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President's Message

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Greetings All!

Our Winter meeting in Mesa was very informative and enjoyable. Many good comments were received from the attendees on content of the meeting, the food and the facilities. The variety of presenters was encouraging, the facilitators were outstanding and the Q&A sessions gave us all a lot to think about.

The upcoming summer meeting will be another opportunity to rub shoulders with people who have the same concerns and issues that you have, so I encourage you to come and mingle.

The dry Winter and Spring have created problems for producers especially here in Arizona. The Wallow fire and others have eliminated forage for this season and possibly multiple seasons. The ranchers who depend on those permits are looking for assistance and ideas. Rehabilitating hundreds of thousands of acres is both a challenge and an opportunity. I hope you bring your thoughts and ideas to the meeting at the V Bar V.

The lack of precipitation brings the word drought to many lips. Those who saw this possibility coming have made adjustments but few anticipated the fires that have occurred. The Monsoons are predicted and relative humidity in Tucson are approaching the necessary 55% that will precede them. There will be ensuing run-off issues in the burned areas but BAER Teams are already working to mitigate as many of those potential issues as they can. Dry lightning is predicted for the next few weeks which could produce more fires and more issues. For those of you with livestock on grazing permits, keep communicating their locations with your range cons.

The Ranchers Committee under Terry Wheeler's guidance is working on gathering and disseminating information about working with Agencies and getting allotments under management. We look forward to a report at the summer meeting.

There will be updates on the Native Range Programs at the V Bar V from Alvin Whitehair. I look forward to visiting with you all in August and finding out how and what we've done to prepare and get through this grazing season. Thanks...

Don L.

ps—the rains have started...



As a new member of the Board of Directors, I look forward to meeting all of you that I don't already know. Undoubtedly, one of the largest benefits we derive from membership in SRM is the knowledge and assistance we obtain from each other.

I recently listened in on a conference call held by the National SRM Board of Directors. I learned there are vacancies on numerous committees at the National SRM. Since our AZ section committees mirror those at the national level, it would be an easy transition for AZ section committee members to move up to the same committee at the national level. I would also encourage all of our section members to join one of our committees, since that is where the rubber meets the road for most of our AZ section activities.

Mike Hemovich

VP AZ section SRM

Student Scholarship

Recipients Recognized at Annual Meeting

At the Annual Meeting in Mesa on 28 January 2011, the University of Arizona and Arizona State University recipients of the Section's Outstanding Undergraduate Student Scholarship were recognized. The scholarship recognizes the outstanding student in a degree program emphasizing rangeland management. Each recipient received a check for \$300, and a one-year membership in the Society for Range Management.

The recipient from Arizona State University was Antonio Lopez. He is a Senior, graduating in the Spring of 2011 with a major in Applied Biological Sciences with an emphasis in Wildlife and Habitat Restoring focusing on Rangeland Management. He will qualify as a "Rangeland Management Specialist and a "Wildlife Biologist" when he graduates. He is currently working as a Rangeland Management Specialist Trainee in the Student Cooperative Program on the Tonto National Forest. He is the President of the Student Chapter of the SRM at ASU. He is planning to participate in the SRM Rangeland Plant Identification Contest at the national meeting in Billings. Antonio received this same award in 2010.

The recipient from the University of Arizona was Cameron Warner. He is in his second term as the President of the Student Chapter called Tierra Seca, and is a member of the team planning to participate in the Undergraduate Range Management Exam at the upcoming national meeting in Billings. He will graduate in May 2011 with a BS degree in Natural Resources with an emphasis in Ecology and Management of Rangelands. He was raised in Normal, Illinois and decided to attend the University of Arizona

because of the opportunities available in natural resources and environmental science. In the classroom, he has received several awards for academic distinction from the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences. He is currently assisting a graduate student with the field portion of a research project describing the vegetation patterns on the Barry Golderwater Range. He will pursue a career in the field of rangeland management, but has not narrowed his pursuit to any specific position. Cameron received this same award in 2010.

On a related topic, Alanna Riggs a junior at the University of Arizona will receive the Marcelle E. Schmutz Memorial Scholarship given in memory of Erv Schmutz's father. Erv was a longtime faculty member in Range Management at UA. Alanna was born and raised on a ranch in the Chiricahua Mountains in Southeast Arizona, which has been in her family for many generations. She is a junior at the University of Arizona and is pursuing two majors, one in Spanish and the other in Natural Resources with an emphasis in Ecology and Management of Rangelands. At the University, she has been involved in the Spanish Club, the Tierra Seca Chapter of the Society for Range Management, and the Women's Rugby Team. She is a member of the team that will participate in the Undergraduate Range Management Exam at the upcoming national meeting in Billings.



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2011 AZ Section SRM Summer Meeting

Theme: Arizona Rangelands: Past, Present, and Future

Wed Morning

10am-2pm. Al Medina, Upper Verde River Ecological Tour. Meeting place TBD

Contact Al for further details:

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Wed Afternoon

1-3 pm. Begin setup headquarters/registration area at Mahan Park

3-5pm. AZ Section SRM Committee meetings

Wed Evening

6-7:30pm. General Membership Meeting

7:30-8pm. Hamburger/Hot Dog supper. Proceeds go to NRCWAY committee to support travel to national SRM High School Youth Forum by AZ students (suggested donation \$10)

8-8:30pm. Welcome from U of A and USFS, **Introduction to Mogollon Rim and Verde Valley** (speaker TBD)

8:30-9:00pm. Bill Inman, of the Padre Mesa Demonstration Ranch. **Navajo Ranching**

9:00-? Movie Night, “*Hope on the Range*” followed by: Movie TBD

Thur Morning

6am. Coffee

7-8am. Breakfast

8-8:30am. Welcome from V Bar V Ranch, morning orientation, V Bar V Ranch Corrals at Mahan Park

8:30-9:15. **V Bar V Ranch operation, Adaptive Grazing System, Animal Breeding and Nutrition Research**
(Dr Dave Schafer: Resident Director, V Bar V Ranch)

9:15-10am. **V Bar V Range Program, Research and Extension.**

(Dr Doug Tolleson: Range Specialist, V Bar V Ranch)

10-10:30am. Travel to first site on morning tour.

10:30-11:00am. **Range fuel/forage modeling research, technique demo**

by Range Rocks! high school students

(John Kava: Research Assistant, V Bar V Ranch)

11-11:15am. Travel to next stop on tour.

11:15-11:45am. **Range livestock mineral research, demo remote load cell equipment**

(Dr Jim Sprinkle: Area Livestock Specialist, UA Cooperative Extension. And Dr Bryan McMurray: Beef Marketing Manager, Cargill Animal Nutrition)

11:45am-noon. Travel back to Mahan Park.

Thur Afternoon

Noon-1pm. Lunch served by student chapters.

1-1:15pm. Afternoon tour orientation.

1:15-2pm. Travel to first stop on afternoon tour (Bar T Bar)

2-2:45pm. Prescribed fire/grazing project (Iric Burden: Range Tech, Coconino NF)

2:45-3pm. Travel.

3-3:45pm. Second stop on prescribed fire/grazing project (Iric Burden)

Cattle/Elk interaction on the Mogollon Rim

(Larry Howery: Extension Range Specialist, U. of A., Dr Bill Miller, Associate Professor in wildlife, ASU)

3:45-4:30pm. Travel back to Mahan Park.

4:30-5:30pm. Free-time.

Thur Evening

5:30-6:30pm. Chuck Wagon Supper. Catered by Bopper Cannon and family.

6:30-7:15pm. History of the V Bar V Ranch (Deb Pearson: Business Manager and Historian, V Bar V Ranch)

7:15-?. Music by “The Happy Jacks”

Fri Morning

6:30-7:45am. Travel to Beaver Creek Ranger Station

7:45am. Coffee

7:45-8:15am. Breakfast at Beaver Creek Ranger Station

8:15-8:30am. Morning orientation, Beaver Creek Ranger Station

8:30-9am. Travel to Wickiup Draw. Carpool, can leave vehicles at ranger station

9-9:45am. Wickiup Draw restoration project. (Amina Sena: Watershed Specialist, Coconino NF)

9:45-10am. Travel to Walker Creek

10-10:30am. Russell Wash and Walker Creek restoration projects. (Speaker TBD)

10:30-11am. Travel to USFS V Bar V Rock Art Site. Divide into groups

11am -12:30pm Natural history of Verde Valley, (Speaker TBD)

Grazing history of Verde Valley, (Jerry Mundell: USFS Retired)

Rock art site history and natural resource use by local native cultures

(Travis Bone: Archaeologist, Coconino. Ken Zoll, Arizona Archaeological Society)

12:30 -1:30pm. Travel back to Beaver Creek Station for lunch, wrap up, announce plant ID contest winners, organize for extracurricular activities. Lunch served by student chapters.

Fri Afternoon.

1:30-?. Hike Bell Trail/ Swim at “The Crack”

Range Manager of the Year – Daniel Bell and the Bell Family

The ZZ Cattle Corporation and Bear Valley Ranch, located just west of Nogales, AZ has been owned and operated by the Bell family since the early 1930's and is currently managed by Dan Bell. Four separate Forest Service Allotments along with State and private lands makeup the ranch holdings of the Bell family and is operated with 5 separate herds.

Dan, much like many ranchers in Arizona, is faced with the common issues that involve a successful ranching operation as well as the added concern of the US/Mexico border and its many travelers both human and livestock, managing around the Pajarito Wilderness, management considerations for over 30 species found on the ranch listed in the Endangered Species Act and dealing with different family entities on the ranch. The Bell Family has been involved in many projects to both enhance their livestock operation and maintain rangeland conditions but, also to enhance wildlife species and natural areas on the ranch. They have cooperated with multiple agencies such as the US Forest Service, Arizona Game and Fish and the US Border Patrol in tackling issues from installing cattle guards to comply with management schedules to relocation of the endangered Chiricahua Leopard frog.

Dan is also a very active member in many groups and organizations pertaining to issues related to rangeland management, livestock management, agency organization and education. Dan is Chair of several organizations such as the Santa Cruz Natural Resources Conservation District and the Arizona Grazing Lands Conservation Initiative; Vice Chair of the Arizona Cattle Growers Association and an active member of several other organizations. The Bell Family hosts a wide variety of annual meetings and educational field days on the ranch with local school districts, University of Arizona and the Santa Cruz NRCD.

Congratulations to Dan Bell and the Bell Family on receiving the 2010 Range Manager of the Year award for Arizona's Section of the Society for Range Management!



Outstanding Service – E. Lamar Smith

Lamar Smith earned his bachelor's, masters and doctorate's degrees from Colorado State University, while working summers establishing monitoring transects on forest lands across Colorado. Lamar's first work for the University of Arizona was on rangeland issues in Brazil. When he came back, he taught several of the range classes and became program leader of the Range Management division of the School of Natural Resources for 16 years.

Lamar served as the academic member of Arizona's Bureau of Land Management Resource Advisory Council and aided in the development of the Standards and Guides used to evaluate rangeland condition on BLM lands in Arizona. He was also a member of the Governors' Rangeland Technical Advisory Council that reviewed the Forest Service's Rangeland Models in Arizona to determine stocking capacity and alternative models to evaluate impacts for federal regulatory compliance and was also actively involved with the Arizona Association of Conservation Districts. He has also written numerous technical papers and peer reviewed many articles.

Lamar retired from the U of A after 32 years to his ranch along the San Pedro River but felt the need to return home to the Lone Star State. Even though residing a state away, he continues to commute to Arizona's rangelands evaluating management plans, monitoring on various Forest Service and BLM Allotments and on State Lands. He continues to work with the Arizona Cattle Growers' and the U of A on reviewing Forest Plans, conducting workshops and writing technical reports.

Among all his accomplishments, he is also past President, served as chair of the Rangeland Assessment and Monitoring Committee of the parent society, received the Fellow Award in 2001 and continues to be an active member.

Congratulations to Lamar for receiving the **2010 Outstanding Service Award** from Arizona's Section of the Society for Range Management!



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PRESS RELEASE

HOWERY RECEIVES FELLOW AWARD

from

The Society for Range Management (SRM)

Dr. Larry D. Howery of Tucson, Arizona received the Fellow Award at the Society for Range Management's (SRM) 64th Annual Meeting held in Billings, Montana, February 5 - 11, 2011. The Fellow Award recognizes SRM members for their service and contributions to the Society.

Dr. Larry D. Howery has made significant and long-term contributions in service, research, and education to the Society for Range Management and the Range Science profession. Since 1995, Dr. Howery has been the State Rangeland Extension Specialist for Arizona. At the University of Arizona, Dr. Howery has been active on many committees. In the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences he has been a member of Awards, Academic Review, Computer Resources, Extension and Continuing Education Advisory, Newsletter, Peer Review, Futures Task Force, and State FFA Career Development Field Day Committees. Dr. Howery also serves on the Arizona Cooperative Extension Noxious Weed Working Group, Santa Rita Experimental Range Discussion Working Group, Resource Advisory Council for the Arizona Bureau of Land Management (BLM), and the Arizona State Invasive Species Strategic Plan Committee.

Dr. Howery has been an active volunteer in the Society for Range Management. He has served as the President of the Arizona Section, member and chair of the Society's Advisory Council, and as a member of the several SRM committees; Operations Task Force, Invasive Species Committee, and Reaccreditation Visitation Team for Colorado State University. He twice served as a member and chair of Search Committees for the Executive Vice President. Finally, in 2007, Dr. Howery was elected to a three year term as a Director for the Society for Range Management.

At all levels, Dr. Howery has shown dedicated service to the Society for Range Management and Range profession. It was with great honor that the Society for Range Management presented Dr. Larry D. Howery with a 2011 Fellow Award.



Nearby Lodging for Summer Meeting

Happy Jack Lodge & RV Park Phone: (928) 477-2805 Email: happyjacklodge@hughes.net

Web: <http://www.happyjacklodge.com/>

Mormon Lake Lodge Phone: 928-354-2227 ext 10

Web: <http://foreverlodging.com/destination.cfm?PropertyKey=66>

Clint's Well Resort, RV Park Phone: (928) 477-2299 or (928) 477-2616

Web: <http://www.sunriseresorts.com/clints.jsp>

Numerous camping sites for tents and RV's are available near the V Bar V Summer Headquarters. Porta-potties and hand washing stations will be available at the headquarters.

Google Maps location :

Mahan Park, Coconino, Arizona 86024

(lat 34.36087, long -111.375857)

AZ Section SRM Summer Meeting Registration

Arizona Rangelands: Past, Present, and Future

V Bar V Ranch Summer Headquarters, Mahan Park

Wed August 3 through Fri August 5, 2011

<u>Registration options</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Unit Price</u>	<u>Total</u>
<u>Full Registration</u>	<input type="text"/>	\$55.00	<input type="text"/>

Includes: all tours and presentations, Thur/Fri breakfast and lunch and Thur pm Chuck Wagon Supper

<u>Thursday Only</u>	<input type="text"/>	\$35.00	<input type="text"/>
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Includes: Thur tours and presentations, Thur breakfast and lunch and Thur pm Chuck Wagon Supper

<u>Thursday Chuck Wagon Supper Only</u>	<input type="text"/>	\$25.00	<input type="text"/>
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<u>Friday Only</u>	<input type="text"/>	\$15.00	<input type="text"/>
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Includes: Fri tours and presentations,, Fri breakfast and lunch

Extracurricular Activities—(please sign up if you intend to participate in an activity even if there is no charge so we can get a head count)

Bell Trail Hike/Swim (free)

*Verde River Tour	<input type="text"/>	\$25.00	<input type="text"/>
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Your Event Total	<input type="text"/>
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* Please contact ***Al Medina*** for further details on the ***Verde River Tour***

Phone (928)-853-1391 or Email almedina777@hotmail.com

[Check the Arizona Section and V Bar V Range News websites for updates](#)

<http://azrangelands.org/>

<http://cals.arizona.edu/aes/vbarv/rangenews.html>

FORM AVAILABLE ON-LINE or mail Registration and check or money order to:

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University of Arizona, V Bar V Ranch

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~MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION~

Membership in the Society for Range Management is open to anyone engaged in or interested in any aspect of the study, management, or use of rangelands. Membership rights and privileges include: voting, committee service, nomination and election to offices, subscription to Rangelands journal and the SRM News. Arizona Section newsletter (for AZ Section members), discounted prices for publications, meeting registration fees, page charges and certification fees. For more information on membership in SRM or to request a Membership application, please contact Shai Schendel at the following e-mail: Shai.Schendel@az.usda.gov.

To all those who are concerned about noxious/invasive plants in the SW U.S.:

The 18th Annual Noxious, Invasive Plant Short Course is less than a month away. July 12 is the deadline to avoid a late fee. This year, registration may be capped at 45 participants so don't wait!

Go to <https://www.regonline.com/weedshortcourse> to register or see the attached flyer for more information. This is a great learning and networking opportunity.

Questions? Email Dr. Larry Howery (lhowery@ag.arizona.edu).



