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President's Message

Andrew Brischke



G'day Rangers,

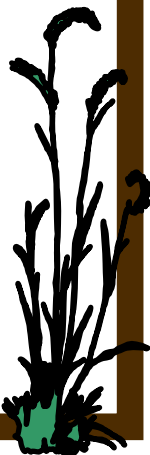
Obligatory weather/climate report from my area: Dreadful, except for the latest event that still didn't grow anything.

Now for some happier news! I'm really looking forward to our Winter Meeting, January 22nd – 24th. Again, I'm not going to steal Erin's thunder, but I think her and her committee have once again compiled a strong program. I'm particularly interested in the climate discussion. Which brings me to the membership meeting on Wednesday night, where I hope we are going to have some important conversations.

Like I've said before, this year's theme from our parent society is the "Year of the Section." I'm delighted to take this direction as I think our Section can have some impact at the national level. In order to have some meaningful conversations during the meeting, I think it's important to think some things through and prepare a bit for some items on the agenda. One of the discussions we are going to have on the Advisory Council (AC) for the parent society, is to identify where our priority areas are for ESD development and/or revision. I know where my priorities are, but this is a section discussion we can take back to AC and SRM.

Another conversation I hope to have, beginning with the membership meeting and continuing through the week is to find some strategies where we can have an impact on reporting tools such as the US Drought Monitor as well as other reporting mechanisms. It shouldn't come as a shock that some of these tools often do not match our local conditions very well. I'll speak for myself: I find I'm simply guessing at some of these conditions that very much have national policy implications, and it is important to get these tools correct. Please come prepared with some solutions to help update or report conditions that better inform some of these reporting tools.

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President's Message—*Andrew Brischke*

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I'm also looking forward to launching our new Section website. I'm excited to see what our UA's (I refuse to use the new UA short - erhm, longcut) Range Club, Tierra Seca, has come up with. Again, we are going to have a session for Students and Young Professionals to demonstrate their new research and skills. Depending on submissions, we are also likely to open the session up to the membership to present successful projects and innovative conservation efforts. Please send your abstracts to AZSRM North Director, Josh Grace (Jgrace1@email.arizona.edu).

Lastly, as always I'm very much looking forward to our awards, where we recognize the great stewardship and

work that our producers and professionals demonstrate not just through the year, but oftentimes their careers.

See you in Wickenburg,

Andrew Brischke, AZSRM President



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ARIZONA SECTION OF THE
SOCIETY FOR RANGE MANAGEMENT

2020 WINTER MEETING



January 22-24, 2020
Rancho de los Caballeros
Wickenburg, Arizona



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2020 AZSRM Winter Meeting

Ranchos de los Caballeros Resort

1551 S. Vulture Mine Road

Wickenburg, Arizona

Agenda-at-a-Glance

Wednesday, January 22

5:30 pm	Reception	Sonoran Room
7:00 pm	AZSRM Membership Meeting	Sonoran Room

Thursday, January 23

7:00 am	Breakfast	Bar Patio
8:00 am	Drought Management in Arizona: Assembling your Tools	Sonoran Room

According to the Arizona Department of Water Resources, the Southwest has experienced significant drought conditions over the last decade and a half. Various agencies and organizations have developed a host of tools and reporting methodologies for monitoring water levels and drought conditions. This session will introduce you to some of those tools.

12:00 pm	Lunch	Sonoran Patio
1:00 pm	Rangeland Conservation Funding Opportunities	Sonoran Room

Ranchers face a myriad of issues when it comes to managing their ranches; from drought, wildfire, environmental concerns, public access, etc. all while trying to sustain an economically viable operation. This session is to help identify sources that ranchers can go to for financial assistance. We'll cover programs and sources that can help: fund ranch improvements, provide volunteer assistance, plan landscape scale projects and funding for emergency assistance.

5:30 pm	Reception, Auction and Banquet	Yucca Flats
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Friday, January 24

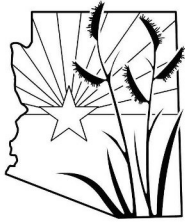
7:00 am	Breakfast	Bar Patio
8:00 am	The Future of Range Science Student Symposium	Sonoran Room

Oral presentations from undergraduate and graduate students on topics related to rangeland management, wildlife management, grazed forests and fire ecology.

12:00 pm	Adjourn	
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Reservations at the Rancho de los Caballeros Resort can be made by calling 800-684-5030
Contact arizona.srm@gmail.com for more information | azrangelands.org





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**Arizona Section Society for Range Management
2020 Winter Meeting Registration
January 22-24, 2020
Rancho de los Caballeros Resort - Wickenburg, Arizona**

NAME: _____

ORGANIZATION: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE: _____ EMAIL: _____

SPOUSE : _____

GUEST NAMES: _____

Registration Options	SRM Member	Non-SRM Member	Producer	SRM -Student
Full Registration Includes: Sessions, Thursday Breakfast and Lunch, Banquet Dinner, Friday Breakfast	\$125.00	\$135.00	\$100.00	\$75.00
Thursday only Includes: Presentations, Thursday Breakfast and Lunch	\$75.00	\$85.00	\$40.00	\$35.00
Thursday Banquet Dinner Only	\$55.00	\$55.00	\$55.00	\$55.00
Friday Only	\$40.00	\$50.00	\$30.00	\$20.00

Event Total \$ _____

LATE REGISTRATION (after 01/03/2020) \$25 per registrant \$ _____

TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED: \$ _____

Special meal requests: _____

For additional information, contact Erin Thomas at arizona.srm@gmail.com or at 928-225-9059

Register online at <http://bit.ly/2ITdydM>

Or mail the registration form with payment to:

Ashley Hall

University of Arizona Gila County Cooperative Extension

5515 S. Apache Ave., Suite 600,

Globe, AZ 85501-4428

Please make room reservations no later than December 22, 2020 in order to get AZSRM block rate. Reservations can be made by calling (800) 684-5030 and mentioning the AZSRM group rate.



Tierra Seca Beef Raffle

Win a ¼ of a beef, home-raised in Sonoita, Arizona, to help us get to the national Society for Range Management conference!

All proceeds go towards sending our Tierra Seca Rangeland Plant Identification and Undergraduate Range Management Exam Teams to Denver, Colorado in February 2020!

Tickets are **\$10 each** or **6 for \$50**

Drawings will be held on **February 1st, 2020.**

Four draws for ¼ beef

Cut and wrapped to your specifications!

Market value of **\$1100;**
\$620 processing fee included!

To purchase, contact any of our members or officers via uofatierraseca@gmail.com or (520) 891-6018. Payments can be made in cash, check (made out to Tierra Seca), card, or Venmo @TierraSeca.

Thank you for your support!



Tierra Seca
University of Arizona Student Chapter
Society for Range Management



Director North Report —*JD Eddy*

Winter is finally kicking into gear here in the white mountains and folks are starting to wrap up their preparations. With the dry fall and early winter many departments have been able to take advantage of some good prescribed fire opportunities here in the north eastern part of the state. There have been many burns throughout the white mountains area on federal, tribal, private and state managed lands. Air quality was a little lower as a result but the benefits will outweigh the inconveniences for our rangelands.

That said I am glad to see a few good storms on the horizon with a little rain/ snow this last couple weeks. With the hunting season in full swing and new winter pastures being utilized we could all use some fresh drinking holes scattered around the landscape. With some coming storms moving critters around as this hunting season progresses please keep myself and my counterparts throughout the state informed of any issues or success stories you encounter.

This last storm in the north east provided a little moisture in some great locations in need of moisture due to this years dry fall and early winter. I recently heard that these last storms in November have given some much needed rain to a ranch that participated in the reseeded efforts talked about in our June newsletter. Seed was received and flown about a week prior to this storm so the timing couldn't have been much

better. Here is hoping and praying that area and all your ranches and farms receive continued moisture throughout this season in preparation for the coming growing seasons.

Since my last report a lot has happened in the conservation world. We have had a very successful year throughout the many programs I participate in. AZGFD's Habitat Partnership Committee (HPC) has been conducting meetings throughout the state and began ranking the many great projects being presented statewide. The Landowner Relations Program has also had some great success this year leading to a more competitive funding cycle already being allocated around the state. Many great water distribution and grassland restoration projects are already being conducted but that is not to say it is too late to begin thinking about your great ideas or resource needs in your area. Among these are many projects funded through different non-profit groups that have provided different funding opportunities related to their respective interests.

Thanks again for continuing to keep wildlife in mind as you move pastures and make winter preparations throughout the state! I look forward to seeing you all at the winter meeting in Wickenburg.

Yours in conservation, JD

Arizona State University Activities—*Kevin York*

ASU has been hard at work preparing for the Range Plant ID Contest at the SRM annual meeting. We have a strong team of students assembled, three of whom have never been to any kind of SRM event before. The plant ID contest should be the perfect conduit to showcase the knowledge, networking and experiential opportunities available through SRM and hopefully garner more interest in the organization. We also have a ranch visit with a local rancher coming up soon, and several individuals from NRCS have volunteered to talk to us about monitoring at the ranch.

Photo: Senecio flaccidus (threadleaf ragwort) inflorescence; by Kevin York



Candidate Bio for 2020 *Vice President*

Joshua Grace, Ph.D.

Josh serves as a Rangeland and Livestock Agent with University of Arizona Cooperative Extension, covering much of north-eastern Arizona. He's a native Texan, drawn to Arizona in 2016 by the desire to experience the vast landscapes and diverse rangelands of the south west. In addition to his time here in Arizona, he has worked in rangelands throughout Texas and Louisiana in both technical guidance and academic settings. He's immersed himself in Arizona rangelands, having worked in many range types and regions throughout the state. He spends as much time on the range as possible and enjoys working with ranchers and other range professionals to further the field of applied rangeland science.



Josh has been a long time member of the national organization and Texas Section as both a professional and student. He became a member of the Arizona Section in 2016 and is completing a 2-year term on the Section's Board of Directors. Josh also serves on the Society for Range Management National Policy and Public Affairs Committee (PPAC) where he helps the Society address pressing issues at the National level. He has had an active term as Director North, leading an effort to revise the Section's bylaws and assisting in planning a successful summer meeting. He hopes to continue building on the great successes made during that time and would appreciate your vote!

Candidate Bio for 2020-2021 *Director North*

Andy Habgood

Andy was born and raised in Arizona with a passion for rangelands, hunting and fishing. He started his career as a seasonal range technician on the Black Mesa Ranger District in 2008. He began his permanent career with the Forest Service in 2009 on the Coronado National Forest while he was attending the University of Arizona. He graduated in 2010 with a B.S. in Range Management. He has been a Rangeland Management Specialist on the Black Mesa and Lakeside Ranger Districts since October of 2010. He has been an active participant in the Arizona Section SRM since 2009, attending several National SRM conventions along the way.

He is dedicated to the management of rangelands and prides himself in managing ecosystems and

working with land managers using a common sense approach. He is particularly focused on getting projects completed at the ground level, whether it be water developments or pinon-juniper treatments and everything in between. He has worked hard to develop relationships with ranchers across the state to provide mutual benefits to the ecosystem as a whole with the goal of providing sustainable rangelands for future generations. He would be honored to be nominated for Director North of the Arizona Section SRM.



Candidate Bio for 2020-2021 Director South

Brett Myers

Brett Myers was born in Columbus, Ohio and spent his youth living in Alabama, Florida, and Michigan. He graduated in July 2017 with a degree in Natural Resources with an emphasis in Ecology, Management and Restoration of Rangelands. Brett enlisted in the US Marine Corps in 2006, was stationed in 29 Palms, and served two deployments to Iraq as an infantryman. He then followed the open skies to Tucson, Arizona where he fell in love with Western rangelands. Ecology was a strong interest for him throughout his life, and so he naturally took an interest in rangeland with the integration of plant communities, soils, wildlife, livestock use, and watershed function. He joined the University of Arizona in 2015, and began working as a student trainee (rangeland management) for the NRCS in Sells and Tucson, Arizona. During this time, he realized that helping ranchers conserve natural resources was the



best career anyone could have! After graduation, he accepted a position with the NRCS at the Tucson Field Office, where he currently serves as a Rangeland Management Specialist, and the Veteran's Special Emphasis Program Manager.

WINTER MEETING AUCTION REMINDER

Please join us for our annual fundraising auction.

January 23rd, 2020

Reception & Auction 6:00-7:00pm

Rancho de los Caballeros

Wickenburg, AZ

PLEASE BRING ITEMS TO DONATE

for the live and silent auctions!

DON'T MISS AZSRM AUCTIONEER OF THE YEAR!

THE FABULOUS DEAN FISH!

HAS ANYONE SEEN ME?
Reward to be issued by Andrew Brischke upon the return of our beloved Pepe, the bobblehead chihuahua.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

2019

December 09-12 Indian Agriculture Council Conference, Las Vegas, NV

2020

January 09-10 Southwest Decision Resources: Facilitation Training, Tucson

January 22-24 Arizona Section SRM Winter Meeting, Rancho de los Caballeros, Wickenburg, AZ

January 31 Altar Valley Soil Health Workshop, Kings Anvil Ranch, AZ

February 13-14 Arizona Cattle Growers Association Winter Meeting, Gila River Convention Center

February 16-20 Annual SRM Conference - *A New Look: Transformation & Translation*, Denver, CO

June 14-16 National Grazing Land Coalition Summer Bus Tour, Nebraska



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