



Summer Newsletter • June 2022

The Wyoming Range Roundup



Official Newsletter of the WY Section SRM

From the Presidents Desk

BY BREE BURTON
WY SECTION PRESIDENT

Summer is here Wyoming SRM! It has been a relief to see some moisture across the state and it always makes me so happy this time of year to see the green grass, bright wildflowers, the new life across the range, and cows grazing on our rangelands. Field season has kicked off and I hope that many of you are enjoying being out and about wherever you are in the state.



We are really excited about this year's Summer Tour which will be hosted in Cora, WY with the basecamp at Kendall Valley Lodge. The tour will focus on multiple use in the Upper Green and we invite everyone to bring their camping gear and their families and join us August 11 – 12 for the Summer Tour. There are a few cabins available at Kendall Valley Lodge for those who might want a cabin, they are on a first come first serve basis so be sure to call ahead. Camping will be available next to the lodge for anyone wishing to camp and there is also a Forest Service Campground not too far away and lots of dispersed camping.

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Pinedale is about 40 minutes away if you wish to stay there. A detailed agenda and RSVP will be coming out in the next few weeks but be sure to get this on your calendar and join us! We will be doing a dinner on the night of the 11 th with some form of fun! We really hope to see you there. If you have questions about the tour please reach out to me at 307-329-8537 or email bree.lind33@gmail.com.

As mentioned in the last newsletter, our website and newsletter have had a huge facelift. Please be sure to check them out and if you aren't receiving updates let us know or check your spam folder. And if you have a cool story to share, awesome research you are conducting, an event coming up in your local area, or a hot topic item that you think others in our field need to know about, be sure to submit it through the website so it can get our in the monthly news blast and onto our events calendar!

Will Rose, our president-elect, is working on a really neat agenda and venue for the upcoming fall annual meeting. I can't wait to share more details as they become finalized but it is sure to be a meeting you don't want to miss. We will have dates and details out by early July so that it can get on everyone's calendar.

Going to keep this short as I know we are all in our busy time of year! Thank you all for your support and participating in Wyoming SRM. I look forward to hopefully seeing some of you at the Summer Tour and can't wait to hear the summer stories from the range! Have a great summer!



WY SRM Section President



WY SECTION SRM
Summer Range Tour
"REGATHERING ON THE RANGE"
Save the Date
AUGUST 10 - 12, 2022
KENDALL VALLEY LODGE * CORA WY
MORE INFORMATION COMING SOON!
STAY TUNED TO WWW.WYOMINGRANGELANDS.ORG



Dreaming the Future in Range

BY SHARI MEEKS, WY SRM EDITOR



After the New Deal legislation in the 1930's, several governmental organizations were formed to address land use issues and management on both public and private lands throughout the Nation. As a result, many of these organizations took an interest in developing an inventory of rangelands. With the expanded concentration on the status of rangelands, several meetings were held to organize the undertaking of these rangeland surveys. According to the Society for Rangeland Management (SRM) <https://rangelands.org/about/>, 66 men came together in 1946 for the first unofficial SRM meeting in Moscow, Idaho, otherwise known as an Interagency Range Management Conference. The SRM became an official society in 1948, after much effort in both time and money by a variety of individuals passionate about rangeland management and sustainability.

The SRM was birthed out of the very need for communication, consistency and organization pertaining to rangeland managers and management. The Society has been looked upon for years as a beacon to rise up young range specialists, to continue education for current range specialists, and also to create consistency on the rangelands- from data collection to management.

The Mission of SRM is to "provide leadership for the stewardship of rangelands based on sound ecological principles". Range specialists throughout Wyoming also strive for land stewardship based on sound ecological principles, including data collection and interpretation.

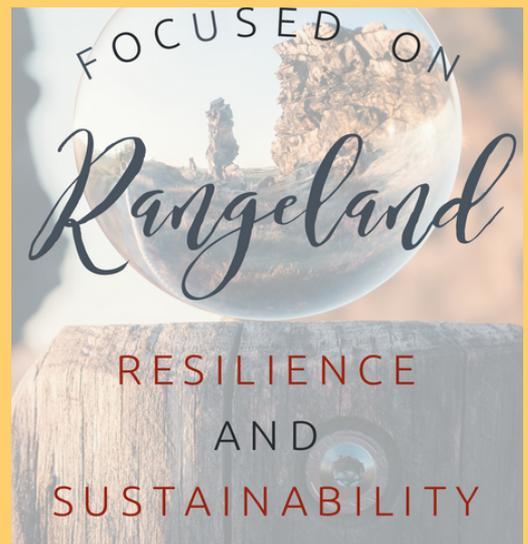
As Range Specialists, we get the gift of living in a space in time where past rangeland managers only dreamed. Organizations such as SRM worked hard in the 1950's to build consistency in vegetation monitoring methods and protocols. As these methods were tested and proven, over time they were agreed upon and implemented in various Western states.

Dreaming the Future...continued

In Sublette County, several vegetation monitoring locations dated back to establishment in the 1960's and 1970's can be found throughout the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) and United States Forest Service (USFS) public lands. As I have worked on various public land grazing allotments, I have found that there are several transect locations that have been re-read at least once since establishment. On several of my projects, I have been able to re-locate many of these old transect locations and obtain a third reading, which allows me to look at the trend of various plant community characteristics that are key to understanding watershed dynamics and overall health.

As a Rangeland Specialist, I believe the data interpretation is the best part. Yes, being outside all summer riding the range and collecting data has its perks, but we have a unique privilege that our range Godfathers only dreamed of. The men establishing vegetation transects dreamt of the day where data would be collected periodically through time to give land managers an opportunity to see into ecosystem changes and rangeland health. The foundation of historic data collection provides a means for us to continue building upon through additional data collection and interpretation.

So- why is vegetation data collection and interpretation so important? There are several reasons we continue to collect data on public and private lands. For example: data collection and interpretation on public lands create accountability and act as an assurance to public landowners. Data can be used to inform management opportunities and decisions and further increases the understanding of landscape dynamics under current and past management. All of these factors are important to the health and management of the lands in Wyoming.



The foundation laid yesterday by natural resource professionals in organizations such as the SRM, is where we build from today. Every day we can learn something from the past; they key is moving beyond the past and making better, knowledge-based and ecologically sound decisions on the lands beneath our feet. This is how sustainability is achieved. Hopefully in your niche in life, you can dream into the future like our forefathers did, and build a foundation for greater understanding and, perhaps, land stewardship and sustainability.



Virtual Fencing Going Viral

Conservation innovation at its finest. Folks throughout the globe are trying out virtual fencing to manage livestock. This new innovation is exciting as it has the potential hurl livestock management into a new dimension of active management. Conservation Districts across the West are partnering with livestock owners, NRCS, BLM and USFS to implement these new innovative ways to manage livestock. Do your own research. Could virtual fencing be the answer to your management need?

Low-Tech Wet Meadow Restoration

Wet or mesic meadows are rare but disproportionately important ecosystems in Wyoming. Gully erosion and channel incision are widespread problems reducing natural resiliency and water storage capacity, which is impacting wildlife and working lands. Simple, low-tech restoration methods developed for dry lands of the desert southwest by Bill Zeedyk provide effective tools for protecting and restoring meadow systems. These techniques are cost-effective and hand-built allowing more people to participate in restoration. The following links take you to the August 2021 Wyoming Workshop recordings & materials.

<https://www.partnersinthesage.com/2021-zeedyk-wyoming-workshop>

<https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLJqWFxuSPC1dgUyxDuVQE8vKQE981ROhP>

Range Innovation



Don't Sell Your Saddle

I don't recall any professor saying to me that natural resource management was going to be easy. And if I had to be honest, I think my most important class in college was interpersonal communications.

That said, I feel it important to remind you, as colleagues to keep on.

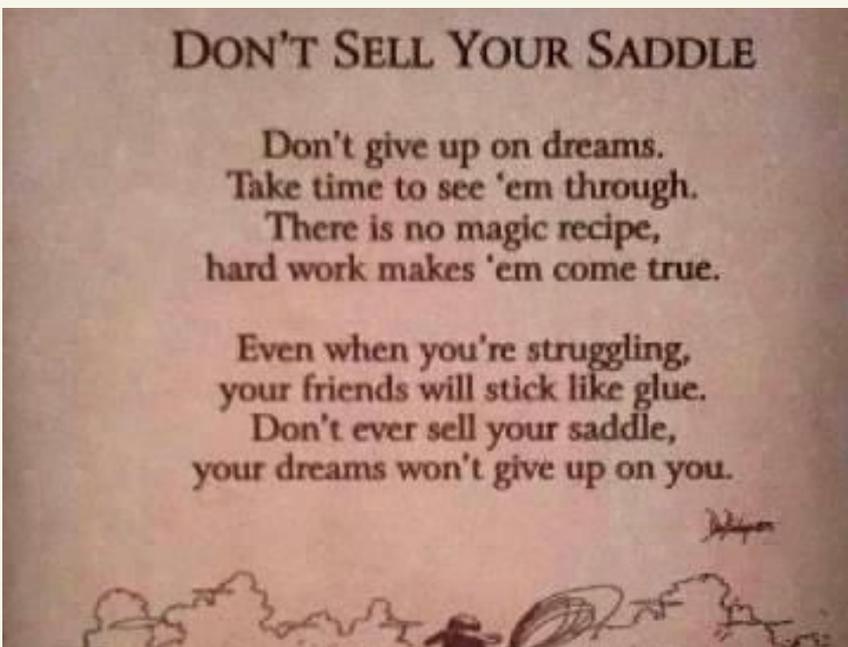
Litigation, hard discussions, hard decisions...all the things that we are faced with each day, no matter what aspect of range management, needs, your persistence, your ideas, your passion, and most of all, your tenacity.

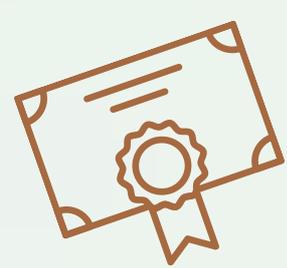
Sometimes great things come about with the greatest resistance - but don't give up just yet on that awesome idea you have or great innovation you want to implement. Your day is just around the corner!

DON'T SELL YOUR SADDLE

Don't give up on dreams.
Take time to see 'em through.
There is no magic recipe,
hard work makes 'em come true.

Even when you're struggling,
your friends will stick like glue.
Don't ever sell your saddle,
your dreams won't give up on you.





Parent Society News!



SRM AWARDS DEADLINE EXTENDED!

Did you leave the 2022 Annual Meeting inspired by your fellow range professionals and SRM members? Now is your chance to honor them for their contributions to the field of range management and/or the Society! The Awards Committee is currently accepting nominations until July 1st, 2022 for Honor Awards to be presented at the 2023 Annual Meeting in Boise, Idaho.

Completed nomination packets must be received by no later July 1st, 2022. Send completed nomination packets to Ricardo.MataGonzalez@oregonstate.edu and info@rangelands.org.

The FREDERIC G. RENNER AWARD is the most prestigious award bestowed by the Society for Range Management. The primary criterion for selection of a recipient for this award is sustained outstanding accomplishment(s) in, or continuing contribution(s) to, any aspect of range science and range management by an active and contributing member of the Society. One award can be given annually.

W. R. CHAPLINE LAND STEWARDSHIP AWARD gives special recognition to members of the Society for exceptional accomplishments and contributions in the application of the art and science of range management to specific rangeland entities such as wildlife and domestic livestock use on such lands. One award can be given annually.

OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT AWARD is presented by the Society for outstanding achievement for eminently note-worthy contributions to the range profession to members and other qualified individuals and groups working with rangelands. This award is given in Stewardship and Academic streams. Several awards can be given annually

SUSTAINED LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD is presented by the Society to members for long-term contributions to the art and science of range management and to the Society for Range Management. More than one award can be given annually.

W. R. CHAPLINE RESEARCH AWARD gives special recognition to members of the Society for exceptional and sustained research accomplishments in range science and associated disciplines. One award can be given annually.

The title of FELLOW is conferred upon members of the Society in recognition of exceptional service to the Society and its programs in advancing the science and art of range-related resource management. This high honor is granted in the belief that special recognition should be given for exceptional and dedicated service to the Society.

The YPC OUTSTANDING EARLY CAREER (formerly APPRENTICE MEMBER) AWARD is presented by the Society to an individual member who has shown outstanding dedication to the Society within the first five (5) years of their career. This award is meant as an encouragement for young professionals that make the difficult transition from SRM student member, to fully-engaged professional members of the society.

OUTSTANDING YOUNG RANGE PROFESSIONAL AWARD is presented by the Society to an individual member who has demonstrated extraordinary potential and promise as a range management professional. This award is presented as an encouragement for outstanding performance by young men and women entering the profession of range management. The nominee shall not have reached his or her 40th birthday by January 1st of the year the award is to be conferred. More than 1 award can be given annually.

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

Save the Date!

October 19th-20th



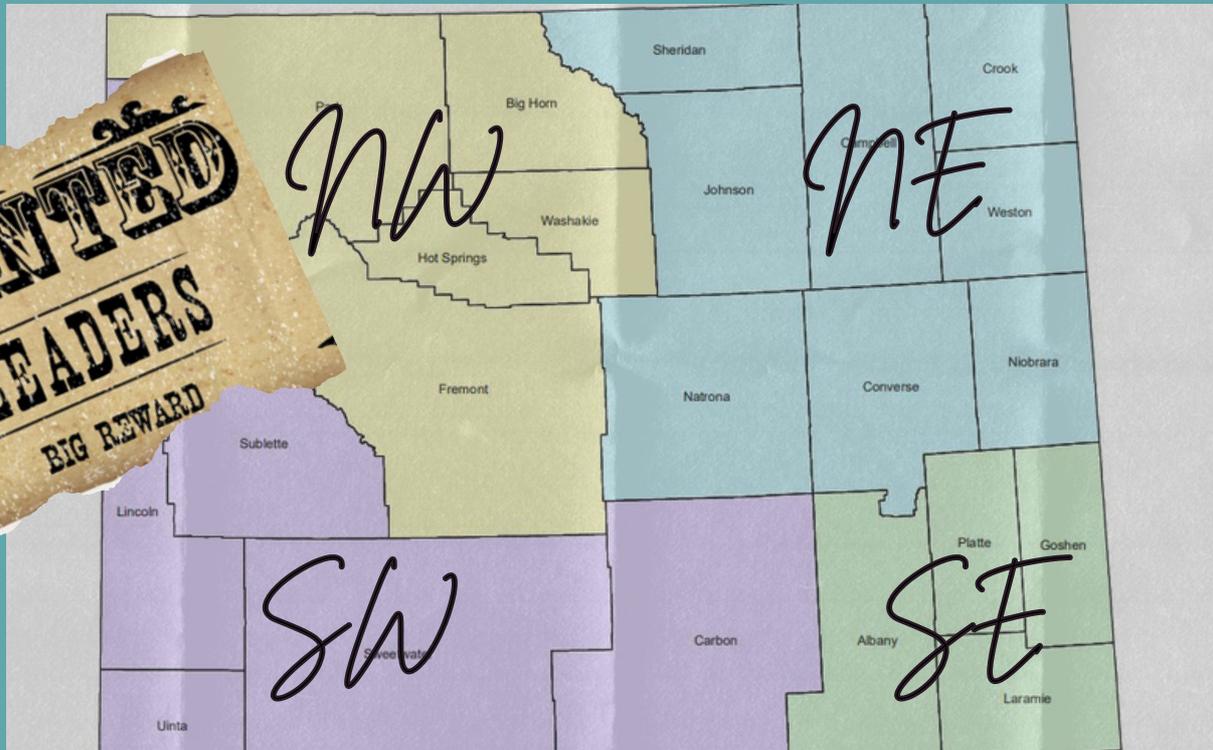
Bufflalo Bill Center of the West

Cody, Wyoming

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

Upcoming Elections & Vacant Positions

Want to make range management in Wyoming EPIC? If so, join a team of range professionals, serving the Society for Rangeland Management!



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

Job Listings

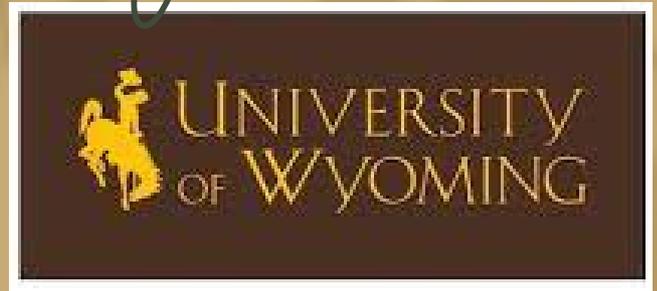


Now Hiring 2 Range Specialists!

Pinedale, WY

Send your resume, 2 reference letters, and cover letter to mhenn@sublettecd.com

Full Job Announcement:
<https://www.sublettecd.com/>



Positions open in Kemmerer, WY and Laramie, WY

Go to

<https://www.uwyo.edu/uwe/jobs/>
for more information on all openings available through University of Wyoming!

A circular logo for the Wyoming Range Management Society Wyoming Section. It features a central illustration of a cowboy on a horse in a landscape, surrounded by the text 'SOCIETY FOR RANGE MANAGEMENT' and 'WYOMING SECTION' in red.

WE ARE RANGELANDS

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News & Events * Student Activities * Swag
And so much more!

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Rangelands Through the Lens

*“There are no bad pictures;
that’s just how your face
looks sometimes.”
– Abraham Lincoln*



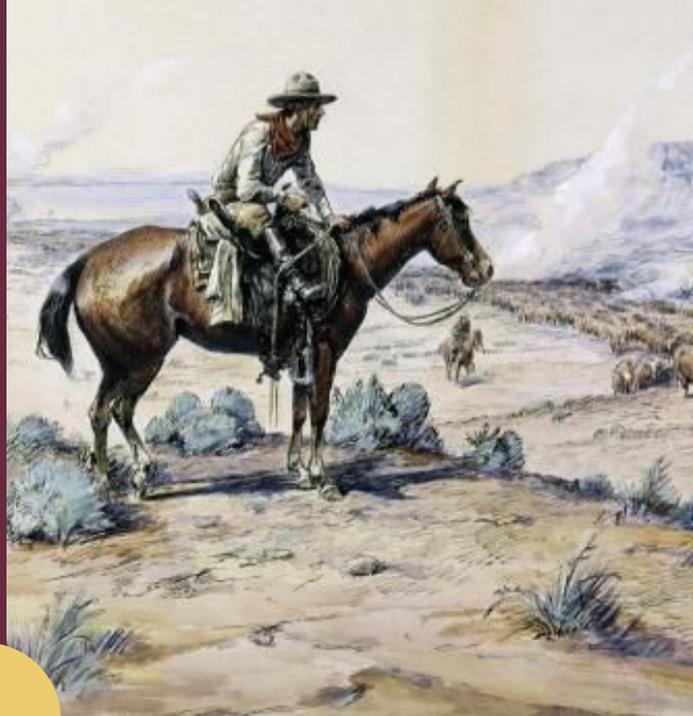
Pixels are powerful! So share yours with us!
We'd love to see Wyoming's rangelands and
use your photos of ALL THINGS RANGE!

Please submit your photos to
wysrmeditor@gmail.com for use on the website
or in the newsletter.

We sincerely thank you for your participation in
helping us showcase rangelands throughout
the state!



Activate the
Trail Boss in
YOU!



WANTED

LEADERS

BIG REWARD

Get Involved
Today!

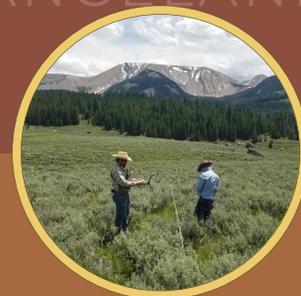
We are built on involvement, dedication, and leadership of our members. SRM is strongest when we have the diversity of thought, activity, and action that comes with a broad and committed membership.

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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