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Society for Range Management



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President's Message

Ken Crane

Fall, my favorite season. There is something about the crisp mornings, just cool enough to make you pull on a jacket, but afternoons warm enough to work in a t-shirt. Walking around first thing Saturday morning with a cup of coffee, mentally listing all the projects you need to complete before winter sets in, then going back inside for a second cup. They'll wait. Maybe I'll go hunting.

It was a quick year. This time last year I was sweating out the final details for the Section's winter meeting. Until you actually do it, it is hard to understand how much work is involved in identifying a theme, and lining up speakers that will help deliver the information in a fashion that attendees can appreciate and learn from. It never goes smooth, speakers suddenly have an unforeseen deadline that prevents them from fulfilling their obligation to you, a winter storm rolls in restricting travel, and constantly, the little critters in the back of your head gnawing at your insecurities. However, when all is said and done, it is immensely

satisfying when it all comes together. And is over.

This year our President Elect, Paul Butler, has the monkey on his back. Paul has diligently worked throughout the summer organizing the meeting to be held December 8-9, in Twin Falls. Details of the meeting and how to register can be found later in this newsletter.

Paul identified a provocative topic and secured a lineup of speakers to match. Speakers will be addressing the role politics has played in historic and contemporary rangeland management. The key-note speaker will be Mark Steinbach. Mr. Steinbach will be presenting his research on the economical, ecological, and cultural consequences of the proposed federal grazing permit buyout on ranching. Buyout and retirement of federal permits has occurred here in Idaho, but not at the scale of the proposed program. Greater than 80% of cattle, and virtually all domestic sheep raised in Idaho spend a portion of their lives on federally managed range-

lands. The impacts of implementing this program on our State's economy and the social structure of our rural communities could be great.

You will soon receive as a separate mailing a ballot on which the 2006 President-elect, Treasurer, and two Board of Directors positions will be decided. Please take the time to vote and return the ballot. We have struggled over the last several years in recruiting members to take a more active role in the Section activities. More involvement in all facets of Section business is encouraged, from activity planning to newsletter contributions. If you are interested, or know people that are interested in getting involved, step on up, don't wait for someone to contact you.

In the meantime, set your calendar for December 8 and 9, to attend our Winter Section meeting.

Ken

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Annual Meeting and Symposium

Dec. 8-9

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Idaho Section Award Nominations Requested

The Idaho Section presents the **Top Hand**, **Outstanding Achievement**, and **Excellence in Range Management** awards each year at the Idaho Section Winter Meeting. The **Top Hand** award is the Section's top honor and is conferred upon an SRM member who has made a commendable contribution towards the advancement of range management in Idaho. The **Outstanding Achievement** award is presented to an individual or group who has made a substantial contribution to range management in Idaho through a noteworthy achievement or outstanding career. The recipient of the Outstanding Achievement award does not have to be a SRM member. The **Excellence in Range Management** award is conferred upon an Idahoan who has displayed excellence in the practice of the art and science of range management.

Please send completed nominations to: Shannon Williams, PO Box 12, Tendoy, Idaho 83468 by November 15, 2005. Idaho award winners will have their applications forwarded to the National Award Committee for national awards recognition.

AWARD NOMINATION APPLICATION

(Please limit nomination to a maximum of 5 pages)

Nomination of (Complete Name of Nominee) for the (Specific Award Name) Award.

1. Nominee

- A. Date and Place of Birth (optional)
- B. Address
- C. Occupation, Profession, Employer
- D. Phone Number
- E. SRM Member? (yes/no), If yes, how long? Years.

2. Nominator(s)

- A. Name
- B. Address
- C. Phone Number

3. Nominee's education, training, and other awards

4. Nominee's activities in SRM

5. Nominee's professional contributions to range management

6. Nominee's activities and/or memberships in other societies and organizations

7. Other biographic information related to the nominee

8. Justification statement(s) from nominator(s).

For more information, please contact:

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● Filling the void... the Young Professional Conclave ●

- What will be the future of the Society for Range Management?
- Where are our young members going?
- What can we do to improve membership retention?

Year after year these concerns are expressed at every level of our organization. Last year, in Fort Worth, Dennis Phillippi took a new approach and gathered a group of young professionals together to ask them their opinion regarding the membership issue. This group voiced two common themes:

- Where do I fit in the Society?
- How can I become more involved?

The new Young Professional Conclave is an attempt to fill this void within the society at the national level. Following are some quotes from organizing members about the conclave.

“As a graduate student soon to jump into a career in Range Management and a new member, I really didn’t fit in with the student conclave, and yet I was not really prepared to immerse myself amongst the older and more experienced members. The Young Professional Conclave is great for those of us in transition.” -Tanya Thrift Dillon, MT

“The Young Professional Conclave can provide additional responsibility, leadership skills, technical training, networking, and mentoring. It is an opportunity to have a more active role in the SRM so that young professionals can have a healthy mix between being a participant versus being a spectator in the Society.” -Jason Hohlt Alice, TX

“The Young Professional Conclave opens a window of opportunity to a very dynamic and exciting world, and the sky is the limit!” -Wayne Dunson Snyder, TX

The first annual Young Professional luncheon and symposium will be held in Vancouver at the 2006 annual meeting. Officers will be elected at the luncheon to lead this enthusiastic group of individuals in their quest at providing a smooth transition from a recent graduate, to an entry level employee, to an accomplished professional. All interested parties are encouraged to attend. If you have any questions, or to find out how to get involved, please contact Steph Sever at 406-994-3272 or ssever@montana.edu.

Young Professional Conclave-Symposium

Tuesday, February 14, 2006

8:00-11:00 a.m.

- 8:00 Welcome and Introductions
- 8:10 (Panel Discussion) Balancing Act: Career vs. Family-Jennifer Pluhar, Lance Vermeire, Chad and Amy Boyd
- 8:50 (Panel Discussion) Balancing Act: Field Work vs. Paper Work-Faith Ryan, Karen Hickman, Scott Fluer, and Jack Alexander
- 9:30 Break
- 9:45 What is SRM? An overview of the Society, its organizational structure, and the benefits of getting involved (national and local section levels)-Bob Budd
- 10:00 (Panel Discussion) What do we do and how to get involved?
 - Board or Directors – Dennis Phillippi
 - Advisory Council – Charles Hart
 - Committee Chairs
 - Award Committee, Rangeland Assessment & Monitoring Committee, Rangeland Invasive Species Committee, Remote Sensing & GIS Committee, Watershed/Riparian Committee, Wildlife Habitat Committee, Leadership Development Committee, Rangeland Steering Committee, Partnerships & Affiliations Committee
 - Government Policies & Programs Committee
 - Denver Office Staff – Ann Harris

Idaho Chapter of the Wildlife Society Conference

**The Idaho Chapter of the Wildlife Society
The Northwest Section of the Wildlife Society,
The Northwest Scientific Association,
and the Northwest Lichenologists
Announce a Joint Conference**

March 6-8, 2006

At the Grove Hotel, Boise, Idaho

<http://www.coasthotels.com/home/sites/boisegrove/>

Important dates to remember:

September 16, 2005 – First call for papers

(For Call for Papers and abstract submission, see www.ictws.org/updates/callforpapers1.html)

December 16, 2005 – Deadline for Abstracts

February 6, 2006 – Final program

Conference Theme and Plenary Session

Science, Natural Resource Management, and the Public Good: Towards a Democracy of Information and Management.

The Conference will include:

Workshops on Monday, March 6.

A Plenary Session on Tuesday morning, March 7

4 Concurrent Sessions Tuesday Afternoon and Wednesday

Conference socials, award lunch, and a banquet

Mark your calendars!!!

Updates and reminders will be forthcoming.

A reserved block of rooms is available for the conference at discount rates. Attendees are urged to reserve rooms as soon as possible because room numbers at the discount rate are limited.

Silent Auction

Meribeth Lomkin

Just when you thought we'd forget!

Call for Auction Items:

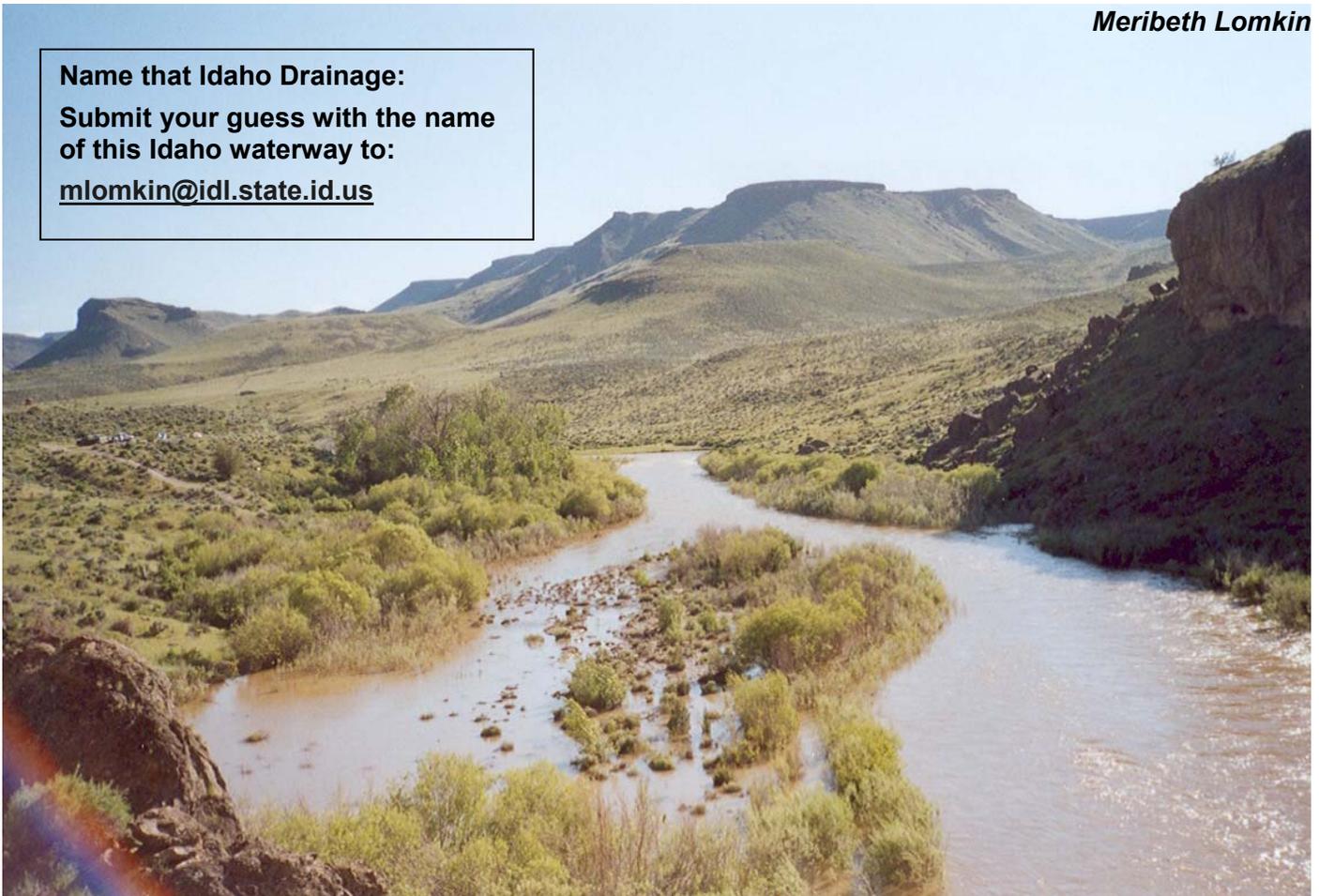
Idaho Section SRM Silent Auction

The annual silent auction will be held in conjunction with the Idaho Section Annual Meeting in Twin Falls. Proceeds from the auction benefit the Brian Miller Scholarship fund at the University of Idaho. You can help by donating (or getting others to donate) items for the auction and/or by bidding on items at the auction. Items auctioned in the past include: books, guided fishing trips, artwork, and ski passes. If you would like to donate an item to the auction please contact Meribeth Lomkin at (208) 358-1533 or mlomkin@idl.state.id.us, or bring your item to the Section meeting in Twin Falls. Thanks!

Name That Idaho Drainage

Meribeth Lomkin

Name that Idaho Drainage:
Submit your guess with the name
of this Idaho waterway to:
mlomkin@idl.state.id.us



The answer to the summer newsletter "Name that Idaho Drainage" contest was:

Bruneau River

Honorable mention prize goes to Anna Owsiak for being the only brave soul to make a guess!

Idaho Section Annual Meeting — December 8-9, 2005

Politics and Rangeland Management

A Symposium sponsored by:

The Idaho Section Society for Range Management

Thursday, December 8, 2005

Red Lion/Canyon Springs in Twin Falls, Idaho

A daylong symposium will be offered addressing the issue of Politics and Rangeland Management. Researchers, specialists, and managers with extensive experience have been invited to share their knowledge in the management of these valuable resources. The Symposium will be followed by an evening Banquet. The Idaho SRM Business meeting will be Friday morning, December 9.

Wednesday, December 7

1700 – 2100: Director's Meeting, Red Lion Hotel Lounge

Thursday, December 8

0800 - 0900: Registration

0900 - 0915: Welcome and Opening Remarks

0915 – 0945: Ramifications of State Land Leases being lost to non-livestock operators. Winston Wiggins, Director, State Land Department.

0945 – 1045: Keynote Speaker: Federal Grazing Permit buyouts. Mark Steinbach, University of Montana.

1045 – 1100: Morning Break

1100 – 1120: Politics and Range Management. Perceptions of politics to an entry-level Range Conservationist. Hans Bastian, US Forest Service.

1125 – 1145: Politics and Range Management. Political Battles of the 50's, 60's, and 70's. James Butler, Retired, US Forest Service.

1150 - 1210: Is Range Management in Idaho progressing as fast as we would like? Don Oman, Retired, US Forest Service.

1210 – 1310: Lunch, catered buffet.

1310 – 1330: We're all in this together or How to get along with a rancher. Pratt Livestock.

1335 – 1355: How the University system can better prepare new range managers for the politics they will face. Professor Roger Banner, Utah State University.

1400 - 1420: Exchanging information between range managers and special interest groups. J.D. Wulfhorst, University of Idaho.

1420 – 1445: Break

1445 – 1530: Panel Discussion, Mark Steinbach, Hans Bastian, James Butler, Pratt Livestock, J.D. Wulfhorst.

1530 – 1600: Politics and Range Management. Do politics help or hinder sound resource management.

Professor Ralph Maughn, Political Science Department, Idaho State University.

1600 – 1630: Paper and Speaker TBA

1630 – 1800: Evening Break

1800 – 1900: Social Hour at Convention Center.

1900 – 2100?: Banquet. Special Guest Entertainment: Stan Tixier, Cowboy Poetry.

Friday, December 9

0800 – 1000: Section Business Meeting. All members welcome to attend.

Hotel Information

Idaho Section Annual Meeting — December 8-9, 2005

Hotel Information:

Red Lion Hotel-Canyon Springs
1357 Blue Lakes Blvd. N.
Twin Falls, ID 83301

- A block of rooms has been reserved with a special room rate of \$60.00/single, \$70.00/double .
- To reserve rooms, call (208) 734-5000. Ask for the Idaho SRM rate.
- Rooms must be reserved before November 25, 2005 for the group rate.



Registration Form

Idaho Section Annual Meeting — December 8-9, 2005

REGISTRATION

SRM Symposium “Politics and Rangeland Management”

Thursday, December 8, 2005 -- Twin Falls, Idaho

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone No.: _____

E-mail: _____

Day-long Symposium: \$50 _____ (Includes Coffee Breaks and Lunch)

Symposium plus Banquet \$70 _____ Circle: Beef or Chicken

(add \$10 if after November 15)

Make checks payable to Idaho Section SRM and send with this form to:

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Next Newsletter Deadline is
January 15, 2006



Send your articles and pictures (.jpg format) to:
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There are lots of opportunities for you to become involved in the section's activities. Give Ken Crane, Paul Butler, Bruce Hanson, a Director, or a committee chair a call and find out how you can get involved.

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