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President's Message

No cranky sermons from me this month but I do have some updates on previous cranky sermons. First let me draw your attention to the excellent brochure put together for WYRED along with the Range Judging Contests which will feed into WYRED this year. Your assistance in any of the events will be greatly appreciated. Congratulations to Brendan Brazee and Marji Patz for their great effort in putting this together!.

Update cranky sermon #1, **Cheatgrass Initiative**. Our co-sponsorship with the Wy Crop Improvement Assn. and Wy Weed & Pest Council to set a limit on cheatgrass seed, *Bromus tectorum*, received a set back last summer when it was determined by council for the Dept of Ag that in order to set limits for cheatgrass seed allowed in trade in Wyoming, we would have to go before the legislature and change the seed law. Last week in a meeting with Dept of Ag officials and sponsoring organizations, we went through the entire seed law and initiated several major changes which include the following: Specifically empowering the Board of Agriculture to add or delete weed seeds from the noxious weeds lists rather than having to go through the legislature each time a change is desired. The creation of a third weed class, (added to prohibited and secondary noxious classes), called

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“regulated weeds” in which each weed on the list will have its own limit based upon the level of threat and the prospect of seed vendors being able to meet the limit. In the case of cheatgrass, we are shooting for a limit of 1250 seeds per pound, which represents ¼ of the current legal limit. We hope in the future that farming techniques can improve to where this limit will be lowered but at present this is a realistic level and a big improvement. I hope we can add other weedy bromes such as Japanese chess to this list after the seed law is amended by the legislature. Allowing for tetrazolium testing in species exhibiting high seed dormancy and for species in which no testing rules have been established by the American Organization of Seed Analysts. Although seed traded among consenting buyers and sellers can legally use TZ's, state law for regulatory samples does not accommodate the use of TZ's. Much of this is new in the U.S. and I'm excited the SRM is part of this process. Our draft is being circulated for comments and we hope to begin Legislative hearings this fall. As soon as able I will make the draft available to you.

Update on cranky sermon #2, annual meeting venues for the parent organization. The Wy Section Council has agreed to pursue a discussion of national convention sites through the Advisory Council in

Reno this year. We are not satisfied that a full airing of the pros and cons of concentrating our annual meetings in big expensive cities far away from our membership has taken place. This is an issue that will give the Advisory Committee something relevant to do in Reno and hopefully result in a more constructive relationship between the Advisory Committee and Board of Directors. Within a few weeks I will send out a draft resolution with as many whereas as we can think of, plus a range of resolutions. A group of volunteers will help refine and temper a resolution, and then we'll take it to other state sections for their discussion and input. The Council believes that if a strong consensus exists on this issue among sections, that it should come to the surface in an organized and constructive fashion.

As one of the keepers of the LIST, it's very difficult to deal with email bounce backs. I get back 10-15 each time I send out an email to membership. Please take the time, occasionally, to update your email information on file at www.rangelands.org If you have difficulties doing so, contact Leslie Radtke for assistance. She is prompt and efficient. Finally, tickets for the quilt raffle can be obtained from Phil Gonzales, Charlie Fifield or me. This is an excellent fundraiser and deserves our vigorous pursuit. It's amazing how many people who have nothing to do with the SRM are interested in the quilt. With a little exertion by each of us we can do right by those who have donated so much time and effort to this project.

Cheers, *Rick*

A Federal Land Meth Makeover

Methamphetamine production increasing on public lands

By Matt Hoobler

Forest Service spokesperson Woodsy Owl reminds us to “give a hoot, don't pollute.”

Apparently, this does not apply to meth labs on Forest Service and other public lands.

Illegal and toxic meth production is altering the nature of federal land and the environment. Many times, remote multiple-use public lands become drug kitchens and dumping grounds for the creation of meth.

Despite decreasing numbers of reported methamphetamine laboratory seizures in recent years, methamphetamine production on federal lands is a growing threat. According to the National Drug Intelligence Center, every pound of meth creates 5 to 7 pounds of toxic waste. In isolated situations on federal lands, the waste spills out and deposits directly onto the ground of our forests and grasslands. Contaminants seep into freshwater springs and lakes, and vegetation surrounding meth labs becomes denuded of all life. Of the 32 chemicals required to make math, a third of them are so poisonous that cleanup workers must wear biohazard suits and respirators.

Fed Land Impacts

In 2003, 56 reported meth labs were seized on Forest Service (FS) lands, while 83 were seized on Department of Interior (DOI) lands that year, compared with 187 and 41 laboratories seized on FS and DOI lands, respectively, in 2002. Meth production on DOI lands appears to be increasing. The number of reported meth laboratory seizures on DOI lands increased from 28 in 2001, to 41 in 2002, to 83 in 2003. In 2003, the greatest number of reported meth laboratory seizures on DOI lands occurred on lands managed by Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS – 38 labs), followed by the Bureau of Land Management (BLM – 31 labs), National Park Service (NPS – 8 labs), and Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA – 6 labs).

What is Meth?

Methamphetamine, or meth, is a highly addictive central nervous system stimulant that can be injected, snorted, smoked, or ingested orally. Meth users feel a short yet intense “rush” when the drug is initially administered. The effects of meth include increased activity, decreased appetite, and a sense of well being that can last from 20 minutes to 24 hours.

National Usage

According to the 2004 National Survey on Drug Use and Health, approximately 11.7 million Americans ages 12 and older report trying meth at least once during their lifetimes, representing 4.9% of the population ages 12 and older. Approximately 1.4 million (0.6%) report past-year meth use and 583,000 (0.2%) report past month meth use.

Sources: National Drug Intelligence Center; Office of National Drug Control Policy.



Wyoming Section Council Meeting Minutes March 8, 2006

In the absence of minutes the Treasurer Report was read. Auction money goes to youth education. Horse money goes to general fund. We did show a net cash flow for 2005. The Treasurer report will be amended to split \$625 from youth activities and transfer to general fund. Motion to accept by Demont, second by Justin. Amended: motion by Demont second by Monte. Approved.

Website: Marji working on website. Wants to buy a domain name, cost is \$25 year cost. \$240 year cost to host website.

Budget request: Charlie showed that the proposed income is less than expenses. Biggest concern is with Range School. Joe Hicks indicated that what was proposed is without any outside funding. It is not the intent to be in the red with Range School. Joe is asking for the council to let them operate the way they have been operating. Joe presented his budget as a worst case. We did not get the Commissioner funds for WYRED. Need to move up the budget request proposals by the Annual meeting. This would then make it possible so by the Jan/Feb. council meeting approvals could be given. It was decided to agree with WYRED budget and defer the budget of HSYF and Range School until the next meeting. Need a budget for the winter meeting also. This will be submitted by Monte at the April 7 meeting. Budget: Demont moved to approve the budget as presented and to defer HSYF, RMS and winter meeting to the April 7 meeting date. Second by Justin. Approved.

Committee re-organization: I&E Committee. Reviewed the structure and mission of the committee and with that the sub-committee in I&E. Membership is not part of I&E. It is separate and may look at a liason between the Membership committee and I&E. The use of an Arrangements sub-committee would be beneficial to help plan and carryout the annual meetings. At April meeting Justin, Rick and Monty will put together a group of names to help prepare for the upcoming Annual meeting.

Quilt: Charlie has the quilt at the house. Ticket sales are moving along. Quilt raffle tickets stubs and money should go to the Treasurer. This can then be accounted for. The money generated by the Range Club is being asked to be retained by the Range Club. We need to have the quilt displayed at some high exposure County fairs and other events where we are going to be at. Rick will contact Pete Guernsey if quilt can be displayed at the WYGF Expo.

Vancouver: Advisory Council update. Only two prepared proposals. Rangeland cup was approved. The rest of the day was very un-eventful. Accepted Denver in 2010 and Albuquerque in 2009. There was an eruption type of discussion by the Advisory Council that the Board of Directors does not consider or pay attention to their input. There is a feeling that the Advisory Council does not do anything or make anything happen. Issues being discussed in the hallways are not being brought forward to the Advisory Council to interact with the Board. There is some confusion on the role of the Advisory Council. The SRM publication Rangelands is under some controversy due to it being produced in the red. There is still some question on if the Vancouver meeting was profitable. The other issue had to do with only holding the International meeting at bigger cities.

Annual Section Meeting - Monty. Wants to go with a Wildlife/Rangeland theme. Looking at either Douglas or Sheridan. Also looking at sometime in November. Monty looking for ideas on other Wildlife organization to cooperate with. Need to focus down on a particular type of wildlife or format.

Old Business – Status of Bronze. Dave Beard has it at is home. Still need to get into a gallery. Will contact gallery owner

Awards at the National Level are due April 30th. There should be folks in Wyoming that are deserving of a Fellow nomination. However, the on-line form is not that friendly to use. Justin will develop a dummy format from what Justin used in the past.

Student event on April 7. Grazing theme. Public land grazing, Range school, etc.

Meeting adjourned.

Wyoming Section Council Meeting Minutes April 7, 2006

Minutes were reviewed by the council. Motion made by Paul Meiman to approve the minutes and second by DeMont Grandy. Minutes approved.

Treasure report was reviewed. Motion made by DeMont to accept. Second by Paul. Report approved. Since 2002 we have shown a growth in our account balances.

Budget: Charlie. At last meeting it was decided to look at Range school, WyRED and HSYF. WyRED was approved at the last Council meeting. HSYF Pete Guernsey indicated that what was submitted is realistic and wanted to drop the expenditure for the WyG&F Expo since he would not have time to participate. The Budget Committee wants the council to look at ways to raise funds for HSYF. Range School has a proposal to look at getting outside funding and if not able to get outside funding, \$2000.00, was to drop the 501 class. This would then show a positive balance. We have not put on a 501 class and this would just show growth in program development. The budget showed two proposals, with and without the additional outside funding. Since the Annual Section meeting income is not considered in the budget at this time, it would allow for allocation of funds to the 501 course. There is also another competitor for those Annual meeting funds. That would be the Wyoming Weed Management Association. Primary purpose of this group is for information, awareness and education. They are requesting seed money in the form of \$500.00 for an upcoming conference. Discussion was, are they filling a niche that is not being duplicated. Consensus was that there is a need and if formulated similar to other State organizations it would be a useful organization. This new group does have a good relationship with the Wyoming Weed and Pest Council. If the Section does agree to provide funding, we need to be involved and support this organization. DeMont asked if we could we have them give a presentation on the role and purpose of their organization. This would be a one time contribution of funds. Rick will contact the Wyoming Weed Management Association to have them at our next council meeting.

Charlie also stated that the fundraising income is just an estimate at this time. A motion was made by Dave Beard to accept the recommendation of the budget. DeMont second. Question was asked if the Range Club also fell under the use of the Section Tax ID number. Since the Club is a sanctioned member of the University of Wyoming, they should use the University of Wyoming number. Motion on the budget approved.

Investment: Bob. The Strategy taken by the Council and membership is sound. The question is on how we are going to utilize the income generated by this investment. This also shows we have a means to accept contributions and donations to establish an endowment. Motion made to move funds from savings and to authorize Bob Sprentall to invest funds as outlined in the Strategy. Motion by Paul. Second by DeMont. Motion approved.

Quilt: Rick. DeMont does not have tickets or does Rick or David. The best way to get tickets is to ask Phil Gonzales. Best way is through County Fairs, Stock growers summer meeting in June. Rick asked for volunteers, due in a week, to man a booth at the Wyoming Stock grower's summer meeting June 7 through 10 in Casper. It was looked at to add on the expenditure of booth space to I&E. It was moved to add on an expenditure of \$350 to I&E for booth space at the Wyoming Stock grower's summer meeting conditioned by adequate volunteers to man the booth. Moved by Lucas. Second by DeMont. Motion approved.

I&E Subcommittee Chairs. The group who was to get together to look at getting sub-committee chairs for I&E failed us. This was an arrangements committee to help with the development and organization of the annual meeting. Names were identified as potential candidates.

Advisory Council Issues: Rick wants the Council advice. There were two issues that Rick wants to pursue on having the International meeting at large venues and the financial health of the International Organization. Rick wants to put a poll out to the membership on venues, perceptions of publications, and the role of our organization in relation to financial issues.

Annual meeting update. Monte not on line.

David B. did get the bronze placed in the gallery.

Next Council meeting will be at WyRED

The next council member to have the next newsletter article will be Matt Hoobler.

Meeting adjourned.

A Hearty Welcome to our New and Returning Wyoming Section Members:

**Anita Bartlett
Charlie Bradshaw
Skip Eastman
Jenna Foss
Wendy Haas
J.J. Healy**

**Robert Hellyer
Michael Henn
Russ Holzhauser
Stephen Jones
Seth Kennedy
Ryan Martin**

**Suzanne Mayne
Angus McIntosh
William Mier
William Oakes
Philip Ogle**

**James Ozenberger
Erik Resel
John Samson
Calvin Strom
Ashley Whitman**

Young Professionals Conclave

2006 SRM Annual Meeting

Vancouver, B.C.

A group of young professionals and students nearing the end of their academic careers met in Vancouver, B.C., Canada, at the 2006 SRM annual meeting. The Young Professionals Conclave (YPC) was formed, with goals to develop a group that was “young at heart” and committed to keeping young members of SRM involved and active. A symposium was held on February 14 with a panel discussion on the topics that included the balancing act work and family, and field time vs. paperwork. General information about the society and its organizational structure was also presented. SRM committee chairs then presented an overview of the various committees and encouraged those attending to become active members.

Following the symposium, a YPC luncheon sponsored by Dow AgriSciences and Ridley Block Company was held, with most SRM sections having at least one representative attending. Results of officer elections, conducted via email prior to the meeting, were announced. Steph Sever, Intermountain section, was elected President of the Conclave, with Jason Hohlt, Texas section, chosen as President elect. Summer Schulz, Utah section, was elected Recorder, and Brian Thrift, Intermountain section, elected Treasure. Marji Patz, Jessica Rose, and Kyle Schmitt were members of the Wyoming Section who ran for offices. Following elections, members volunteered to form funding, activities, membership, and organizing committees.

Steph Sever then led a discussion focused on the issue of keeping young members involved in the Society and recruiting techniques to draw younger members to the conclave. The discussion also asked what will be the effective functions of the conclave, and how will young professionals benefit?

The Young Professionals Conclave is intended to answer questions young members may have of where they fit into the society and help them become more involved. Retaining membership and further strengthening the future of SRM are the major goals of the YPC. The YPC will also serve its' members as a network to keep track of where young professionals are headed in their careers as well as provide support for members transitioning into the workforce. The YPC can also serve as an important communication tool to identify where young professionals could contribute to SRM committees.

With the parent YPC in place, bylaws will be developed and organization for next year's YPC in Reno, NV will go into motion. With an energetic group, good things are sure to follow as the YPC enters its first organized year. Overall, the YPC should be a great opportunity to become active in SRM and work alongside tomorrows' up and coming rangeland professionals.

For those interested in forming a YPC chapter for the Wyoming Section, please contact Kyle Schmitt at kschmitt@fs.fed.us, Marji Patz at marji.patz@wy.usda.gov, or Jessica Rose at jessica.rose@northwestcollege.edu. Organization for the chapter will be scheduled during the annual section meeting this winter.



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Local Range Judging Contests How good are YOU?

Looks like we have firmed up the schedule for the majority of the contests this spring. There have been a couple of changes from what was previously sent out. The purpose of these contests is to give everyone an idea and a little practice for the State Range Judging Contest to be held in Douglas at the end of WyRED (Wyoming Resource Education Days) on 7/13 and 7/14. Registration for the Area contests will be free and lunch will be provided to those who register. Participants may attend as many contests as they like and all ages are eligible to compete.

Each contest will have practice and assistance from 9:00am until Lunch. At 12:30pm we will start the contests. Please register at least 1 week before contest if possible so we will have enough help and lunches.

For further information and to Register please contact the following people.

Southeast - Medicine Bow - TBD in June

contact - Marji Patz, 307-379-2542, marji.patz@wy.usda.gov

Central - Kaycee 6/29/2006

contact - Allison Mckenzie, 307-738-2321, allison.mckenzie@wy.usda.gov

Southwest - Lyman 6/22/2006

contact - Kerri Sabey, 307-787-3794, kerri.sabey@wy.nacdnet.net

Northwest - Greybull 6/15/2006

Contact - Janet Hallsted, 307-765-2483, janet.hallsted@wy.nacdnet.net

Everyone please pass this along to all who may be interested. If you have any questions let me know .. Thanks... brendan



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MARK YOUR CALENDERS

The Annual Section Meeting
Is Set for
November 29 through December 1
In Sheridan

More information will be coming in the next newsletter

REMEMBER TO KEEP SELLING RAFFLE TICKETS!!

Tickets are \$1 each or six tickets for \$5. Books of raffle tickets can be obtained from Council members, committee chairs, and other active members of the Section. For further information concerning this raffle please contact Charlie Fifield or Phil Gonzales.



SRM members **MUST** choose a Section affiliation. Section affiliation is determined by geographical region however members may be affiliated with any and as many Sections as desired upon payment of additional Section dues. See page 4 for Section Descriptions. **Primary Section Affiliation:** Check the first box. **Additional Section Affiliation:** Check the second box - as many as you would like - \$5 each

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This form must be signed by the head of your department and returned with your membership invoice and payment. If you choose to make your payment by credit card online, please fax this form to 303-986-3309. If we do not receive this form with your payment of “Student” membership dues, your membership will automatically be upgraded to that of “Apprentice” and not renewed until the remainder of the dues are paid in full.

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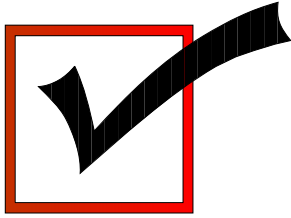
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