



The Range Rider

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FROM THE PRESIDENT... Gratitude and Memories



As I sit here and think about what to expound on...I wonder if other past presidents ever found it difficult to come up with an exceptional inspirational message to wow the membership with. Frankly, I have always had difficulty with moments like these. I would never have made a good author!

My Dad is 85 years old. He was a veterinarian. He was one of those well liked, cut to the chase type vets. As a youngster, I loved going from one farm

after another saving the livestock. I was an excellent "tail holder." I was a poor anesthesiologist however...but that's another story. Years ago, when dad was able we went on many fishing trips together. Those memories are now treasures. Whenever I return to my home town, my friends always ask "how's Doc doing?" As of late, Doc's not doing so well. Time has a way of catching up to all of us, but memories live on.



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SRM 2020 News

By Julie Elliott. 2020 General Co-Chair

Image Search

We are looking for someone with artistic talent to help us with a sketch for the 2020.

The theme is: **SRM 2020 - A New Look Transformation and Translation**

The idea we would like to convey is that the way we look at and manage rangelands and the people interested in rangelands is changing drastically (thus the transformation and translation). It's not just ranchers, cows, bison and wildlife - we need to recognize and enhance all the goods and services rangelands provide. This is a very complex idea we would like to capture in an image that maybe has more parts to it than the 2017 and 2018 meeting images but is not as complex as the 2010 image. The Trail Boss image (or a version thereof) and the Visit Denver Mountains (could be incorporated, but are not a requirement. Past annual meeting images can be found at: <http://rangelands.org/events-abstracts>)



The creator of the selected submission will receive a framed print/poster of the final design and a \$100 Visa gift card!

Please send a scan of the image to Julie at Julie.elliott@co.usda.gov by October 5.

Anyone can work up a sketch, so feel free to share this friends and family members that have an artistic side.

Attend the 2020 Organizational Meeting!

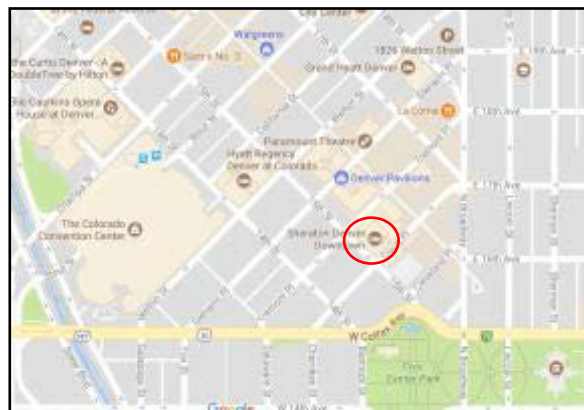
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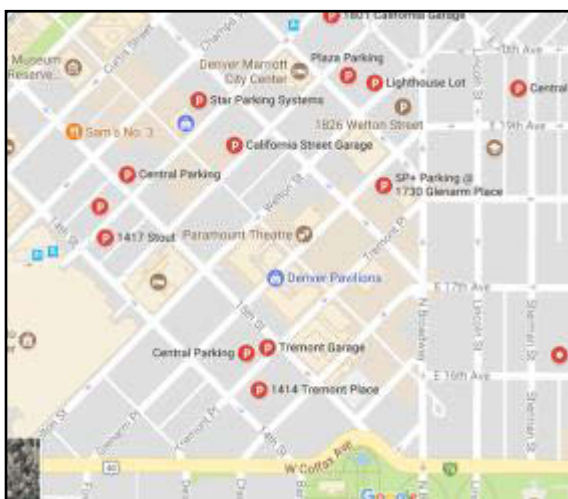
Attend the 2020 Organizational Meeting *(Continued from page 1)*

Everyone is invited to participate in an organizational meeting on Tuesday, October 10 at the Sheraton in downtown Denver (*see hotel location map*). We will be making several key decisions that set the path for the next 2½ years, so this is your chance to get in on the ground floor! The meeting will begin at 9:30 a.m. and end by 3:30 p.m.



Agenda items include:

- Image and Theme
- Tentative Program outline, discussion and input
- Timeline from now until February 2020
- Committee leadership voids
- Booth at Reno
- NWSS events
- Taste of the Rockies
- Set February planning meeting date, what is needed and responsibilities
- Communication plan
- Time for Committees Co-Chairs to meeting with members



As of this writing, we are still waiting to learn if we can get a tour of the National Western Stock Show Complex (NWSS) arranged for that afternoon.

We have set up a Zoom connection for those who cannot attend in person but would like to participate. The zoom meeting log-in information is at the end of this article.

For those of you who are not familiar with downtown, parking is not free, though one can find lots for \$14-\$15/day (*see downtown parking map*). Some offer an on-line pre-purchase option to save your space for less than \$1 more than the drive up rate. Another option may be to park in an RTD lot and car-

pool with others or take the train downtown. Those who wish to participate in the NWSS complex tour will want to park near the hotel as it is a 15+ minute drive (depending on traffic) from the hotel to NWSS.

Zoom information:

Topic: SRM 2020 Planning Meeting

Time: Oct 10, 2017 9:30 AM Mountain Standard Time (US and Canada)

Join from PC, Mac, Linux, iOS or Android: <https://zoom.us/j/567942494>

Or iPhone one-tap :

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Get Involved!

Know of anyone not getting the newsletter? Have them update their email address on the SRM website!

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COLORADO SECTION'S SUMMER TRAINING ON THE BLUE VALLEY RANCH

Submitted by Ben Berlinger, Summer Meeting Committee



Overview of meadows and the Blue River.

The Colorado Section's summer training session near Kremmling was well attended. The **Blue Valley Ranch** provided a fantastic venue for the session. The **Middle Park Conservation District** co-sponsored the event and provide the participants with a light breakfast. The participants gathered at the Kremmling Natural Resources Conservation Service office and then loaded into vehicles and headed out to the ranch headquarters located 7 miles south of Kremmling.

After some opening remarks from President Saunders and Sherry Steuben, Office Manager for the ranch, the group headed out on the first of five educational stops throughout the ranch. Josh Richert, Range & Livestock Manager for the ranch, and John Kossler, Natural Resource Consultant, provided informative knowledge about the rangeland resource management that has been applied on the ranch.

Josh talked about the ranch's cow/calf operation, and how bison are managed on the ranch. Cattle grazing is managed on a deferred-rotational program that encompasses both the lower elevation rangeland with the higher elevation pastures. The bison graze in one large pasture and move themselves as a couple herds throughout the pasture based on water availability. Handling of the bison is minimal as they are gathered twice each year. John informed the participants about some of the historical rangeland improvement practices applied on the ranch. The participants learned about sagebrush management, use of the tool of prescribed fire, and mechanical rangeland practices.

The participants also learned about the wildlife conservation efforts as an important part of the stewardship being implemented by the Blue Valley Ranch. Michelle Cowardin of the Colorado Parks and Wildlife informed the participants about the wildlife project along Highway 9. This effort has been a joint project involving several entities including the ranch. The goal of the project is to reduce deer mortality along Highway 9 by fencing and access point control. Two wildlife overpasses that are unique to Colorado, and several underpasses, were constructed. To date the effort has been extremely successful.

The Colorado Section SRM is **very grateful** to the Blue Valley Ranch and the Middle Park Conservation District manager Katlin Miller for helping to provide this great learning experience for both Colorado Section SRM members and non-members alike!



President Saunders welcomes participants.



Participants learn about historic and current rangeland management stewardship.



Some of the bison being managed on the Blue Valley Ranch.

Gratitude and Memories *(Continued from page 1)*

One of the actions my dad taught me was to be grateful...be thankful and let others know it. And so, it is with all of the great folks in the Colorado Section that I have had the chance to be around and work with this fast year of serving as President of the section. To all the section officers and committee chairs and all the membership I say thank you for your support!

I do kinda chuckle and think to myself...”just what is it you did Mr. President?” I certainly could have done much more I suppose. A dedicated group of section members did pull off a very good winter meeting last November. Many folks jumped in and helped. Thank you all! The summer meeting was fantastic. Lots of pre-planning went into that event also. Well done and thank you! We had new officers come aboard as well as new committee chairpersons. A concentrated effort was made to reach out to members to renew commitments to the section and the list of items that happen behind the scenes goes on and on. None of this could be done by one person alone. **Thank You All** for your help and guidance!!

Our next gathering will be at the winter meeting in Pueblo October 31, 2017. Dan Nosal, President-elect, has been working hard in collaboration with the planning committee to pull together an awesome training/workshop which has a theme centered on Regenerative Agriculture. A whole list of power speakers have committed to tell their story, give their perspective and deliver their research pertaining to this agronomic movement which focuses on stewardship methods that were highly favored in the past, lost or forgotten, and are now becoming popular again.

Be sure to get this event on the calendar and locked onto your schedule! Look for information/agenda flyers coming your way in the near future. You certainly can't beat the quality of information, entertainment, and low admission price. Looking forward to seeing you all there!

Well, like an author who sits staring at his typewriter in wonder where to go from here...so it is with me. My memories of past times with you all have been wonderful. My gratitude for all you do for the Section of Colorado is immense. I appreciate the time spent! Looking forward to the future!

I will see you all again somewhere...down the trail!

MEMBERSHIP STATUS

Not getting CSSRM emails or newsletters? It's probably because you haven't updated your membership information. Allen Press doesn't automatically update your membership/contact information. So if you can please get on the SRM website and check your contact information (and update it if needed), we would really appreciate it! We want to make sure you don't miss out on awesome newsletters like this, upcoming meetings, upcoming elections, etc.

To check your membership information, just click on this link: <https://srm.allenpress.com/srm/HOME.aspx> and go to: My Profile. Under 'Profile Information' you'll see 'Update Address' and 'Update Communication Methods'. Make your changes there and you will be good to go! It's just that simple!

Thank you!

Clare Hydock
Director

Regenerating Landscapes: Back to the Future

October 31 - November 1, 2017

Colorado State Fair Grounds – Pueblo, CO

The Colorado Section of the Society for Range Management and Colorado State University Extension are pleased to announce an exciting training opportunity providing information about the land stewardship methods and practices that worked in the past and are now being incorporated back into the future of regenerating landscapes.



Speakers and topic titles include:

- **Dr. Richard Teague**—Texas A&M Agrilife Research, Adaptive Multi-Paddock Grazing Research.
- **Chip Hines**—retired Yuma, CO rancher and author, Our Wandering Industry.
- **Dave Carter**—National Bison Association, The Original Mob Grazers
- **Doug Peterson**—NRCS Regional Soil Health Specialist, High Stock Density Grazing and Regenerating Soil Health.
- **Hugh Aljoe**—Noble Foundation, Mob Grazing: Consultants Perspective.
- **Louis Martin**—Colorado rancher, Rancher Experience with Mob Grazing.
- **Julie Sullivan/Paul Neubauer**—Blue Range Ranch, New Agrarian Program-Apprenticeship Relationships.
- **Byron Shelton**—Savory Institute, Regenerating Brittle Landscapes.
- **Brook Levan/Zopher Sabo**—Sustainable Settings, Sustainable Locally-Grown Agriculture.
- **Katie Miller/Carrie Balkcom**—American Grassfed Association, Grassfed Opportunities-Grass to Grill
- **Christine Su**—PastureMap, Technology/Information-Building Resilience for Regenerative Grazing.
- **Tate Smith**—Regenerative Stewardship LLC, Regenerative Stewardship.
- **Allen Maez**—Retired Colorado NRCS Towaoc Tribal Office, Land Stewardship: A Cultural Native American Perspective;
- **Dr. Paul Meiman/Elena Dosamantes/Scott Bradfield**—CSU, Graduate Student Research Results.
- **Amber Wyndham**—NRCS Pueblo office, Ecological Site Information as a Drought Adaptation Tool on Rangelands.



SAVE THE DATE!

Registration costs to include your choice of days and meals. Come join the fun! Save the date! Let's go back to the future of regenerating landscapes! Will include annual SRM business meeting and awards the evening of October 31. **More details on registration information to come soon!**

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It's Election Time!

We have four candidates for two seats on the Board of Directors and one candidate for President. Biographies and photos are in the newsletter. Balloting is open now and will close Friday, October 13 at 4:30 p.m. Those receiving the newsletter via email can click on the Survey Monkey link included in the email transmitting the newsletter.

Those receiving the newsletter via postal mail have a paper ballot enclosed in the newsletter. To insure that your vote is counted please mail your ballot to arrive in Holyoke by Friday, October 13.

Check out the next few pages and meet this year's nominees!

Nominee for President-Elect:

Clare Hydock

Nominees for Board Members:

Andee Leininger

Micheal Butterfield

Sami Dinar

Donald 'Don' Schoderbek

Please vote at: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/SQ2ZBP3>

CSU Rangeland Ecology Club ~ It's about land health

Greetings SRM section members!

Colorado State University Rangeland Ecology Club will be hosting their annual Fall Picnic on September 22, 2017 at 5:00 p.m. We invite members to enjoy our first social event of the semester with us! Our picnic will be hosted at City Park in the pavilions near W. Oak Street. Main course items will be provided, but please feel free to bring drinks, side dishes, or desserts. This is a wonderful opportunity to mingle with students interested in Rangelands.

We hope to see you there!

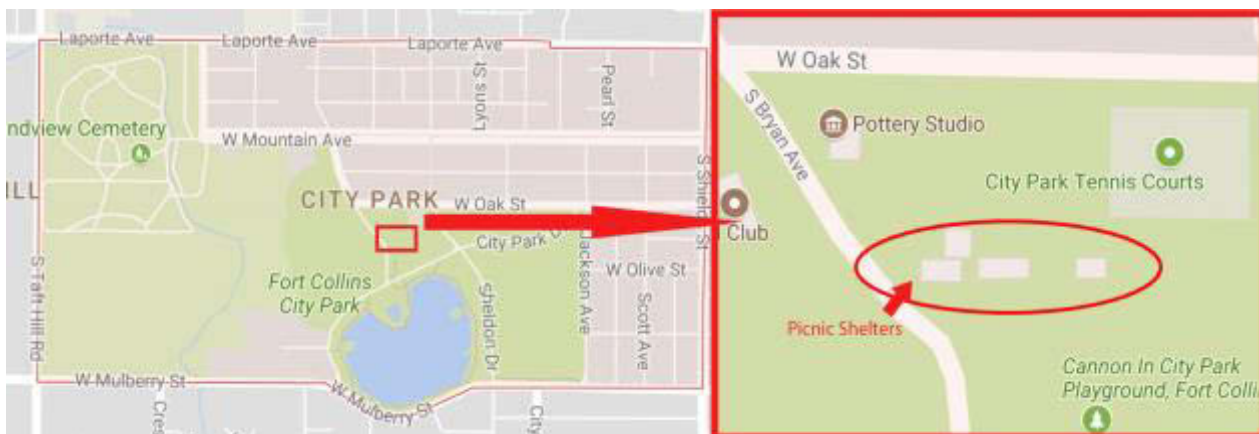
When: September 22, 2017

Time: 5:00 p.m.

Where: City Park in the pavilions near W. Oak St (see map)

Who: Hosted by the CSU Rangeland Club – all CSSRM members are invited to attend

What: Main course (hot dogs & hamburgers) provided, bring drinks, sides, or desserts to share



Mysti Tatro

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Colorado Section Society for Range Management Nominee for President for 2018

Clare Hydock

Hi everyone! I am really honored to be nominated for President of our great section, but I've got to admit I hesitated at first. I've been a board member for the CO and AZ sections and have served on a number of committees so being involved has never been an issue.

But taking that next step to run for President is a bit daunting! I never ran for President while in AZ although I was asked to. Looking back now, I should have 'leaned in' as Sheryl Sandberg advised in her 2013 book Lean In: Women, Work, and the Will to Lead. So many other folks have taken that step, served admirably and have been great role models for all of us. I'm ready to 'lean in' now knowing that I'll have the benefit of our predecessor's experiences, and will be working with a group of creative, dedicated officers and members!

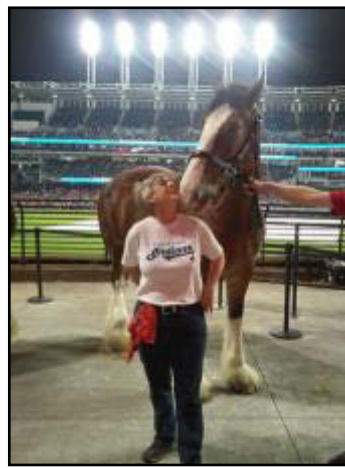
I have a degree in Range Management from the University of Wyoming (1992), working summers for the National Park Service, BLM, and Forest Service. I've been a member of SRM since college and a Certified Professional in Rangeland Management since 2000. The FS hired me in 1992 and I've stuck with them ever since! I've been in range for 21 years, and was a Botanist for 3 ½ years. I'm currently the Range and Invasive Species Program Manager for the Grand Mesa, Uncompahgre, and Gunnison National Forests, in Delta.

I moved from Arizona in 2013 where I served on the board, helped plan and facilitate meetings, coordinated the annual auction for student range programs, and served as a judge for the High School Youth Forum (HSYF). Since coming here, I've been on the planning committee for winter meetings, served on the board for the last two years, and became the membership committee chair in June of this year. I continue to help with the HSYF (2015 and 2017); judging, giving presentations, and taking part in their Professional Interaction dinners.

I'm a dog lover, fun seeker, hard working person with a passion for learning! I'm running because I want to continue the efforts of my predecessors to keep our Section strong and relevant. I want to learn from you as well. What do you want to see from your section? How can we enhance your membership? For example, at the summer meeting we were talking about offering carpooling and room sharing opportunities at future meetings. Can we charter a bus to get folks to the annual meetings? Given everyone's tight travel budgets doing something like this makes total sense. Heck, there's probably even an app for that!

As President I'll do my very best to keep you engaged in range happenings, to maintain our membership, to recruit new ones, and to develop relevant, cost-effective workshops so we can all benefit from new science, technology, legislation, etc. I'll help out in whatever capacity I can, regardless of how this election turns out.

Thanks again for the nomination! *Clare*



Clare and a Budweiser Clydesdale at the World Series watch party in Cleveland Ohio in October of 2016.



My pack: Gemstone (in back), Dancer (left) and Kilo.

Colorado Section Society for Range Management Nominee for Board Members for 2017-2018

Michael Butterfield



Michael was born and raised on his family's ranch in western Douglas County, Colorado. His family has long focused upon breeding and training Morgan horses. Michael holds a bachelor's degree in Rangeland Ecology from Colorado State University, where he also enjoyed serving as Historian in the Society's student chapter. Michael works for Douglas County Open Space and Natural Resources as a Land Management Specialist and Ranger. Michael's passions include land conservation, botany, wildlife management and traditional woodworking. As a member of the CSSRM Board of Directors Michael would endeavor to honor the Society's rich history while ensuring current relevance and sustaining membership.

Andee Leininger

Andee Leininger grew up on a cow/calf operation in SE Colorado. After spending half of her life in a drought, Andee became interested in Range Management and how management might affect rangelands during drought. She attended the University of Wyoming where she earned a B.S. of Rangeland Ecology & Watershed Management, along with a B.S. of Agroecology and minors in Soils & Reclamation. Andee currently lives in Hugo, CO where she works as a Range Management Specialist for the Natural Resources Conservation Service. Helping landowners understand Range Management and the impact it can have on a person's life/business is one of her long-term goals. The other goal is to manage the family ranch one day with the knowledge gained in college, her career and SRM. Her hobbies include photography and travelling.



Colorado Section Society for Range Management Nominee for Board Member for 2017-2018

Sami Dinar



I am pleased to be running for the Colorado Section of Society of Range Management board of directors. I am currently the Rangeland Management and Noxious Weed Specialist for the Aspen and Sopris Ranger Districts on the White River National Forest. In this capacity I work with USFS grazing permit holders to ensure the best balance between native forage production and livestock gains. We work together for the good of the resource as well as protecting the rich ranching heritage of the Roaring Fork Valley. In addition to the grazing side of my position I also lead the noxious weed program for the Districts, encompassing over 750,000 acres.

My path to rangeland science has been a twisty-turning road. After receiving my B.S. in Environmental Science I began working on organic farms around New England and then made a right turn towards grassroots organizing for ranchers confronting coal-bed methane

development in Northeast Wyoming. After that, I got a professional certificate in Geomatics from Rutgers University and began working in Geographic Information Systems (GIS). After moving back to Colorado in 2006 I started my own GIS consulting business advising and mapping for non-profits, local governments, biologists and other individuals and entities. My next turn was a hard left to serve as a Peace Corps volunteer in Morocco for 2-1/2 years. During this time I worked with the local development association to install a solar water pump for irrigation for a 3 hectare orchard which would produce almond, olive and argan products for the women's cooperative. After returning from Morocco and spending the summer guiding people around Yellowstone National Park, I started my Master's program in Integrated Resource Management at Colorado State University, followed by a year working for the wildlife division of Nebraska Game and Parks. Now that I am finally settled back in Colorado, I am continuing my education in Rangeland Science with classes through Oregon State University.

I became involved with SRM in 2012 after meeting a Colorado Section member at the Quivira Coalition conference who encouraged me to "check out" SRM. When I returned to Fort Collins I attended a few meetings and made a great connection with the organization. I was able to become more involved and reconnect in 2015 when both the summer and winter workshops were held in my backyard of Glenwood Springs. Since then I have attended as many conferences and trainings as possible and have assisted with the CSSRM Strategic Plan Update and am volunteering to help chair the expo for the 2020 meeting in Denver. Throughout my time with SRM I have expanded my toolbox and honed my methods for both short and long term monitoring, learned new communication skills and numerous ranching diversification methods for various ecotypes.

I am hoping to give back all that SRM has already given to me and continue to provide my time and skills to help expand the good work of the Colorado section of Rangeland Management. Thank you for your consideration to serve as a member of the board of directors.

Colorado Section Society for Range Management Nominee for Board Member for 2017-2018



Donald 'Don' Schoderbek is a range manager in Sterling, Colorado. Originally from San Juan County, NM, he received his BSc in Range Science from New Mexico State University in Las Cruces, NM in 2012. He then studied towards a master's degree in Rangeland Ecology at the University of Alberta in Edmonton. Following his time in Canada, he relocated to Sterling to work as a Regional Specialist (Range Management) for CSU-Extension, covering 31 counties across eastern and southern Colorado. In July 2017, Don left CSU and started a ranch consulting firm (Range Horizons LLC), which specializes in grazing management and ranch planning, with a focus on emerging technologies such as SUAS and cheap sensors. He also writes as a freelance journalist, and his work has been featured in The Denver Post, The Fencepost, Ag Journal, as well as several local newspapers in eastern CO and Nebraska. Don is married with a two-year-old son, and when he's not flying his drone or looking for arrowheads/minerals/fossils, he can be found doing day work on area ranches.



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