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President's Message

As I was sitting in the trees in the Wind Rivers, I looked out over a mountain meadow for a moose to come out. My father and I were up there trying to get that mighty Bullwinkle. I contemplated what has happened over the past year. Not only what is going on within my personal life, but also what is happening over in Iraq, our economy, the weather, and our natural resources. I noticed all the little things that make up this country right there in that little meadow. From the airplanes flying overhead, to the grass, trees, birds, insects, wildlife and the changing of the weather several times that day.

I kept coming back to our upcoming meeting and how it is going to be great to have three societies come together with a common goal. Sometimes we get busy in our lives and only focus on what is in front of us. Just like our societies, we focus on the resource that we want to protect, conserve, enhance, and repair or whatever our

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agenda is. But in respect, Mother Nature does it very well and it was prevalent in that little meadow. It is our job to respect her and assist her in making sure that she is there for years to come and not just for one type, but for all types of use.

We need these meetings to get together with other people that have different ideas so that we may learn more and keep moving forward. Now that I have baffled you will all my bull, I look forward to seeing you all this November. I am really excited that these three great societies are meeting and I encourage you all to come. It has been my pleasure to be your president this past year.

BTW - I did get the chance to pack out my dad's moose. Now that is work.

Monte



2007 WYRED

By Marji Patz

The 2007 WYRED Camp was a success. We had 19 participants in the camp this year and 35 participants in the contest. The camp traveled through alkali flats, sagebrush plains, foothills and mountainous terrain to learn about the rangelands. The campers built fence and moved cattle using a low stress technique. The participants looked at sage grouse habitat concerns and ran transect lines using point line intercept. The week was very busy, and each evening they took advantage of a campfire before they retired to the wall tents. It was a new experience for some of the campers, but I didn't hear any complaints. At the end of the week, the truth was told as to the success of the camp, it was an exciting time during the awards which followed as such:

CAMP:

Top Plant Press – Amber Thomas
Most Improved – James Huntington
Top Camper - Cody Gifford

1st – Morgan Hays

Open Adult – 18 and up
3rd – Todd Heward
2nd – Rex Hamner
1st – Martin Curry

CONTEST:

Brush Popper - less than 10 yrs old
3rd – Trace Hays
2nd – Timothy Heward
1st – Logan Heward

Professional
3rd – Matt Scott
2nd – Misty Hays
1st – Kim Gullickson

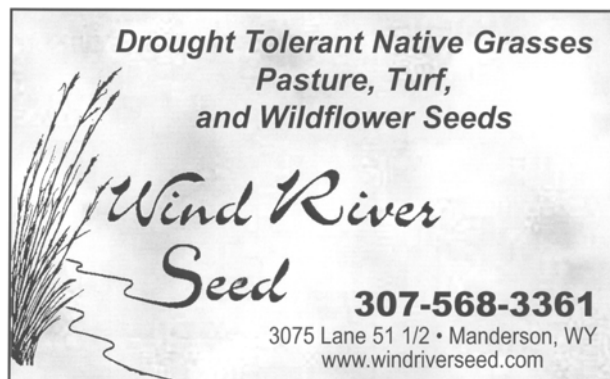
Range Rider – 10 to 14 yrs
4th – Jacey Hays
3rd – Devlyn Green
2nd – Jessica Grant

Open Youth – 15 to 18
4th – Derek Robinson
3rd – James Huntington
2nd – Blake Condos
1st – Weston Maxfield

Teams

3rd – Cheyenne (Matt Crawford, James Huntington, Amber Thomas, Ashley Thomas)
2nd – Converse Co. (Devlyn Green, Ty Patterson, Morgan Hays, Jessica Grant)
1st – Lyman (Weston Maxfield, Justin Conder, Blake Condos, Derek Robinson)

I would like to extend a huge thank you to everyone who helped make WYRED a success, without the behind the scenes action, the week would never happen. Brendan Brazee, Ben Bonella, Matt Scott, Todd Heward, Evert Bainter and many others. Thank you, and hope to see everyone in 2008!





Wyoming Chapter



WYOMING'S WILDLIFE HABITAT: FROM THE GROUND UP

SWCS SRM TWS Annual Meeting Program
Nov 27-28, 2007
Best Western, Lander, Wyoming

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 26, 2007

- 12:00-6:00 Pre-Registration
- 1:00 – 5:00 Partners in Flight
- 1:00 – 5:00 Bat Working Group
- 3:00 – 5:00 Range Students Plant Identification Contest
- 6:00 – 8:00 Section and Council Meetings and Mixer

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 27, 2007

- 7:00-8:00 Registration
- 8:00 Presidents Welcome Todd Cornish, TWS
Monte Bush, SRM
Roni Schadegg, SWCS
- 9:00 The State of the State-Wildllife and Habitat Governor Dave Freudenthal
..... John Schiffer
President of the Wyoming Senate
..... Brian Kelly
Project Leader-US Fish and Wildlife Service-Wyoming Field Office
..... Jim Murkin
Acting Deputy Director- Bureau of Land Management –Wyoming
- 10:15 Break
- 10:15-10:45 Rangeland Cup Poster Presentations
- 10:45 Carbon Credits—A New Approach to Conservation Mike Walsh
Chicago Climate Exchange
- 11:45-1:00 pm Lunch (on your own)

WORKSHOP: BEHAVE

1:00 pm. **“Animal Behavior – A Key to Natural Resource Management”** **Dr. Fred Provenza**
Utah State University

5:00 **SRM Annual Horse Auction**
5:30-6:00 **Happy Hour**
6:00 **Banquet and Awards**
8:00 **Auction and Raffles**

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 28, 2007

8:00 – 10:00 **Undergraduate Range Management Exam (URME)**

8:00 – 10:00 **Student Presentations**

10:00 **Break**

10:30 – 12:30 **Submitted Presentations**

12:30 – 2:00 **Luncheon and Presentation of Student Awards**

2:00 – 4:00 **Matching Wildlife With Habitat, and Managers With Each Other**

.....**Xavier Montoya**
State Conservationist – NRCS
.....**John Etchepare**
Director-Wyoming Department of Agriculture
.....**Misty Hays**
Deputy District Ranger USFS
.....**Walt Gasson**
WGFD
.....**Matt Holloran**
Dahlke and Associates
.....**Mark Hogan**
USFWS
.....**Jack Mononi**
BLM

4:00 **Closing Comments** **Misty Hays, SRM**
Nick Biltoft, SWCS
Bob Budd, TWS



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WYOMING'S WIDLIFE HABITAT: FROM THE GROUND UP

SWCS SRM TWS Annual Meeting Program

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Best Western, Lander, Wyoming

Registration Form

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Member of SRM SWCS TWS (please check all that apply)

	Cost	Number	Total
Regular Full Registration (includes banquet and luncheon)	\$60		
Student Full Registration (includes banquet and luncheon)	\$40		
Regular Registration only (no meals)	\$25		
Student Registration Only (no meals)	\$10		
Banquet only	\$25		
Luncheon only	\$15		
Total Registration Costs			

Please send registration form with payment by November 20, 2007 to:

Wyoming SRM
Misty Hays
35 Burns Rd
Douglas, WY 82633

Lodging Information: A block of rooms has been set up under "Wildlife and Range Societies" at:

Inn at Lander Best Western
260 Grand View Drive,
Lander, WY 82520-2928
Phone: 307-332-2847

Annual Meeting Proposal to be Topic of Discussion at Parent Society Annual Meeting in January, 2008

At our Wyoming Section meeting in November, 2006, the Section membership voted to forward a proposal to the Advisory Council of the Parent Society requesting that a task force be designated to consider Annual Meeting Selection Criteria. Based on this proposal, the Advisory Council did set up a committee. The Committee met in July, in Park City, UT, in conjunction with the Board of Directors meeting. The committee consisted of : Misty Hays, (WY) representing small venue meetings; Paul Loeffler (TX), chair elect of Advisory Council; Barry Perryman (NV), representing large venue meetings; Leslie Radke, representing SRM planning; Royce Larson, California Section; Roy Roath, Advisory Council chair representing Advisory Council and youth activities, and Linda Coates-Markle observer and interested party. The group met with Kristen House, SRM's contract professional meeting venue arrangements person. The committee came up with a proposal on how annual meeting locations would be selected in the future. This proposal will be forwarded to the full Advisory Council for consideration at the meeting in Louisville, KY in January, 2008. We will be discussing the proposal at our section meeting in Lander on November 26, 2007. Please review the proposal and be prepared to discuss it in the meeting. If you will not be able to attend the meeting in Lander, you can forward your comments or questions to Misty Hays, 35 Burns Road, Douglas, WY 82633 or email them to mahays@fs.fed.us.

Annual Meeting Selection Process

- 1) Advisory Council Annual Meeting Subcommittee (Subcommittee) will coordinate with Convention consultant to select 8-10 locations (preliminary) to be considered for future annual meetings. These locations can be selected from a list generated by the consultant or locations nominated by a section.

Selection should consider:

- a. current market
 - b. ability for the locations to meet needs
 - Current meeting needs
 - at least 100,000 square feet of meeting space
 - at least 750 beds for peak night
 - at least 25 breakout rooms
 - c. return interval (geographic location and proximity to recent meetings)
- 2) Convention consultant will request information from the preliminary locations to include room rate, meeting room costs, transportation costs, availability, and other costs.
 - 3) Subcommittee will narrow location choices to 3-5 locations (semifinal) based on information received from the preliminary locations using the following priorities:
 - a. Room rate
 - b. Travel expense
 - c. Registration cost
 - d. Return interval
 - e. Meeting room rental cost
 - 4) All sections will be notified of the semifinal locations and will be given an opportunity to host or co-host a meeting at these locations. (Host sections can be from the area of the location or any section.)
 - 5) Sections will express desire or willingness to host in specific locations prior to the annual meeting
 - 6) At the annual meeting, the Advisory Council will review and rank the semifinal locations and recommend final locations to the board of directors based on the following criteria:
 - a. Room rate
 - b. Travel expense/ease of travel

- c. Registration cost
- d. Return interval
- e. Meeting room rental cost
- f. Willingness of section/sections to host

7) If several locations meet the needs, based on the above criteria, and could be booked for future years, the Advisory Council may recommend these locations for out years.

Annual Meeting Revenue Sharing Formula

For Net Income up to \$100,000

Parent Society would receive 90% of net from Annual Meeting

Sections would receive 10% of net from Annual Meeting to be divided as follows:

- 50% would go to the host section or sections-this could be divided equally or based on the percentage of people from each section who served on the planning committee or volunteered to help at the meeting
- 50% would be divided to each section based on the number of members on record in each section at the close of the annual meeting.

For Net Income greater than \$100,000

Parent Society would receive 85% of net from Annual Meeting

Sections would receive 15% of net from Annual Meeting to be divided as follows:

- 50% would go to the host section or sections-this could be divided equally or based on the percentage of people from each section who served on the planning committee or volunteered to help at the meeting
- 50% would be divided to each section based on the number of members on record in each section at the close of the annual meeting (excluding those members who are unaffiliated)



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Candidate Biographies

President-Elect:

Charlie Fifield

Charlie is a Rangeland Management Specialist with the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) in Casper, Wyoming. Charlie attended Montana State University in Bozeman, Montana and received a Bachelor of Science degree in Wildlife Management in 1975 and a second Bachelor of Science degree in Rangeland Science in 1976. He started his professional career in 1977 as a Range Conservationist with the Soil Conservation Service (SCS) in Memphis, Texas. In 1978 Charlie transferred from SCS to the BLM and worked in Pinedale, Wyoming for 4 months. After attending the BLM's Beginning Professional Range School in Phoenix, Arizona he was transferred to the BLM office in Casper where he has worked ever since. Charlie has been a member of SRM since 1989. Charlie was the Wyoming Section secretary/treasurer between 1992 and 1999. In 1998 Charlie help present the bid for hosting the SRM 56th Annual Meeting and Trade Show in Casper in 2003 and was one of the two general co-chairs for planning the meeting. Charlie has been chair of the Wyoming Section Budget Committee since 2003. Charlie is an artist and enjoys working in pencil, ink, and watercolor, with fish and wildlife being his favorite subjects.

Wyoming is a special place, blessed with abundant and unique natural resources. As we all know many pressures are now being placed on Wyoming's rangeland resources. Charlie believes the SRM is the professional society best suited for providing information and guidance on the many issues facing rangeland managers in Wyoming. He looks forward to working with the Wyoming Section Council and membership on carrying out and promoting Section programs and activities.

Matt Hoobler

Hello SRM members, I am excited to seek the President-elect position with Wyoming SRM. As the immediate past Southeast Council Representative, I hope to continue working with the Wyoming SRM council to integrate and publicize new research and knowledge on rangeland management, as well as utilize the society and outreach mechanisms to better describe the value of managed rangeland systems. I hope you all can attend the upcoming Wyoming meeting, and I hope to see you there.

Matthew J. Hoobler is the Senior Policy Analyst for the Wyoming Department of Agriculture in the Natural Resource and Policy Section. He started with the WDA in 1999. His responsibilities include cooperating agency relations with federal land planning, project level planning and implementation of natural resources, conservation of natural resources, and NEPA document review and commenting. For the State of Wyoming, he is the state lead to the Governor's Planning Office specifically with state government issues on the Black Hills National Forest, Shoshone National Forest, and the Jonah Infill.

Matt recently presented at the 2006 SRM meeting in Vancouver, British Columbia, as well as attended the 2007 SRM meeting in Reno, NV. He has attended numerous state-wide and national SRM meetings since 1999. Besides his Wyoming SRM council position, he has served on the Wyoming Natural Diversity Database Advisory Committee, the State of Wyoming Interagency Access Task Force, and State of Wyoming Drought Task Force. Matt currently serves as the WDA representative to the Wyoming Landscape Conservation Initiative (WLCI) Science and Technical Advisory Committee. Matt is a member of the SRM and the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation.

Matt received his B.S. from the University of Wyoming and his M.S. from Kansas State University. He received additional accreditation from the National Conservation Training Center, Oregon State University, the Shipley Group, and the UW Haub School & Ruckelshaus Institute of Environment of Natural Resources.

Matt is the 2002 recipient of the Conservation Pace-Setter Award from the Wyoming Game and Fish Department and the WDA. He published over 70 articles on agriculture and natural resources in popular press publications, including Beef Magazine, Western Beef Producer, and Farmer-Stockman periodicals. Matt is the 1999 recipient of the National Critique Award for magazine editing from the Society for Professional Journalists.

He is an avid outdoorsman, hunter and angler. Matt and his wife, Beth, have two daughters, Jenna and Shelby, and a dog named Stoney.

Northwest Council Member:

Patty Slack

Patty grew up on a ranch SE of Casper, Wyoming where she was involved in all aspects of management and care of the cattle, sheep and horses. Her responsibilities included being the range rider for the cattle and sheepherder, tending the cows and ewes during birth and monitoring the health and growth of the young animals. In an era when it was not kosher for girls to study animal science, she chose elementary education with the goal of being a rural school teacher. Graduating from University of Wyoming, she taught school in small towns and rural schools while acquiring horses and cows. She and her husband purchased a ranch near Kinnear, Wyoming and launched Sun Ranch Charolais. Registered Charolais cattle and Appaloosa horses soon took all of her time along with her children. Leaving teaching, she dove into the ranching business, her first love. Following the death of her husband in 1993, she continues to manage the ranch and cattle and by leasing the farm ground, she is able to follow her interest in range management. In 1990, she began her quest of obtaining a Range Management degree from the University of Wyoming. This led to a summer position as Range Technician with Shoshone National Forest, Washakie District followed by joining the staff at BLM's Lander Field Office. Becoming a member of the Wyoming Section, SRM, she found the information presented through SRM's publications and the Wyoming section's annual meeting to be a great help in her position of supervising the livestock grazing and in the monitoring of grazing utilization on the controversial Green Mountain Allotment.

4-H was an integral part of her early years giving her experience in feeding and showing cattle and sheep, in leadership learned from Junior Leader activities and as a member of the local 4-H officer team. These experiences were put to use as a 4-H community, livestock, horse and Junior Leader and in assisting her FFA instructor husband and her children with their 4-H projects and FFA work experiences and activities.

She is involved with the American-International Charolais Association, Wyoming Beef Cattle Improvement Association and Wyoming Water Development Commission's Big Horn/Wind River Basins long term planning advisory group. SRM has a great potential for involving diverse groups in a common goal of preserving our precious rangelands for generations to come.

Rangelands are a forgotten part of our western states. Little do people realize the huge load these areas carry in maintaining water and air quality, not only here but the affects it has on the nation as a whole.

Summer Schultz

Summer Schulz is a Rangeland Management Specialist with the Pinedale Field Office of the Bureau of Land Management, where, in addition to rangeland administration, she spends most of her time coordinating effective ecosystem management among livestock, wildlife, and oil and gas interests. Summer especially enjoys working with and assisting folks in finding common ground, and has a vested interest in making certain that resource issues are resolved with an informed approach.

Summer earned her B.S. from Montana State University, Bozeman, in 1998, majoring in rangeland resources with a minor in water resources. In an effort to find her professional niche, she gained a wide array of experience while working seasonally with the U.S. Forest Service, Ag Research Service, Montana State Legislature, and the University of Wyoming. After deciding she needed more educational torture, she accepted a graduate Research Assistant position in Agronomy-Weed Science at UW working with Tom Whitson, Extension Weed Specialist (ret.). Summer earned her Masters degree in 2002 by studying effects of herbicides on the root system of leafy spurge. While traveling extensively throughout Wyoming for the purpose of integrated pest management (IPM), she gained a strong affinity for cooperative education and management.

While attending UW, Summer accepted a position with the National Park Service where she worked as an IPM Specialist for the Biological Resources Management Division in Ft. Collins, CO, and, subsequently gained a permanent Program Analyst position for the Natural Resource Preservation Program. Summer understood she needed to get back out in the field in order to more effectively manage public resources, and in 2003 went to work as a Rangeland Management Specialist with the BLM in the Canyonlands country of Monticello, UT, where she also managed the Weed and Woodland programs. She coordinated the creation of cooperative weed management areas within the Four Corners Region, and worked strongly with Native Americans to facilitate on-the-ground treatments in cooperation with Federal, State, and County entities.

Summer considers SRM a high priority and currently holds the position of Recorder with the newly formed Young Professionals Conclave of the SRM, whose goal is to bridge the informational and generational gap among Society members. Summer believes networking and information sharing are essential in ensuring strong and exciting careers for those of us with a stake in the realm of natural resource management. She has actively participated in

annual SRM meetings and during her collegiate career, she competed in the URME, held offices in both the Range and Collegiate 4-H clubs, and was awarded the MSU Outstanding Range Student Award. Summer enjoys pulling people and information together from the many facets of natural resource management to share information and experiences in an effort to cooperatively manage our public resources.

Southeast Council Member:

Jay Norton

As Assistant Professor and Cooperative Extension soil fertility specialist at the University of Wyoming, I have broad research and educational responsibilities in Wyoming agriculture, ecological restoration, and range management. Before I moved to Laramie in July of 2006 I worked as a county extension director for the University of California, a postdoctoral research associate at Utah State University, and as a graduate student at Iowa State University and the University of Montana. My research and extension efforts focus on effects of management and restoration practices on soil properties, especially soil organic matter and nutrient cycling. I have worked on fire management strategies in chaparral shrublands, effects of mountain stream degradation on soil organic matter processes in high altitude riparian meadows, impacts of cheatgrass invasion on soil processes in the Great Basin, and restoring watersheds degraded by arroyo cutting in the Southwestern US. I grew up on a cow-calf-alfalfa-corn-soybean farm in Iowa and I've been involved in education and research about sustainable use of natural resources since high school. I first joined SRM in 1985 as a conservation planner for the Missoula Conservation District in Montana. I believe SRM has a crucial role in linking research and practice through quality publications and programs that

target both. I would work to maintain the integrity of research and education programs supported by SRM.

Ginger Paige

Dr. Ginger Paige is an Assistant Professor in the Department of Renewable Resources and Water Resources Specialist for the Cooperative Extension Service at the University of Wyoming. Ginger received a BA in Political Science from the Colorado College. Following three years with the Peace Corps in Mali, West Africa, she earned a MS degree in Soil Physics from the University of Massachusetts and a Ph.D. in Watershed Management from the University of Arizona. Prior to joining the faculty at the University of Wyoming in 2004, Ginger worked for 12 years as a research scientist for the USDA –ARS Southwest Watershed Research Center in Tucson, Arizona. Currently, Ginger is working on several rangeland water related issues in Wyoming including assessment of the impacts of energy development on soil and water resources and improved implementation of hydrologic instrumentation within the state. Her professional interests include measurement and modeling of hydrologic processes, development of watershed management and assessment tools, and evaluation of fire effects on rangeland hydrologic and erosion processes.



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Wyoming SRM 2008 Ballot

Vote for one person in each category.

President Elect:

Charlie Fifield Matt Hoobler

Northwest Council Representative:

Patty Slack Summer Schultz

Southwest Council Representative:

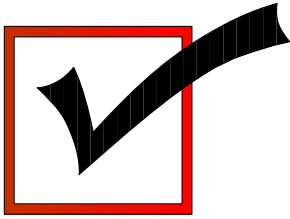
Jay Norton Ginger Paige

Ballots may be mailed to Misty Hayes at 35 Burns Road, Douglas, WY 82633 or deposited at the registration desk at the Annual Meeting in Lander. Mailed ballots must be received before November 24, 2007.

Crazy Auction Items Needed

"Almost" anything is accepted - from Junk to Jewels. Please bring your donations to the Annual Meeting in Lander. The Crazy Auction is scheduled for November 27 after the banquet. Please plan on attending.

It is ALWAYS entertaining!!



What's In This Issue ***Wyoming Section SRM Newsletter***

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- ⊃ Biographies of President-elect and Council Members candidates and Ballot
- ⊃ Program for Annual Meeting, November 27-28, Lander, WY

*Deadline for Winter Newsletter Articles: **January 22, 2008***

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