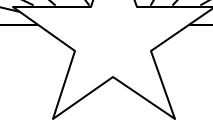




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### PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

I hope all Arizona Section members are having a good summer so far. I know that all range folks (and other natural resource managers) are hoping for plentiful summer rains. The Drought Monitor (issued May 20, 2004) predicts some improvement in the southern half of the state, but in the northern half, drought is predicted to persist or intensify. You can look for yourself at the following web site: [www.drought.unl.edu/dm/](http://www.drought.unl.edu/dm/). Maybe we should consider it a good sign that climatologists are gloomy about the monsoon forecast (then Mother Nature can prove them wrong).

Larry Howery has been busy during May leading the SRM Advisory Council through an important decision-making process. As you will remember, the Arizona Section solicited input from its membership via e-mail regarding the "Journal of Range Management Name Change Issue". We were faced with three choices: (1) change the name of JRM to *Rangeland Ecology and Management*; (2) leave the name JRM as it is; or (3) table the recommendation and take the issue to the general membership for a vote. My e-mail solicitation yielded only 17 responses and these were 9, 6, and 2 for options 1, 2, and 3 respectively. After much discussion, the Arizona Section Board of Directors chose to cast all three Advisory Council votes for Option 3. It was the opinion of the Board that there was too little time to react and too little input from our section membership to cast any other vote. Interestingly, the Texas Section was the only other Section that voted this way. The overall Advisory Council voted 28, 14, and 9 for options 1, 2, and 3 respectively. So, the name change was passed by a majority of the Advisory Council. Many thanks to Dr. Howery who worked diligently to solicit input from each Section. Larry kept all the Sections informed of the developments as they occurred and reported to the Parent Society Board of Directors on May 29 in Denver.

We will have an excellent Summer Meeting in Santa Cruz County. The Arizona Section will descend upon the Bear Canyon Ranch (near Nogales) on August 18, 19, and 20. The general theme of the meeting is: Border Issues that Influence Range Management (or was that ecology-sorry, I couldn't resist that cheap shot). Dean Fish, Dan Bell, and Emilio Carrillo are working together to make this an educational and memorable summer meeting. The tentative agenda and registration form are included in this newsletter, so take a close look. I also encourage you to invite other interested parties to attend and recruit them to join the Arizona Section.

I've also updated the Arizona Section Web Site to include the 2004 Arizona Section Award winners: Beatrice Zueger-Lange and Charles Lange (Range Managers of the Year) and Sandy Fabritz (Outstanding Service). Soon we will have the Summer Meeting information posted. If you have any ideas about useful additions to the web site, let me know. I will do my best to incorporate them.

The Arizona Section is holding steady at 189 members. We received 15 new members this year: welcome to Jennifer Arnold, Steven Bekebam, Patrick Browning, Jon Coppa, Gary Hase, James Heitholt, Linda Kennedy, John Lenderking, Elizabeth Majchrowicz, Laura Marshall, Alisha Phipps, Jeff Whitney, Jerome Willie, Chi Yang, and Beatrice Zueger! Like I said previously, bring a new person to the summer meeting and show them how educational and fun our meetings can be!

So long until the summer meeting, Jeff

## Certified Professional in Rangeland Management “What’s It Gonna Buy Me?”

Mark Pater  
(a.k.a. RangeDawg)

The SRM website ([www.rangelands.org/education\\_certification.shtml](http://www.rangelands.org/education_certification.shtml)) provides the following description in regard to information for the Certified Professional in Rangeland Management (CPRM):

“To certify individuals who have the professional credentials required to plan and implement sound management of rangelands as a means of improving the standards of professional expertise used in managing public and private rangelands. Granting of the status of "Certified Professionals in Rangeland Management" by the Society for Range Management signifies that the individual so designated has met the basic qualifications to do professional work in this field and has not been found to engage in unprofessional conduct.”

When discussing the subject of certification with other range managers the most often asked question is: “What is a certification process going to buy me?” Will this certification truly benefit the individual in the long run and is the trouble of struggling through the certification process really worth it?

One of our past Section Presidents paraphrased a statement made by the late President Kennedy: “...Ask not what your Section can do for you but ask yourself what you can do for your Section...” I don’t know why but that statement really struck a chord with me. Therefore, instead of asking what the CPRM process is going to do for you, ask what you, as a Certified Professional, can do for SRM and the profession of range management. Personally, the certification provides me with a sense of confidence and professionalism as well as the incentive to maintain a high level of proficiency by attending rangeland management workshops and symposia that help keep me current with various rangeland related management challenges.

Now, I don’t advertise that I have been certified by SRM in my chosen profession although many of my peers in my chosen profession may believe that I am certifiable; but that’s another story for another time. I believe that I work hard to do the best job that I possibly can and my motivation, in part, is rooted in my active membership in SRM.

So, if you ask “What’s CPRM gonna buy me?” Think about it... Your participation in the CPRM program will help to promote the mission of the Society for Range Management and assure that you have the basic qualifications to perform professional work in a professional manner.

What’s it gonna buy you? It’s not going to “buy” you anything. Instead, you have the opportunity to invest in yourself and your profession. Sounds like a great deal to me.

### ~ 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 *Trail Boss 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 Mike Hannemann, Membership Committee Chair, phone 928.526.0866, or email [mhannemann@fs.fed.us](mailto:mhannemann@fs.fed.us) OR Dan Bell, Secretary-Treasurer, phone 520.761.3117, or e-mail [voslash@aol.com](mailto:voslash@aol.com).

On-line membership applications are also available at [www.rangelands.org](http://www.rangelands.org)

### ~ ~ 2004 Board Meetings ~ ~

Week of AUGUST 19 - - Section Summer Meeting  
NOVEMBER 8, 2004 - - Tucson, Arizona

All members are welcome to attend!  
Contact Jeff Schalaus or any Board Member for details. Meeting Summaries from past BOD Meetings are available on the Arizona Section Web Site at [azrangelands.org](http://azrangelands.org) or can be obtained from Dan Bell at 520.761.3117, or e-mail [voslash@aol.com](mailto:voslash@aol.com)



## WE'RE LOOKING FOR NEW MEMBERS

**Don't Forget  
Receive a \$5.00 Rebate for Recruiting  
New Members**

On the Application make sure your name appears in the spot that says "Name of member that recruited you." Any questions, please contact Mike Hannemann 928.526.0866, or email [mhannemann@fs.fed.us](mailto:mhannemann@fs.fed.us).

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## 2004 Natural Resources Conservation Workshop for Arizona Youth

~~ NRCWAY ~~

Sandy Fabritz

NRCWAY **will be held** August 2<sup>nd</sup> through 6<sup>th</sup> at the St Joseph's Youth Camp at Mormon Lake. Approximately 20 high school students have been selected to participate in a week of hands-on learning in sustainable use and conservation of natural resources conducted by professional resource managers from the Bureau of Land Management, US Forest Service, Natural Resources Conservation Service, Arizona Department of Water Resources, Arizona Game & Fish, Arizona Indian Communities, Arizona State University, the University of Arizona, and other private organizations. If you would like to volunteer for any part of this experience or would just like to come up and see what's happening please feel free to do so. We do have room for more students, so if you know of a high school student that would be interested in participating or would like additional information, please contact Sandy Fabritz at 602-417-2418 or Tom Baker at 520-465-6379.

# Borderland Issues: Implications to Natural Resource Management

ARIZONA SECTION  
SOCIETY FOR RANGE MANAGEMENT  
2004 SUMMER MEETING

August 19 -20, 2004  
Bear Valley Ranch near Nogales, Arizona

## Tentative Agenda

Wednesday, August 18<sup>th</sup>, 2004

12:00pm – ? Early arrival and camp set-up

Thursday, August 19<sup>th</sup>, 2004

10:00am - 12:00pm AZ Section Combined General Membership and Board Meeting

12:00pm – 1:00pm Lunch (provided)

1:00pm – 5:00 pm Speakers/Presentations  
Agency perspectives from the US Border Patrol, US Forest Service and Arizona Game and Fish  
Other presentations scheduled from local natural resource managers, ranchers and conservation groups

5:30pm-6:30pm Social hour and dinner set-up

6:30pm-8:00pm Dinner (Provided)

8:00pm-10:00pm First Annual Chubby Bunny Contest and other assorted "hi jinks"

Friday, August 20<sup>th</sup>, 2004

7:00 am– 8:00am Breakfast

8:00am – 12:00am Field Tour of Border Issues

12:00 pm Lunch (Provided) and depart

Questions about the summer meeting? Contact Dean Fish, 520.281.2994, [dfish@ag.arizona.edu](mailto:dfish@ag.arizona.edu).

**Borderland Issues:**  
**Implications to Natural Resource Management**  
ARIZONA SECTION SOCIETY FOR RANGE MANAGEMENT 2004 SUMMER MEETING

**WHEN:**

August 19 -20, 2004

**WHERE:**

Bear Valley Ranch near Nogales, Arizona

***Important information -- please read carefully!!***

Most attendees will be camping. Bring sleeping gear, water, lanterns, snacks, refreshments, etc. There is plenty of room for tents, campers trailers (no hook-ups) and limited horse parking. Steak dinner (Thursday night) two lunches (Thursday and Friday) and deluxe continental breakfast are included in the registration fee. Port-a-potties will be provided. Be prepared for cool nighttime temperatures and hopeful rain. A map and directions to Bear Valley will be available on the Arizona Section Web Site: [azrangelands.org](http://azrangelands.org) and will be sent upon registration.

Alternate accommodations are available at the Rio Rico Resort and Country Club (approximately 1 hour from Bear Valley) at a rate of \$69.00. Please call 520-281-1901 for reservations.

**REGISTRATION FORM ( DUE AUGUST 6, 2004)**

NAME and ORGANIZATION: \_\_\_\_\_

SPOUSE/CHILDREN/GUEST NAMES \_\_\_\_\_

MAILING ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_ EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

DO YOU BELONG TO AN SRM SECTION? Circle one: Yes / No WHICH ONE? \_\_\_\_\_

\$50/member or adult attendee \_\_\_\_\_

\$25/student or youth \_\_\_\_\_

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_ TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED \_\_\_\_\_

**MAIL THE REGISTRATION FORM by 8/6/04  
ALONG WITH A CHECK OR MONEY ORDER TO:**

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MAKE CHECKS OR MONEY ORDERS OUT TO **ARIZONA SRM** (SRM TIN IS 23-7161064)  
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