



Arizona Section Newsletter

June 2018



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Society for Range Management



President's Message - Iric Burden

Down the back Stretch!

We find ourselves in the midst of a drought throughout Arizona that seems daunting. We all know the saying about how rain makes managers look good, but it is really the droughts that show the true talents of a truly great range manager, right? I would like to declare that getting through tough situations, such as a drought, the best managers don't do it alone, rather they rely on past teachings, neighbors, friends, family, peers and colleagues to get through. While we can't predict, with certainty, the monsoon season, all of us from Arizona know what possibilities lie ahead. This is when range managers must be at their best and use all the resources possible. That being said, this year seems timely for our Summer and Winter meetings to discuss collaboration. I will not go into the details, as Andrew has spelled it out in this newsletter, but I would like to share my excitement with Andrew as this is the perfect time to bring us all together.

Now to the business at hand. In the last newsletter, I laid out three main goals to achieve this year. We are now on the back stretch at the half way pole, so let me tell you where we are at with achieving our goals.

Complete a strategic plan relevant to the Arizona Section and in line with National SRM goals:

The board, led by Director South Alisha Phipps, has laid out 3-4 main goals for Arizona SRM for the next five years. This has been reviewed by the board and will be going out to our membership and partners for comment during the summer meeting. The board is craving comments to make this a living and functional working strategic plan, and we look forward to hearing what you all have to say.

Updating our by-laws: The board, led by Director North Josh Grace with help from Director South Rachel Turner went through our by-laws and compared them to the National SRM by-laws. The proposed changes will be presented at the summer meeting and sent out to our membership for comment soon after. While by-laws are not the most exciting aspect of an organization, they are critical in maintaining an organization's function.

Develop a Marketing/Public Relations Strategy: The board, led by Vice President Erin Boyd and aided by Director North Joey Dahms and our PR Committee Chair Jessica Orozco have been coming up with a proposed direction and budget. We hope to have a first wave hit before the summer meeting. Also, they have been charged with developing a new logo, which Jessica has outlined how we are going about this design in this newsletter! I am really excited to see what possibilities come of this.

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CALL FOR AWARD NOMINATIONS!

Do you know an individual or group of individuals who display excellence in rangeland or ranch management? Help the Arizona Section give them the recognition they deserve! Blank nomination forms can be found on pages 11-15 of this newsletter. **Nominations for 2018 awards are due by September 01** to the AZ Section Awards Committee Chair:

Jason Martin, jmartin@blm.gov



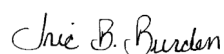
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Why these goals? Like many other organizations, Arizona SRM has seen declining numbers over the past decade plus. We have only really two options: 1) accept it and resign to the fact it is what it is or 2) make every effort to change the direction. We are currently sitting at 118 members. Our historical high was in the neighborhood of 230 members in the 90's. The strategic plan lays out the needs to improve by providing a mind that can achieve anything. Our changes to the by-laws provides a strengthened backbone as to how we operate, while the marketing/public relations strategy will hopefully be the legs to move us in a positive direction.

On behalf of the board, we are all excited to see the changes, but we also realize, there is no way this works without the input of the membership and partners. That being said, I am rejecting the idea of "it is what it is" and adopting the mindset of "make every effort to induce change". Refer back to the beginning of this message "the best managers are those that seek and accept input from all". We have a fantastic board, with lots of energy and willingness to work very hard for the membership and partners. I implore all of you to provide feedback during this process.

Thank you for your time!

Sincerely,



President – Society for Range Management Arizona Section

Save The Date:**August 15 – 17, 2018**

Society for Range Management, Arizona Section

Annual Summer Meeting

Cooperation, Collaboration, and Coalitions

In Partnership with: Diablo Trust, Bar T Bar and Flying M Ranches

Moqui Group Campground, Coconino National Forest

Happy Jack, AZ

TENTATIVE AGENDA**Wednesday, 8/15**

NRCWAY BBQ Fundraiser

Membership Meeting

History of Area?

Lunch: Hay Lake (UA/ASU)

Third Project Site (TBD), Bar T Bar

Red Rock Watershed (Coalition

Project Collaboration

IMFOS Collaboration?

Thursday, 8/16

Breakfast (UA/ASU)

Introductions/Program Overview

First Project Site (TBD), Bar T Bar

Diablo Trust (Coalition)

Project Collaboration

FRSG Cooperative Monitoring?

Second Project Site (TBD), Bar T Bar

Malpai Borderlands (Coalition)

Project Collaboration

Travel Back to Camp

Dinner: Bopper Cannon Chuck Wagon

Friday 8/17

Breakfast (UA/ASU)

Introductions/Program Overview

Fourth Project Site, TBD, Flying M

Project Collaboration

Reading the Range Cooperation

Lunch / Adjourn

LOGO DESIGN CONTEST FOR ARIZONA SECTION

WINNER'S PRIZE VALUED AT OVER \$200!

DESIGNS DUE BY AUGUST 03, 2018



A logo can say a lot about a company or organization. It is a succinct way to illustrate what your organization is all about. Often times companies spend tons of money on new branding efforts and time spent on lengthy research and design to create a logo that captures the essence of what that company is all about.

For Arizona SRM that means capturing the diversity and heritage of the great state of Arizona. Not such an easy task! In an effort to revitalize membership and appreciation for Arizona SRM, the board thought it would be a good idea to create a new logo. And who better than to design a new logo than the society's own members! Which is why we decided to hold a logo design contest to find just the right design that expresses what Arizona SRM is all about.

Along with bragging rights, if your logo is chosen, you will be awarded a \$100 gift card to Cabela's, a one-year gift membership to SRM that you can use or give to a friend, and a swag bag with your logo on it! This prize package is valued at over \$200 dollars! Here are the guidelines:

1. Designs should encompass the heritage and diversity of Arizona Rangelands
2. Designs must contain the words "Society of Range Management Arizona Section" in some way
3. All designs should be original art (no copy cats!)
4. These designs will be used for hats, t-shirts, cups, etc. so keep that in mind when you are creating your design. Too much detail might not show up as well in embroidery or other types of material
5. Submit designs by **August 3rd 2018** to Jessica Orozco at: **orozcojessica21@gmail.com**
6. HAVE FUN WITH IT!

All submitted designs will be gathered and voted on by the members at the summer meeting in August. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Jessica Orozco for more information.

DIRECTOR SOUTH REPORT—*Rachel Turner*

Hey everyone! Things have changed so much for me since my last report. I received my master's degree, moved from Tucson, traveled a bit, and I married my husband in Flagstaff. Like a true range nerd, I was identifying grasses on my wedding day – my family was not as amused by the Arizona fescue as I was.

These past several months have really shown me how life moves so fast sometimes. This is a contrast to what I observed during some of the field work I was helping with last month. While working during this past field season, I assisted with the collection of soil descriptions at Key Areas.

As part of our sampling procedure, we identified horizons, their depth, and soil type. You always want to dig a hole big enough to stick your feet in, it's more comfortable that way.



Soil development occurs over many years which can bring up a lot of questions regarding the factors that influence it. I have really enjoyed getting to learn more about soil and its interactions with vegetation. While things above ground tend to move much quicker than below, vegetation will always depend on many of the soil characteristics developed over time. Hopefully during the summer meeting there will be some discussion regarding soils as I've realized how much there is to learn. Looking forward to seeing everyone then!

SB 1432: RELATING TO AZ DEPARTMENT OF FORESTRY AND FIRE MANAGEMENT

In April 2018 the Governor signed SB 1432, which was introduced to amend Title 37, Chapter 9, Article I, Arizona Revised Statutes, by adding Section 37-1308; relating to the Arizona Department of Forestry and Fire Management (DFFM). Section 37-1308 states that DFFM shall offer training to individuals or groups of ranchers and landowners to detect, prevent and suppress forest and range fires within Arizona. The intent is to ensure that ranchers and landowners are adequately equipped to protect their property and neighboring property from forest and range fires.

While it remains to be seen how this section will be implemented, we can look to Rangeland Fire Protection Associations (RFPAs) and their respective state programs in Oregon and Idaho for a framework. In these states, rangeland landowners can voluntarily form RFPAs as registered nonprofit organizations in areas that lack existing state or rural fire protection. RFPAs are often all-volunteer groups with training and legal authority (from state government) to participate in fire suppression across land ownerships. Separate arrangements are necessary for RFPAs to participate in suppression on federal lands. Nevada's program was established in 2015, and since the 1990s numerous RFPAs have emerged in Oregon and Idaho.

Here in Arizona, next steps are for DFFM to develop a specific training program and determine processes and procedures. It remains to be seen whether the RFA model is best suited for wildfire response in Arizona, and what additional statutes and written agreements are needed. Overall, this new authority recognizes that adequately equipped ranchers and landowners could respond quickly to fire starts and protect their property and resources from unwanted wildfire.

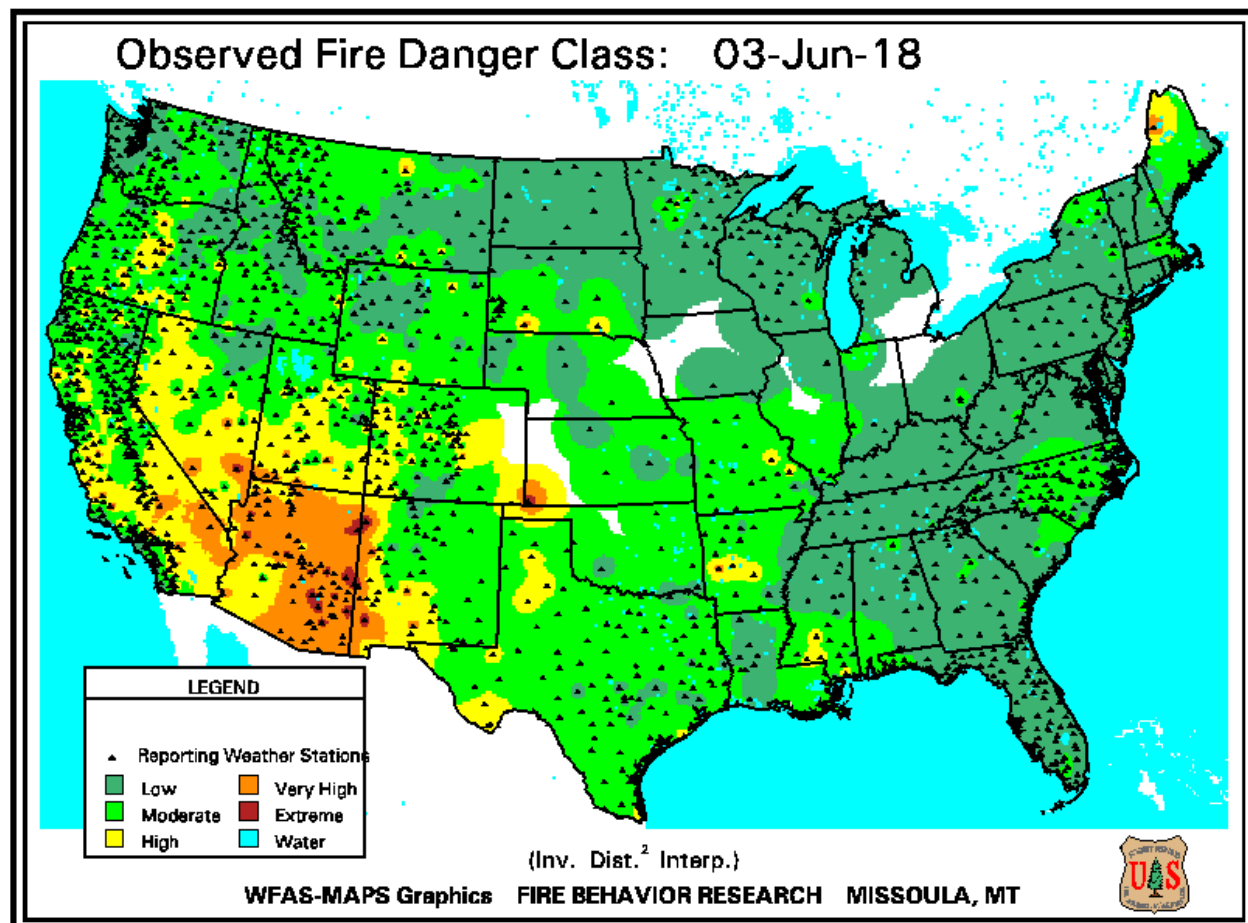


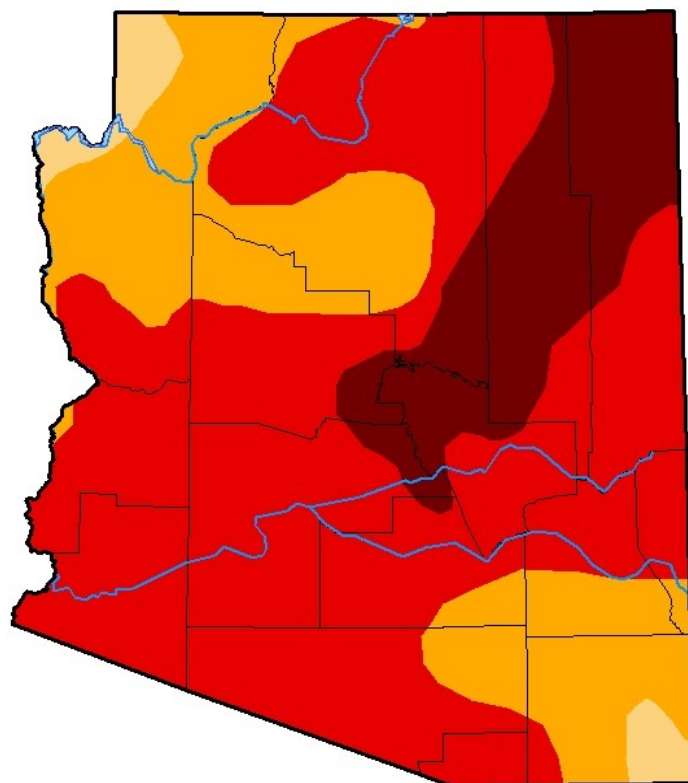
Figure Source and Data: USFS Wildland Fire Assessment System Most recent observed fire danger rating class calculated by USFS Wildland Fire Assessment System. Figure Updated Daily. <https://www.wfas.net/>

U.S. Drought Monitor Arizona

May 29, 2018

(Released Thursday, May. 31, 2018)

Valid 8 a.m. EDT



Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	0.00	100.00	100.00	97.05	73.61	15.71
Last Week 05-22-2018	0.00	100.00	100.00	97.05	73.20	15.71
3 Months Ago 02-27-2018	0.00	100.00	100.00	73.22	9.27	0.00
Start of Calendar Year 01-02-2018	0.00	100.00	100.00	28.66	0.00	0.00
Start of Water Year 09-26-2017	45.38	54.62	10.69	0.00	0.00	0.00
One Year Ago 05-30-2017	52.14	47.86	27.83	0.23	0.00	0.00

Intensity:

D0 Abnormally Dry	D3 Extreme Drought
D1 Moderate Drought	D4 Exceptional Drought
D2 Severe Drought	

The Drought Monitor focuses on broad-scale conditions. Local conditions may vary. See accompanying text summary for forecast statements.

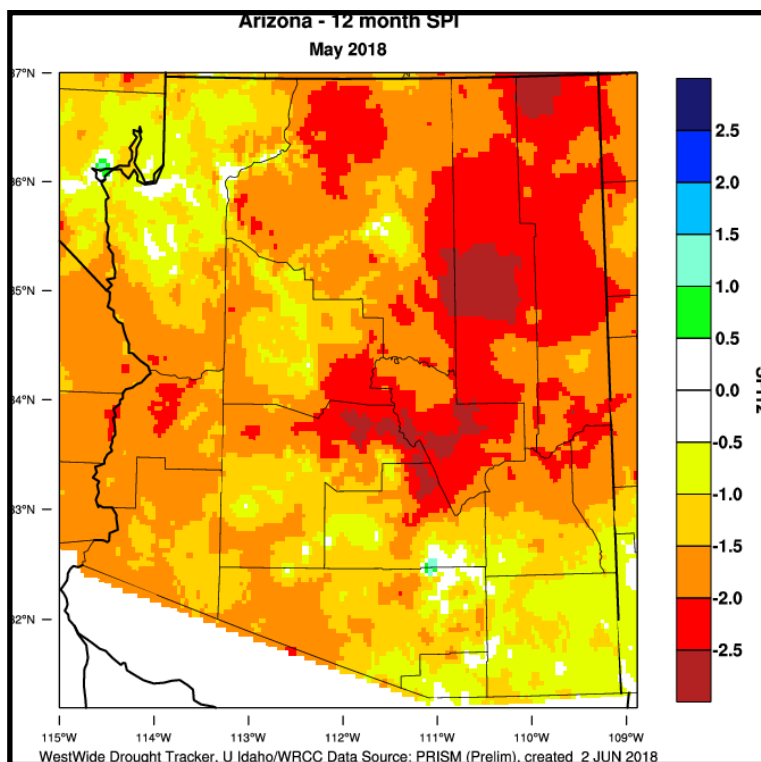
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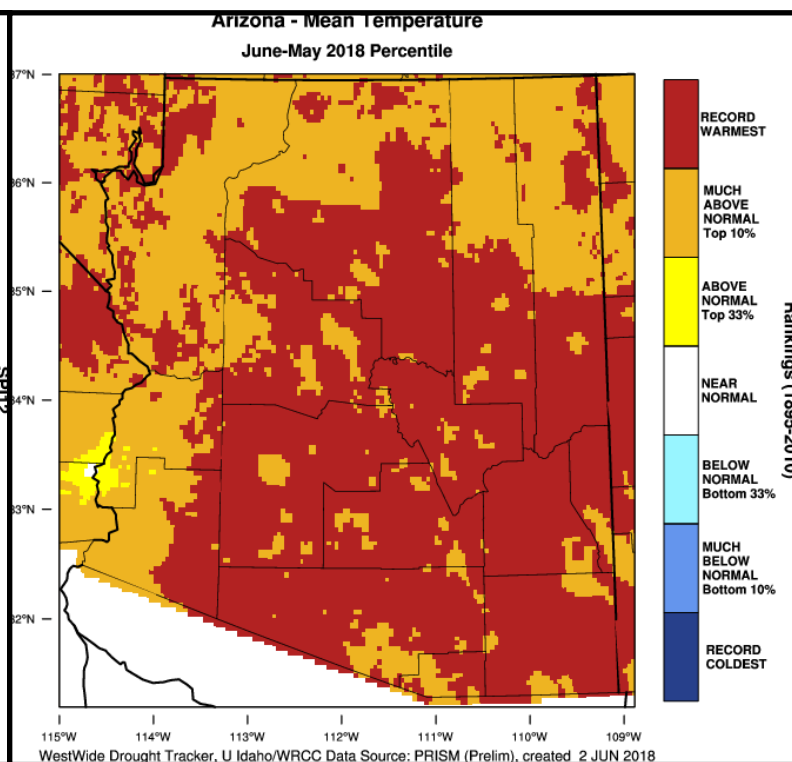


<http://droughtmonitor.unl.edu/>

12-Month Standardized Precipitation Index (SPI)

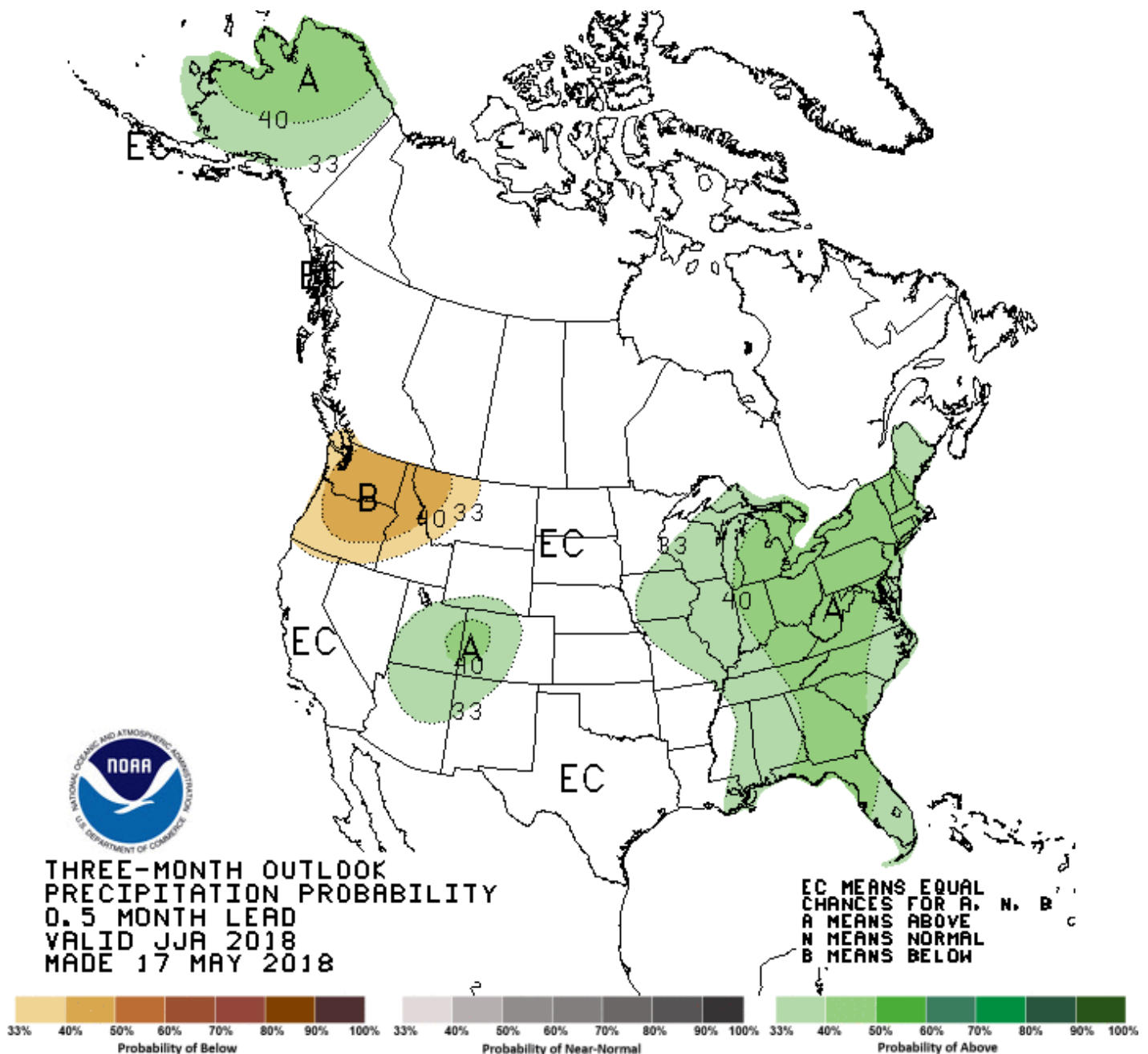


12-Month Temperature Ranking



DIRECTOR NORTH REPORT—Joey Dahms

Times are tough up north, with yet another drought and multiple fires raging across the Coconino and Apache National Forests: it's many of our worst fears as land managers and agricultural producers coming true. In anticipation of wildfire becoming worse, closures of public land are being put into effect along with both stage 1 and 2 fire restrictions on lands that are remaining open. According to the US Drought Monitor the entire state is rated between moderate to exceptional, with the exceptional rating (as dry as you can get) covering 16% of the state. Ranchers across northern Arizona have been forced to cut numbers and change plans based upon severe lacks of available water and the uncertainty of what forage will become available within the coming year. While things are tough it almost always seems like Arizona is in a drought year, and it should never be a surprise. Situations like these emphasize the importance of managing for drought by being prepared to adapt and change to adverse conditions rather than simply praying for rain. As the boy scouts so elegantly put it "Be Prepared". Speaking of praying for rain, however, I have a pretty hopeful outlook for the coming monsoon season. According to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) Climate Prediction Center, it's predicted that we'll have a 33-40% chance of having an above normal summer (Jun-Jul-Aug) in the northern part of the state. However, when it comes to weather predictions I always like to take it with a grain of salt; when you're looking at probabilities in the 30% range it basically means pick a card. I hope everyone is doing well and look forward to seeing you at what is hopefully a very wet summer meeting.



FEATURED UPCOMING EVENTS



DROUGHT MANAGEMENT TOOLS AND RESOURCES WORKSHOP *Presented by University of Arizona Cooperative Extension*

Benson, AZ — September 07, 2018

Globe, AZ — September 14, 2018

Sells, AZ — TBA

For more information, contact

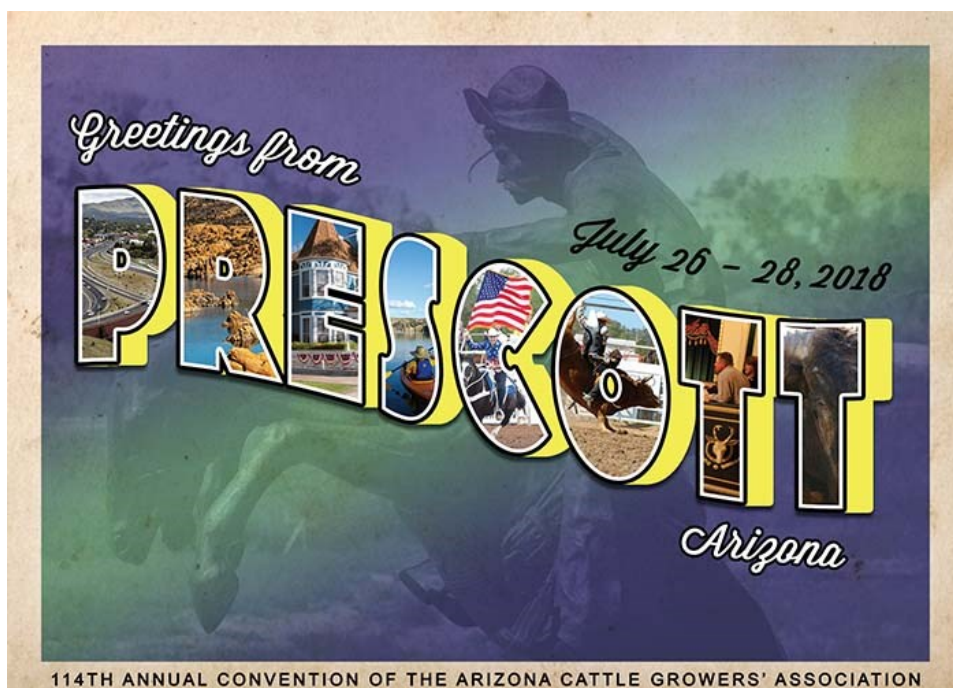
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Society for Range Management Rancher's Meeting Session

Saturday July 28, 2018
10:00—11:00 AM

Prescott Resort:
Chino/Prescott
Meeting Rooms

<http://www.azcattlemensassoc.org/2018acgaconvention.aspx>

2019 SRM Annual Meeting, Technical Training & Trade Show *Gateway to the Prairie*

Hilton, Minneapolis, MN – February 10 – 14, 2019

The Society for Range Management's 72nd Annual Meeting, Technical Training and Trade Show will be held February 10 -14, 2019 at the Hilton, Minneapolis, MN. The theme for the 2019 conference is *Gateway to the Prairie*. Conference Co-Chairs are Jeff Duchene – USDA-NRCS Regional Grazing Specialist and Shawn DeKeyser – NDSU Natural Resources Management Program Leader.



4th ANNUAL SOUTHWEST Intertribal Agriculture Council CONFERENCE

September 25-26, 2018

Twin Arrows Navajo Casino Resort, Flagstaff, AZ

TIERRA SECA TOUR

On Saturday, March 17th Tierra Seca toured the Sonoita Creek Wildlife Corridor property located just north of Patagonia. The tour included a look at many erosion control structures, drinkers for wildlife, and the oak-lined drainage of Smith Canyon. Willie Sommers led the tour, as he worked with the landowners to develop a Stewardship management plan for the 975 acres owned by Wildlife Corridors, LLC.



Don't forget about our Arizona Section Website!

Have you ever wondered what the Board of Directors has been up to between our general meetings? Have you ever wondered how to get in contact with a member of the Board, but don't have their contact information?

You can find all that and more at <http://azrangelands.org/>

Our website has copies of the recent meeting minutes from our Board of Director meetings, a contact list of all of the members of the board, copies of our recent newsletters, and much more!

Check it out!



Field Follies

Andrew Brischke

I've been called many things: Andrew, Andrew Steven (when mom was really mad), Brischke, Brewski, AB, Bely, Ice Cold, Bubbles, sibling names, and many names I'm not going to repeat. No surprises there. But I have never, not once, been called David. Until recently.

I'm in academia. In academia we have to do academia-ey things (I know it is not a word, leave it). Writing is one of those things. When I tell someone I'm in academia, they take great delight in screeching our motto: "Publish or Perish!" Then whoever said it has a good cackle. I have a laugh, and if other people are around, they have a good laugh. Then I mope to the corner and sob because while we were all having a laugh I probably should've been writing. When I do write, I take every ounce of credit I can and pat myself on the back no matter how important or difficult the writing task is.

So I was really looking forward to seeing my name in the National SRM Newsletter for our AZ Section update, "The Year of Native Rangelands." That didn't happen. Usually people misspell my last name.

The Year of Native Rangelands

December 22, 2017 by Liz



*David Brischke, VP AZ Section
Area Assistant Agent, ANR
Mohave & Coconino County Cooperative Extension
The University of Arizona*

The Arizona Section of the Society for Range Management (SRM) embarked on a theme of "The Year of Native Rangelands" for our annual events this year. Arizona has almost 20 million acres of Tribal Lands (~27 %), most of which is rangeland. A search into the AZ Section archives

Do I still get credit for David Brischke's work? Can I list it on my promotion dossier (another academia-ey thing)? I get it. Dr. David Briske (Texas A&M) does great rangeland research and his work gets published on a regular basis. I emailed him to ask if we could share CV credit 50/50. I also emailed my uncle David to congratulate him on his good work and dashing picture. Dr. Briske hasn't responded yet, probably because he is busy writing publishable work and not silly stories. One of these days I hope to meet him. Dr. Briske, if this reaches your eyes I'm available and willing to work with you on a paper. The Briske/Brischke theorem has a nice ring to it, don't you think (wink, wink, nudge, nudge)?

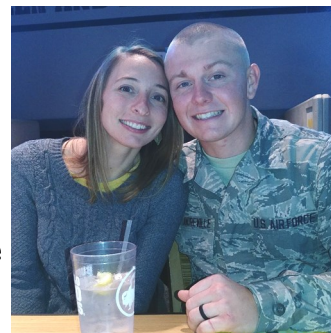
In the end the editor was very apologetic and made a correction in the next newsletter. I'm not a smidgeon upset, it makes good folly fodder.

Epilogue: It's contagious! My professor and now colleague just made a similar mistake. He sent an email that was meant for me but addressed it to Dr. Briske. I apologize for the interruption on everyone's behalf Dr. Briske. One of us is going to have to change our name.

A Letter From the Editor....

Howdy Rangers!

Greetings from Louisiana! I recently had the pleasure of embarking on a new adventure to Shreveport, LA where my husband is currently stationed with the U.S. Air Force. I am southern-Arizona born and raised; so besides my worldly travels and volunteer work, I have only ever permanently lived and worked in Arizona. Can you imagine me standing clueless in the lawnmower aisle at Lowe's Home Improvement store during my first week here?



Fortunately for me, Louisiana does have many acres of very beautiful rangeland – it's sort of a "Great Plains meets the Bayou". Some of the native grass genera I recognize include Andropogon, Aristida, Elymus, Muhlenbergia, Panicum, Setaria, Sorghastrum, Sporobolus, and Tridens, to name a few. I do miss the desert, but the change of scenery has been refreshing, with deep green vegetation in every direction and an abundance of natural surface water.

Shreveport, LA receives an average of about 50 inches of precipitation per year – a huge change from the aridity of the Southwest. I have been closely monitoring my rain gauge that I installed in my new backyard (see the design details at https://extension.arizona.edu/sites/extension.arizona.edu/files/pubs/az1747-2017_0.pdf). I can't help but get excited when I am sitting on my back patio during a storm watching the water line move up and up in the gauge in one sitting; it's a weird new source of entertainment.



During my time working for the University of Arizona in Tucson, I worked closely with a team from the University as well as ranchers and Forest Service managers to develop tools and resources for better management and preparation for drought. The joy of that work has been coming together with real people to address and explore solutions for real on-the-ground challenges. The collaborative risk management aspect of sustainable rangeland management now holds a special place in my heart. I am very thankful to have had the opportunity to grow my career in that direction, and I look forward to finding opportunities to continue this work with Louisiana rangers or in Arizona from afar.

Drought is certainly not as prevalent a concern in Louisiana as it is in Arizona, although it can become an issue. As Iric said in his opening message of this newsletter, rain can make any manager look good, but it's the droughts that show the talents of truly great managers—and great managers never do it alone. One practice of great managers is to be prepared. Drought is inevitably going to occur again. If you are struggling with the effects of the current drought in Arizona, what can you do to become more prepared for the next one? Who can you work with to make it happen? Start planning now, especially if you have a federal grazing permit and need NEPA-compliance for new practices.

Although I am in Louisiana for at least the next few years, I plan to continue my role as the newsletter editor for the Arizona Section and participate in Section and National meetings as frequently as possible. Arizona is where we call home, so you can bet we'll be back someday. In the meantime, SRM does not have a "Louisiana Section", but it does have a Southern Section, encompassing several states. The Southern Section has been relatively inactive, but revitalization efforts are underway, and I have committed to helping with those efforts.

Wishing everyone the best and looking forward to seeing you again soon.



Red River National Wildlife Refuge



Red River



Our 4 pets enduring the long drive

Cheers!

Kelsey (Hawkes) Landreville

RANGE MANAGER OF THE YEAR AWARD

ARIZONA SECTION SOCIETY FOR RANGE MANAGEMENT

INFORMATION AND CRITERIA FORM

Nomination Deadline: September 01, 2018

Requirements for Nominee Eligibility:

- Need not be a member of the International Society for Range Management
- Must be a ranch owner, operator, or manager of an economic ranch unit
- Must not be a member of State or County Awards Committee or of the Board of Directors
- Must not have received this award within the previous six years

Description

This award recognizes an individual or individuals from the ranching community who exemplify excellence in land stewardship and rangeland conservation within their management practices.

Instructions: Give complete responses to the attached questionnaire on the next page. If possible, please submit ranch maps with the nomination form.

Nominee Information:

Nominee Name: _____ County: _____

Address: _____ Phone: _____

_____ Email: _____

Is this person a: _____ Owner _____ Manager _____ Partner

Nominator Information:

Nominator Name: _____

Nominator Signature: _____ Date: _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

Send this form and your complete description of the nominee's qualifications to the awards committee chair:

Jason Martin, Bureau of Land Management, 711 S. 14th Ave, Safford, AZ 85546
jmartin@blm.gov (email preferred)

RANGE MANAGER OF THE YEAR AWARD ...CONTINUED

QUESTIONNAIRE

Please provide the following information:

1. General Information

- a. Location of ranch
- b. Approximate size of the ranch unit (e.g. sections, acres)
- c. Type of ranch operation (e.g. purebred, commercial, cow/calf, steer/yearlings, sheep)
- d. Generally describe the topography and climate
- e. List the primary vegetation types on the ranch (estimate percent composition of types)
- f. Land ownership composition (estimate percent of each, e.g. private, state, Forest Service, BLM, other)
- g. Other general, information for guidance of the Awards Committee, e.g. ranch history, number of generations

2. Collaboration with Land Management Agencies in Solving Management Problems:

- a. Has the nominee sought planning assistance from the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) for either private, leased, or agency-managed lands? If yes, describe.
- b. If the ranch unit is predominantly federal or state land, has the permittee taken advantage of BLM, Forest Service, or State Land Department range management planning services? If yes, describe.
- c. Describe any joint cooperative plans, i.e. jointly prepared management plan between a rancher, agency, and/or another organization (e.g. NRCS, BLM, USFS, AZGFD, ASLD)
- d. Does the nominee have an individually developed management plan? If yes, describe.

3. Range Management Practices

- a. Describe the grazing system, e.g. rest-rotation, deferred, continuous, etc.
- b. Does the nominee have inherent distribution problems getting proper use of the range? Please describe.
- c. How does the nominee manage or plan for periods of drought? For wildfire?
- d. Is the range maintaining itself, improving, or is the trend downward? Describe how the nominee's management strategies have affected the trend.
- e. Describe water developments, e.g. list the number of dirt tanks, wells, developed and undeveloped springs, number and miles of pipeline, number and miles of interior fences, number of artificial watersheds, etc.
- f. Is salting and supplementation used to benefit forage and livestock?
- g. Describe any land treatment measures, e.g. noxious plant control, seeding, erosion control, prescribed fire, maintenance of range improvements, other special problems
- h. Describe considerations given to wildlife, including endangered species, when planning management practices
- i. Describe monitoring practices (e.g. vegetation, precipitation, etc.) and how that information is used when making management decisions.

4. Livestock Practices

- a. Given the type of livestock operation, please describe (if applicable):
 - i. Herd composition (type and breed of livestock)
 - ii. Season and length of grazing
 - iii. Grazing density (e.g. in acres/AU) or stocking rate
 - iv. General herd quality
 - v. Source of the livestock and/or breeding practices
 - vi. Calf crop percentage
 - vii. Average daily gain and/or weight of marketed animals
 - viii. Death loss % attributed to predators, poisonous plants, sickness, etc.
 - ix. Use of scientific practices, e.g. pregnancy tests, A.I., bull testing, etc.
 - x. Predator control/mitigation/adaptation practices

5. Community Affiliations

- a. List memberships/roles in community, state, fraternal, or national organizations
- b. Is the nominee involved in any outside public affairs, such as ranch field days, fishing for youth, etc. in cooperation with agencies/schools?

OUTSTANDING SERVICE AWARD

ARIZONA SECTION SOCIETY FOR RANGE MANAGEMENT

INFORMATION AND CRITERIA FORM

Nomination Deadline: September 01, 2018

Requirements for Nominee Eligibility:

- Need not be a member of the International Society for Range Management
- Does not have to reside in the state of Arizona, but must contribute to a considerable amount of work in the state.
- Must not be a member of State or County Awards Committee or of the Board of Directors
- Must not have received this award within the previous six years

Description:

This person must have made a contribution to the advancement of the art and science of range management that is worthy of special recognition. It may have been made during the past year or a previous year, but the contribution must still be recognized for its merit. Such contributions may include new or better methods to aid range management; an outstanding article, publication, or information activity that has been widely acclaimed; or unusual leadership in the ranching or professional field of range conservation management.

Instructions: Give a complete description of how this individual has contributed to the development/enhancement of range management in the past year or years. Please give examples of groups, committees, studies, and/or range practices with which the nominee is involved. Nominations may be disqualified by the awards committee if nomination form is not fully completed.

Nominee Information:

Nominee Name: _____ County: _____
Address: _____ Phone: _____
_____ Email: _____

Agency / Organization: _____

Nominator Information:

Nominator Name: _____
Nominator Signature: _____ Date: _____
Email: _____ Phone: _____

Send this form and your complete description of the nominee's qualifications to the awards committee chair:
Jason Martin, Bureau of Land Management, 711 S. 14th Ave, Safford, AZ 85546
jmartin@blm.gov (email preferred)

OUTSTANDING YOUNG PROFESSIONAL AWARD

ARIZONA SECTION SOCIETY FOR RANGE MANAGEMENT

INFORMATION AND CRITERIA FORM

Nomination Deadline: September 01, 2018

Requirements for Nominee Eligibility:

- Must be a member of the International Society for Range Management
- Must be less than 40 years of age on January 1 of the following year of nomination
- Must not be a member of State or County Awards Committee or of the Board of Directors
- Must not have received this award within the previous six years

Description:

This award recognizes superior performance and leadership potential in any range-related area for young professionals who have contributed to the betterment of range management in the state. Examples of individuals may be a person who is involved in the outside community or local associations that is bringing outside awareness to range management; involved in extensive coordinated efforts between agency and ranch managers; or an individual who is consistently taking part in or is instrumental in public outreach through workshops; etc. This is an excellent opportunity to recognize a hard-working individual for their dedication to their profession!

Instructions: Give a complete description of how this individual has contributed to the development/enhancement of range management in the past year or years. Please give examples of groups, committees, studies, and/or range practices with which the nominee is involved. Nominations may be disqualified by the awards committee if nomination form is not fully completed.

Nominee Information:

Nominee Name: _____ County: _____

Address: _____ Phone: _____

_____ Email: _____

Agency / Organization: _____

Nominator Information:

Nominator Name: _____

Nominator Signature: _____ Date: _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

Send this form and your complete description of the nominee's qualifications to the awards committee chair:
Jason Martin, Bureau of Land Management, 711 S. 14th Ave, Safford, AZ 85546
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PROFESSIONAL & TECHNICAL GUIDANCE AWARD**ARIZONA SECTION
SOCIETY FOR RANGE MANAGEMENT****INFORMATION AND CRITERIA FORM**

Nomination Deadline: September 01, 2018

Requirements for Nominee Eligibility:

- Need not be a member of the International Society for Range Management
- Must *not* be a ranch owner, operator, or manager of an economic ranch unit
- Must not be a member of State or County Awards Committee or of the Board of Directors
- Must not have received this award within the previous six years

Description:

A person or persons with range management or range conservation expertise and education, but not a ranch owner or operator, may be selected and honored for their contribution to excellence in grazing management. Such persons may be employees of Federal or State agencies or universities, other government agencies, or individuals operating independently or as members of agricultural firms.

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Calendar of Events

2018

June 16, 2018	San Pedro River wet-dry mapping
July 10, 2018	Yellow-billed Cuckoo Survey Training, Tucson & Patagonia
July 11, 2018	Fort Huachuca Sentinel Landscape Restoration Partnership Meeting, Sierra Vista
July 16-20, 2018	Natural Resources Conservation Workshop for Arizona Youth (NRCWAY)
July 26-28, 2018	Arizona Cattle Growers' Association 114th Annual Convention, Prescott, AZ
August 15-17, 2018	Arizona Section Summer Meeting, Happy Jack, AZ
August 17-18, 2018	Diablo Trust Annual Campout
September 07, 2018	Drought Management Tools and Resources, Benson, AZ
September 14, 2018	Drought Management Tools and Resources, Globe, AZ
September 25-26, 2018	4th Annual Southwest Intertribal Agriculture Council Conference, Flagstaff, AZ
October 20, 2018	15th Research Insights in Semiarid Ecosystems (RISE) Symposium, Tucson, AZ

2019

February 10-14, 2019	Annual Society for Range Management Conference, Minneapolis, MN
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