



Fall Newsletter · September 2022

The Wyoming Range Roundup



Official Newsletter of the WY Section SRM

From the Presidents Desk

BY BREE BURTON
WY SECTION PRESIDENT

Happy Fall Wyoming SRM! I hope everyone had a great summer out on the range and a successful field season. My husband Russell and I brought our newest range crew member, Madilyn, into the world in late June. I can't believe it is almost October, I know there is a chill in the air here in Sublette County and it is only a matter of time before the tops of the mountains are white with snow. Wyoming SRM has been busy this summer, we hosted a field tour in Sublette County which was a huge success.



Will Rose, our president elect, has been working diligently on getting our first in person annual meeting in two years together. The meeting this year will be held in Cody, Wyoming at the Buffalo Bill Center of the West. There is a great agenda being put together and we are really excited to be meeting back in person again. Don't worry we've planned lots of time for socializing. Nominations for Council positions and President Elect are currently being taken so if you are interested please reach out and let us know. The northeast and southwest council positions are open.

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Also, if you have someone in your range world that you feel should be recognized we are also taking nominations for our different Wyoming Section awards including Trail Boss, Outstanding Man/Woman of Range, Excellence in Range Stewardship, and Young Professional.

Wyoming SRM is also looking at some updates and we are really encouraging people to get involved. Currently most of our committees have open spots for members and chairs. So if you are interested in getting involved with Wyoming SRM please reach out. We'll be sharing information about what each of the committees do in upcoming blasts and on social media so if there is something that interests you be sure to let us know!

As always, I appreciate our membership and all the great things our range professionals do for the State of Wyoming. Keep up the good work! We hope to see you at annual meeting in Cody and if not hopefully somewhere out on the range!



Bree Burton

WY SRM Section President



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And so much more!

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Equipping YOU for Excellence in Rangeland Management

WY SRM Annual Meeting

October 19 - 21, 2022 * Cody, Wyoming

The only constant in range management is change. Join us as we discuss how managers and producers deal with changes in technology, culture, climate, and invasive species.

This year's meeting is being hosted in Cody, Wyoming at the Buffalo Bill Center of the West. See you there!



WHERE TO STAY

A block of rooms is reserved under "WY SRM" at the **Holiday Inn** or **Comfort Inn** for \$114/night. Reserve your room today!

REGISTRATION COSTS - \$100

Registration includes all SRM-related activities, all access to the Buffalo Bill Museum, lunch, dinner and refreshments on Thursday! Reduced rates for students.

AGENDA TOPICS

- High School & Collegiate Activities
 - Landowner Cheatgrass Management Forum
 - Absaroka Fencing Initiative
 - WGFD Area Aspen Projects
 - Zeedyk Structures with Clear Creek Conservation District
 - Virtual Fencing with Vence
- ...and much, much, more!

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FOR MORE INFORMATION & TO REGISTER:

www.wyomingrangelands.org/fallmeeting



WY SRM Annual Meeting

October 19 - 21, 2022 * Cody, Wyoming



WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 19

8:30 AM	Council Meeting	
9:00 AM		
10:00 AM	Student Activities	Plant ID, URME
11:00 AM		
12:00 PM	Lunch	
1:00 PM		
2:00 PM	Grad Student Presentations	HSYF, Extemporaneous Speaking
3:00 PM		
4:30 PM	Finish	Tour of the Buffalo Bill Center of the West

2022 AUCTION!

Auctioneer:

Andy Schwab from the Northern Ag Network

We are looking for both silent and live auction items to help raise money for SRM activities!

Contact **Jen Bayne, Auction Organizer**, at **307-629-6043** if you have an auction item that you will be bringing!

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 20

8:30 AM	Welcome	Will Rose, Bree Burton
9:00 AM		
10:00 AM	Symposia	Area Project Update: Jerry Altermate WGFD Absaroka Fencing Initiative: Alicia Hummel Chair Zach Byram: Zeedyk in Clear Creek Watershed
10:30 AM	Break	Refreshments Provided
11:00 AM	Symposia	Pinedale BLM Wireless Fencing Pilot Program: Amber Robbins and Company Reps from Vence
12:00 PM	Lunch	Provided (Mediterranean Chicken + Salad)
1:00 PM	Symposia	IMAGINE Update and Landowner Forum on Restoration of Cheatgrass Infested Rangelands. Moderated by Brian Meador
2:00 PM	Break	Refreshments Provided
3:30 PM	Symposia	Finish Landowner Forum/Breakout Session and Discussion
4:00 PM	Business Meeting	
	Social	Cash Bar at Buffalo Bill Museum
5:30 PM	Dinner and Awards	Tenderloin! Yummm!
6:30 PM	Auction	

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 21

8:30	Tour	Wild Bill's Museum Guided Tour
12:00	Finish	



Elections & Vacant Positions

Council Elections

These 3 positions will be up for election this fall! If you are interested in serving on Council, please contact Terry Booth at Terry_Booth@outlook.com

2023 PRESIDENT
ELECT

2023-2025
NE REPRESENTATIVE

SW REPRESENTATIVE

Vacancies

STUDENT ACTIVITIES

Helps plan student activities throughout the year.

OUTREACH & EDUCATION

Helps plan training and events, producer affairs, and newsletter!

OPERATIONS

Nominations, Fundraising, Section Historian & Handbook Updates

SECTION TREASURER

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NOMINATE A COLLEAGUE THIS FALL!

WY Section Awards

TRAIL BOSS AWARD

AWARD OF MERIT

OUTSTANDING WOMAN OR MAN OF RANGE

YOUNG PROFESSIONAL AWARD

DISTINGUISHED (SUSTAINED) LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT

OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT

EXCELLENCE IN RANGELAND STEWARDSHIP

PRESIDENTS SERVICE AWARD

SRM COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE SERVICE AWARD



Healthy Range Abounding Life

BY SHARI MEEKS, WY SRM EDITOR



Over 80% of public lands, in fact, are categorized as rangelands. The importance of healthy ecosystems is directly related to quality and sustainability of all life residing within Wyoming and beyond. In fact, our healthy ecosystems not only impact lands within Wyoming, but impacts adjoining states and countries through headwaters such as the Green River connecting into the Colorado River; the Snake River flowing into the Columbia, and more!

It's no secret that rangelands are an integral part of the heritage of Wyoming and are heavily utilized by a variety of users on both public and private lands. Range managers work with stakeholders to ensure sustainable management throughout the state so constituents can enjoy clean water and recreation as well as continue to provide quality wildlife habitat and plant diversity. As we work to understand what our rangelands can tell us through vegetation inventory and monitoring, we are then able to help land managers make sound decisions so all can enjoy the ecosystem services of our rangelands. I'd love to share a few reminders about the interconnectivity of all that healthy rangelands support.

Healthy Water Resources: Every drop of water that falls from the sky lands somewhere. In our local ecosystem the precipitation can land in the creek, lake or river; on a leaf, a rock, plant litter, or bare soil; or even on rooftops and pavement. In rangelands, we are primarily concerned with their ability to capture water and release it in a way that does not cause degradation. Healthy plant communities ensure that uplands are not contributing large amounts of sediment to water resources outside of what is expected. These water resources are used by everyone in Wyoming, for drinking, swimming, wildlife and livestock uses as well.

Healthy Wildlife Habitat: Wyoming is home to thousands of mule deer, Pronghorn antelope, moose, elk, among all other small mammals, insects and birds. Wyoming rangelands are an important habitat for resident animals and those that migrate to and from summer range. By managing our rangelands to be healthy, we not only ensure that wildlife have quality habitat, but we also ensure that the aesthetic and economic benefits are sustained.

Extraordinary Recreation: So many residents and visitors of Wyoming embrace our rangelands for the opportunity to hunt, fish, hike, take photographs, and to ride horses, dirtbikes, and four-wheelers, among so many other recreation opportunities. Doing these activities is likely not as pleasing in a denuded area. Healthy rangelands are important for users to enjoy the activities they are taking part in.

Healthy Range...continued

Abundant Diversity: One of the most unique and important attributes of health rangelands is their ability to donate diversity to the ecosystem. Wildflowers and rare plants abound in the desert early spring and in the high country mid-summer. Wyoming is home to over 20 different species of sagebrush, each having their own important role in the ecosystem. Healthy rangelands ensure that the seedbank is present, able to reproduce when conditions are ripe, and gives opportunity to all users to enjoy and thrive in this environment.

Abounding Life: Each attribute described contributes to abounding life on the landscape. Healthy rangelands ensure that all users benefit. Abounding life is the primary end result we strive for as range specialists throughout the globe!

We achieve this through a variety of projects on both public and private lands which helps gain a greater understanding of the cumulative health of an area or region. The depth and breadth of our work is vast as we work hard to ensure that rangelands are managed in a sustainable manner. We value all uses of rangelands and all constituents that utilize rangelands within our Wyoming boundary.

Stay wild, fellow range enthusiasts! Healthy rangelands are key to abounding life!



Summer Range Recap

"Foraging" friendships through range management



SUMMER TOUR

BY BREE LIND, WY SRM PRESIDENT

The Wyoming SRM Summer Range Tour was held in Sublette County August 11-12. The tour included a route to Green River Lakes with stops that focused on multiple use of rangelands. We heard from permittees Haley and France Clark and Albert Sommers on the history of their ranching operations and the challenges they face running livestock

with predators. We discussed cooperative monitoring, wildlife migration and feedgrounds, and recreation. And that was just the first day! On the second day, we shifted our focus to conservation on private ranchlands and looked at Zeedyk structures and beaver dam analogs as tools to help keep water on the landscape longer. We also looked at cheatgrass treatments and learned about the very extensive and successful cheatgrass program that Sublette County has. Overall, it was a great two days spent out on the range with great people. Along with folks from Wyoming we also had range professionals join us from Colorado, Nevada, and Utah. I want to give a huge thanks to our speakers Haley and France Clark, Albert Sommers, Gary Hayward, Jill Randall, Karen Clause, and Julie Kraft! Also I want to thank our lunch sponsors Y2 Consultants and Bayer! The tour was so much fun and we hope we can continue this SRM tradition annually! So let us know if you have any thoughts on where you'd like to tour next summer!

WYRED 2022

BY MAE SMITH, WYRED CHAIR

Wyoming Resources Education Days, WyRED, connects youth and adults to the land through a 4 day, hands-on, field camp to build a knowledge base, skill set and appreciation for the management of Wyoming's natural resources. WyRED rotates throughout the state and was held at the H Diamond W Youth Camp near Grass Creek June 13-16, 2022. Campers learned about plant identification, soils, grazing, resource planning and management decisions. We had a great lineup of natural resource managers who involved students in their career field including WGFD, USFS and LU Ranch.



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Campers also prepare for the Range Contest. Glenrock 4-H won the contest with members, Anna, Cora and Kayla Grant. The Andrew family from Burlington won second place with members Raygen, Rulon and Raiden. Campers also received individual awards: Anna Grant – Top Wrangler, Top Returning Camper; Kayla Grant – Top New Camper; Raygen Andrew – Top Range Rider; Raiden Andrew – Top Brush Popper; Rulon Andrew – Most Improved Camper. Adults competed in the contest and Daniel Holter won the Adult division. At the end of the week, we celebrated the longtime service and dedication of Marji Patz who was the WyRED chairperson for 17 years. Check out our website: <https://www.wyomingrangelands.org/wyred> for more information.

Range Bites

Register here:

<https://extension.usu.edu/freesnetwork/next-summit>

FREES 2022 SUMMIT



October 12-14, 2022

2022 FREES Summit-Community Connections



The Free Roaming Equids and Ecosystem Sustainability Network (FREES) is a group of diverse organizations working for a common goal of “healthy herds of free-roaming equids (wild horse and burros) on healthy rangelands.” FREES seeks to enhance communication and engage diverse stakeholder groups in meaningful dialogue as they work to achieve equid and ecosystem sustainability.

IN THE NEWS

New Science for Cheatgrass Control by Barry Perryman, now retiring to Lander. This article can be found at:
<https://thenevadaindependent.com/article/new-science-for-cheatgrass-control>



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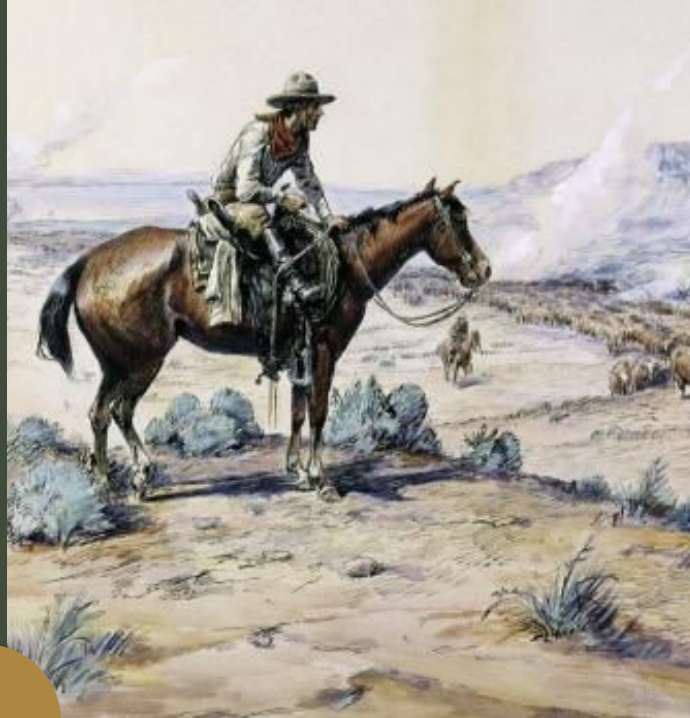
CSU is launching this effort with a broad survey of experts in grazing management in US semi-arid and arid western rangelands. That means you! Your response to this survey will be integrated with hundreds of other responses to formulate a draft set of livestock grazing management principles.

Fill out the survey here:

https://colostate.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_b26JF5ufVdkxFd4?jfefe=new

Activate the
Trail Boss in
YOU!

WANTED
LEADERS
BIG REWARD



Get Involved
Today!

We are built on involvement, dedication, and leadership of our members. SRM is strongest when we have the diversity of thought, activity, and action that comes with a broad and committed membership.

When colleagues like you are with us, we build our strength, not only as a society, but also as a voice in the rangeland community.

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