance, featuring Tris Munsick and The Innocents. The UW Range Club would like to thank everyone that came out and supported us, including all SRM members, UW faculty and staff, and Tris Munsick and The Innocents. It was great to see everyone and we hope to see you all next year.



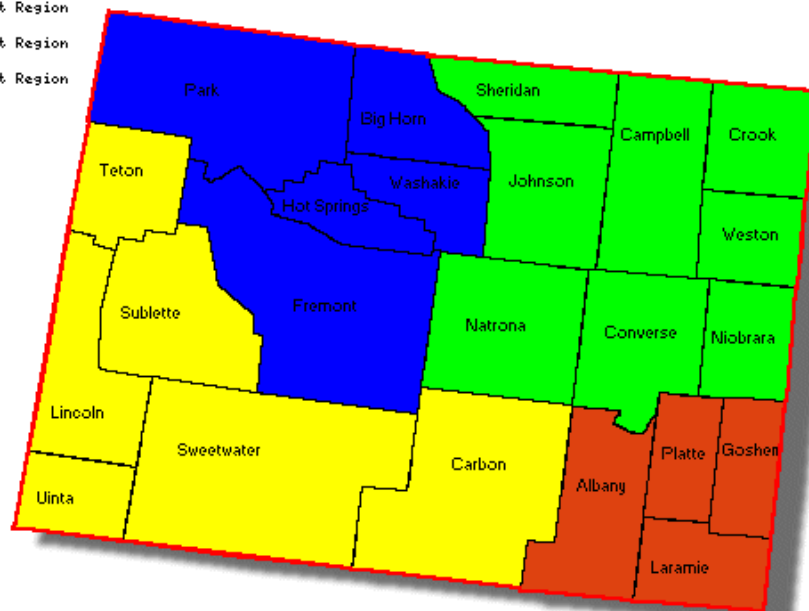
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Election Information

Looking ahead to next year, the Council positions for the Northeastern and Southwestern Regions will be coming open.

- - Northwest Region
- - Northeast Region
- - Southeast Region
- - Southwest Region



Source: diymaps.net (c)

If you live in either of these regions and would like to run or nominate a candidate, please contact Terry Booth (terry.booth@ars.usda.gov) and/or Chuck Butterfield (chuck@y2consultants.com). President Elect candidate nominations for next year are also being sought.



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WYRED

Adventures!
GIS/Technology...
New Approach!
Natural Resources....

New Look!
Rangelands....
FUN! Fun! FUN!
Land Management...

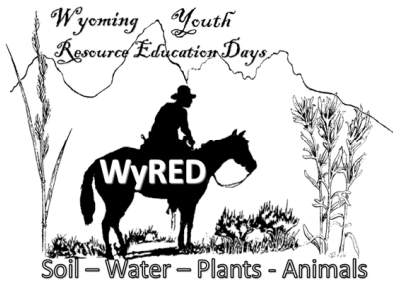
SAVE THE DATE:

A week of hands-on ACTIVITIES about Rangelands and Natural Resources!
For ages 14 and older with all levels of experience!

For more information visit: <http://rangelands.org/wyoming/>

Timber Creek Ranger Station, Meeteetse
JUNE 6 – 10, 2016

GOT PHOTOS?



The **Wyoming Resource Education Days (WyRED)** needs your talent! We are calling for photo submissions of "Wyoming Rangelands". Photos will be used in the Range Judging Manual as well as in the Wyoming Rangelands Manual updates. Recognition for 1st, 2nd and 3rd places will be awarded. The highest resolution photos are requested—recommended: 300 dpi resolution at 8X10 inch print. Must be willing to allow use in publication with no compensation. Make submissions to: mahays@fs.fed.gov subject line: "WyRED Photos". For more information contact a member of the WyRED committee, information on website.



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Do you know what time of year it is? Of course you do! It's time to take a few minutes to kickback and reflect on the number of rangeland stewards you've crossed paths with in your life. Can you think of a few?

Let's see, I recall my undergrad professor who informed me there are different types of grasses. Who knew?

And, there was the first field crew I worked with – they taught me to speak *code*. PASM, ARTR, BRTE ... what?!

Hmmm ... then I entered the *real world* where I worked with amazing botanist, wildlife and habitat biologist, range specialists, policy analyst, reclamation specialist, ranchers – Hold on wait! I'm visualizing.

Oh yeah, there were a few soil scientists, outreach and education specialists, and many others.

Some are young in their career, and others are legends of their own right. Oh, and shhhhh ... I even know a few incredible rangeland stewards who aren't SRM members.

So, how do we show our appreciation? We nominate them for one of the several Society for Range Management awards! That's right! We have to do a little work, but I bet all of us thought of at least one deserving person or project!? If you want, corral others who know this outstanding steward to help write, and **submit a nomination packet by April 30!**

The following was in the April 8 RangeFlash:

Visit www.rangelands.org/awards/ for detailed descriptions of all award categories, as well as information and instructions on the award nomination process (Instructions to Nominators, Award Nomination Form).

Please be sure to use the NOMINATION FORM and FORMAT from the current version of the [Awards Committee Handbook](#). SUBMISSION INSTRUCTIONS can be found on page 21 and the form/format begin on page 22.

You may request the word version of the nominations form from either [Vicky](#) or Awards Chair [Charles R. Hart](#).

Electronic submissions can be made directly to Vicky Trujillo at vtrujillo@rangelands.org.

Hard copy submissions can be made to:

**Awards Nominations
Society for Range Management
6901 S Pierce St Ste 225
Littleton, CO 80128**

If you have specific questions regarding the nomination process, please contact the Awards Committee Chair, Charles R. Hart, at crhart@dow.com or [\(254\) 977-3489](tel:2549773489).

Wait a minute! Did you think of someone, but you can't make the April 30 deadline? Not to worry! Go ahead and complete a nomination form and submit it to the WY Section Awards Committee Chair: Windy Kelley at wkelly1@uwyo.edu The WY SRM Awards Committee will review received nominations, and award recipients will be celebrated at the November meeting and workshop in Cody. Beat the rush and submit early!

Questions? Contact Windy Kelley at wkelly1@uwyo.edu or 307.766.2205



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BY LAWS

ARTICLE IV. NOMINATION AND ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS

SECTION 1. The President-Elect and Council shall be elected by letter ballot which shall be sent to all members by the Secretary-Treasurer. The President-Elect shall succeed to the Presidency. The Secretary-Treasurer shall be appointed by the majority vote of the council to serve a five year calendar term with no term limits.

SECTION 2. A nominating committee shall be appointed by the President at the annual fall meeting . It shall be the duty of the nominating committee:

- (1) To receive nominations from the membership at large as provided in Section 3,
- (2) To review the nominations and select at least two candidates who are qualified and willing to serve for each elective office, if only one nomination is received, said nomination will be submitted as the individual candidate for any elected position with the option for a write-in candidate,
- (3) To furnish the list of candidates to the Secretary-Treasurer not later than October 1.

Candidates for the Council shall be selected so as to assure one representative for each of the four Quadrants of the State: Northwest (Fremont, Hot Springs, Washakie, Big Horn and Park Counties), Northeast (Sheridan, Johnson, Natrona, Campbell, Converse, Crook, Weston and Niobrara Counties), Southeast (Albany, Laramie, Platte and Goshen Counties), and Southwest (Carbon, Sweetwater, Lincoln, Uinta, Sublette and Teton Counties). Candidates may include others than those received by nomination.

SECTION 3. Nominations by the membership at large shall be subject to the following conditions:

- (1) All candidates nominated must be members of the Section in good standing,
- (2) Nominations for the Council must observe the geographical zoning of the State as prescribed in Section 2,
- (3) Nominations must be in the hands of the nominating committee by September 1.

SECTION 4. The Secretary-Treasurer shall send to all members a ballot containing a list of all candidates presented by the nominating committee not later than October 15. Members shall return the ballots to the Secretary-Treasurer.

SECTION 5. All ballots received by the close of business on the fourth day prior to the first day of the annual meeting shall be counted at the direction of the Secretary-Treasurer and the results reported to the President not later than the morning of the first day of the annual meeting. The candidate receiving the highest number of votes shall be declared elected; any ties shall be resolved by majority vote of the Council which will convene prior to the business portion of the annual meeting for this purpose if necessary. Results of the election shall be announced to the membership at the business meeting and by newsletter.



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Sales Executive

Granite Seed Company

Wage/Salary:

45,000-75,000

Job Description:

Granite Seed and Erosion Control is the leading provider of conservation seed and erosion control products in North America. We are currently adding a Sales Executive in our Denver, Colorado office. Executive will be responsible for helping service existing customers and developing new leads. This position is primarily inside sales with potential infrequent travel (approximately once per quarter), and requires a strong technical background in native seed and/or turf products.

Ideal start date is June 1, 2016.

Required undergraduate/graduate degrees:

- Rangeland Sciences
- Wildlife Conservation
- Agronomy
- Plant Sciences
- Other related degree

Experience in one or more of the following areas is a plus but not required:

- Government agencies such as NRCS, BLM, USFS, Fish & Wildlife, etc.
- Commercial projects such as mine and landfill reclamation, wetlands restoration or wildlife conservation.

Compensation:

- \$45,000 to \$75,000 depending on education and experience
- Attractive bonus plan
- Significant opportunities to grow within the company

Application Instructions:

Email to Daryle@graniteseed.com