



# The Range Rider

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## From the President

### Stuff Doesn't Just Happen!

By Dan Nosal, President



As I sat here contemplating my navel and thinking about this message from the president, a thought came to me: "you know, stuff doesn't just happen." Like this newsletter for example. It doesn't just happen. It takes dedicated people to put it all together.

Then I began to think about the people that came before me and the time and effort they put into

the Colorado Section – Society for Range Management (CSSRM). I know I won't think of everyone, but I would like to acknowledge some folks that I've noticed in the past couple years that have really gone above and beyond for CSSRM

Folks like **Ben Berlinger**, a retired NRCS employee who has been a member since 1974 and was CSSRM president in 1991. Ben is the current Youth Activities Chair and has been for many years. Every year he accompanies the Colorado High School Youth Forum delegates to the International SRM annual meeting, many times going on his own dime. He also is the CSSRM representative assisting youth with the FFA Range Judging contest, Camp Rocky, and Colorado Envirothon. In addition to all the CSSRM youth activities, Ben almost always is at the forefront of nominating ranchers for the Excellence in Rangeland Conservation award and then organizing the summer tour at those ranches.

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## 2020 Annual Meeting Planning News

By Julie Elliott, Planning Committee Co-Chair

Colorado and Wyoming are hosting the SRM Annual Meeting February 17-20, 2020, at the downtown Denver Sheraton Hotel. Many thanks to all those who attended our planning meeting April 20 in Laramie. It was great to see everyone and to feel like we were getting this train moving out of the station!!

We could still use some help, particularly leadership for the Special Events Committee. This committee oversees those working on activities such as 'Taste of the Rockies', the Dance, Companion activities, and Ski Package. These sub-committees have people in them, but we need someone to keep them on track. (Our crystal ball says it will be a great snow year in the mountains, so we'd like to work with Winter Park or other sky resorts for a great ski package offering to our membership for the weekend before and after the meeting).

This is not going to be your typical annual meeting! Patterned off the International Rangeland Congress format, the meeting will have several large plenary type sessions in the mornings with a few breakout sessions in the afternoon. There is a committee investigating hosting an arena and large space events at the National Western Complex on Thursday and maybe Friday of that week. We hope to host a 'Taste of the Rockies' meal featuring Wyoming and Colorado grown foods. The Native American Range Advisory Committee has expressed interest in sharing their history on the range and values tied to rangelands.

Not everything will be different. There will be technical tours prior to or after the main program and companion tours for those not participating in the meeting.

If you would like to help with the meeting efforts, in small, medium, or large ways, please do not hesitate to reach out to me. Call me (Julie) at 970-854-5294 (home) or 970-466-0794 (cell). Please leave a message if I don't answer.

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#### **2020 Planning Committee Co-Chairs**

Julie Elliott and Chuck Butterfield

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Ariana Gloria

#### **Webmaster**

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#### **Historian**

Josh Tashiro

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Clare Hydock

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Josh Saunders

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Josh Saunders

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Dixie Crowe and Josh Saunders

Know of anyone not getting the newsletter?  
Have them update their email address in their  
membership profile on <http://rangelands.org>.



## From the President (Continued from page 1)

Another old-timer **Roy Roath**, retired CSU Extension Range Specialist, has been a CSSRM member since 1973 and was president in 2006. He was co-chair for the 2010 International SRM meeting in Denver and led CSSRM in hosting a very successful meeting. Roy also just completed serving on the Board of Directors for SRM and is now focusing his attention on assisting with the 2020 International SRM meeting. There are many other events and activities these two have assisted CSSRM with over the years. Many folks will fade away from an organization like CSSRM after they retire, but not these two. They continue to be active, contributing members.

Some other folks I have seen step up in the past couple years include: **Josh Saunders**, CSSRM president in 2017 and former BOD member, who organized an awesome three-day annual meeting in Pueblo entitled “Grass, Grazers, Family: Finding Common Ground” that attracted over 100 participants (50% of whom were producers) listening to an incredible speaker lineup; **Julie Elliott**, 2016 CSSRM president and past BOD member and former Awards Committee chair, who has voluntarily stepped up with a huge responsibility and is doing a fantastic job as co-chair of the 2020 SRM Annual Meeting planning committee; **Josh Tashiro** (JT), current CSSRM BOD member and Historian and Webmaster (whew! I got tired just thinking about everything he volunteers for!), who also helped organize last year’s summer tour and the past two annual fall meetings; **Dixie Crowe**, our current secretary and a very busy CSU grad student, has done a fabulous job taking notes at all the BOD meetings in addition to coordinating the newsletter submission process and being instrumental on the new website development sub-committee along with JT and former BOD member **Retta Bruegger**; and last but not least our president-elect for this year and former BOD member, **Clare Hydock**, is busy coordinating the fall annual meeting (at the Wine Country Inn in Palisade!) in addition to continuing to do a great job as Membership Committee chair. I know there are others I have not mentioned that have played significant roles in the past, but these are just some folks I’ve noticed that have contributed mightily in the past couple years.

As I was reviewing the membership list I noticed there are some long-time members of CSSRM that have passed away in the last year: **Bruce Lindahl**, **Leona Rittenhouse**, **Ed Nelson**, and **Elizabeth Colbert** were all either Life or Emeritus members from as early as 1950. I did not know all of them personally, but I think they deserve our recognition and gratitude for their many years of service to CSSRM. May they rest in peace.

As I conclude I want to remind everyone that our time is precious, and we must use it wisely. I want to thank those, both past and present, who have chosen to use their time to advance the cause of CSSRM. Because stuff doesn’t just happen on its own, it takes dedicated people to make it happen! See you all somewhere..... down the trail and out on the range!

## News from the Awards Committee

By Dan Nosal, President

The awards committee will see a change this year since our previous chairperson, Tom Nadgwick, transferred to South Dakota to begin a new job last year. Thank you to Tom for his many years of dedicated service to the Colorado Section.

Our new awards committee chairperson is Ariana Gloria. She is returning to Colorado after previously working with the University of Arizona Extension Service. Ariana attended the CSSRM breakfast meeting during the International SRM annual meeting in Sparks, NV this year and graciously volunteered her time to become the new awards chairperson.



CSSRM awards nominations for Trail Boss, Excellence in Rangeland Conservation, Outstanding Young Professional, and Outstanding Publication/Contribution are due July 1. Since Ariana is new to Colorado I have agreed to assist her this year with the nomination process. Please send nominations to my email address at: [daniel.nosal@co.usda.gov](mailto:daniel.nosal@co.usda.gov). Awards nomination info can be found under the Awards tab on the CSSRM website [www.cssrm.org](http://www.cssrm.org)

**Colorado Section - Society for Range Management Summer Two-day Workshop**  
**June 20, Jordan Angus Ranch - Briggsdale, CO &**  
**June 21, Pawnee Buttes Seed Inc. - Greeley, CO**



**Jordan Angus Ranch:** "Since we moved calving in the late spring and early summer, we've found we have very few sick calves. At branding time, we do a veterinarian-recommended vaccination protocol."

The Colorado Section of the Society for Range Management, Jordan Angus Ranch, together with Pawnee Buttes Seed Inc., and the West Greeley Conservation District, are pleased to provide this informative and educational opportunity.

During the morning of June 20 there will be a workshop for high school agriculture teachers on the Jordan Cattle Company ranch to learn about range and pasture management concepts; discuss how to incorporate these concepts into teaching curricula; and receive basic instruction on FFA rangeland judging and plant ID as a Career Development Exercise. This event is organized by Emmett Jordan and will conclude with a sponsored lunch on the ranch.

In the afternoon of June 20, we will tour the Jordan Angus Ranch. The ranch received the 2017 Colorado Section SRM Excellence in Rangeland Conservation award. The ranch tour will highlight the Jordan family's exemplary efforts in the stewardship of the rangeland resources under their management.

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Managed grazing is used on the ranch to improve soil and plant health; water absorption and retention; and nutrient cycling.

**The Colorado Section SRM board meeting will be held Wednesday evening at 7:00 p.m., June 20<sup>th</sup> at The Houston Gardens in Greeley.**

On June 21 the Pawnee Buttes Seed Company will conduct their 2018 Grass Tour in the Weld County area. Including five stops exploring water use. The theme is the “Shape of Water” in northern Colorado. Participants will learn how water is used, discover how to manage “Buy & Dry” properties, and discuss issues associated with the storage and distribution of water.

**Early registration is due by June 6 and is only \$35 for both days which includes lunches and a BBQ dinner on the evening of the first day!**

Registration Options	Rate per person until June 6 <sup>th</sup>	Rate per person after June 6 <sup>th</sup>
All day 6/20 (lunch only)	\$10	\$15
All day 6/20 (lunch and dinner before the board meeting)	\$20	\$25
All day 6/21 (lunch included)	\$25	\$35
Both days (includes all 3 meals)	\$35	\$45

To register on-line: <https://pawneebutteseed.com/grass-tour-2018-registration/>

**For mail-in registration, fill out the registration form on page 7 and send form and payment to:**

Pawnee Buttes Seed, Inc.  
PO Box 100 Greeley, CO 80632

## Schedule of Events

### Wednesday June 20th

8:00-9:00 Registration, coffee, and donuts.  
9:00-12:00 Range Management 101  
12:00-1:00 Lunch  
1:00-4:30 Ranch Tour  
6:00-8:30 BBQ followed by CSSRM Board of Directors Meeting @ Houston Gardens in Greeley

### Thursday June 21st

7:30-8:30 Registration, Coffee and Donuts.  
8:30 Departure to start the tour  
12:00-1:00 Lunch  
1:00 Departure for afternoon portion of the tour

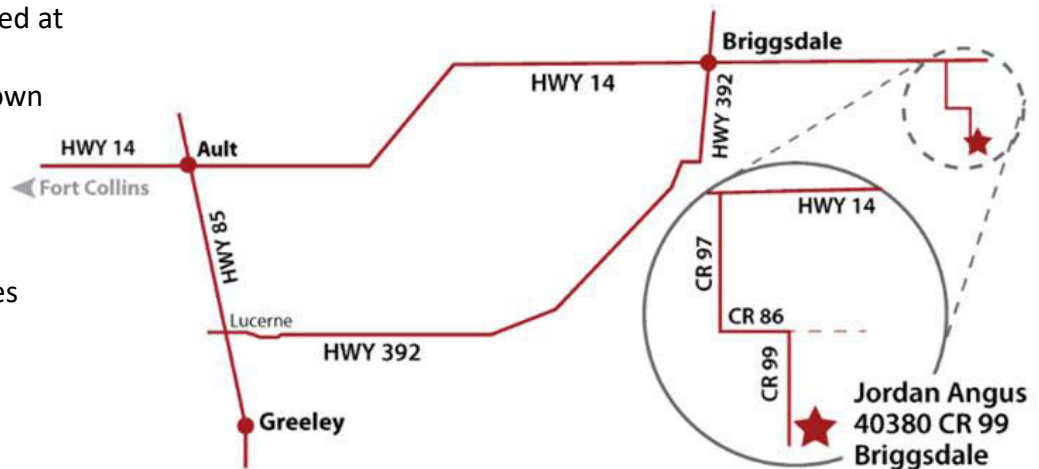
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### Lodging

Rooms have been reserved at

The Double Tree Downtown  
919 7th Street  
Greeley, CO 80631  
970-304-0000

The Hampton Inn & Suites  
2350 W. 29th Street  
Greeley, CO 80631  
970-339-5525



### Wednesday Location:

Meeting on the Jordan Ranch, Briggsdale CO

### Dinner Location:

Houston Gardens 515 23rd Ave, Greeley CO.

### Thursday Departure Location:

Greeley Chamber of Commerce building 902 7th Ave, Greeley, CO 80631

### Directions from Jordan Angus Ranch to Houston Gardens:

North 1.5 miles on CR 99, then west 1 mile on CR 86, then north 2 miles on CR 97 to Highway 14, then west 10 miles to Briggsdale, turn left at Highway 392 for 26 miles, turn left at Highway 85 and go about 1 mile, turn slight right onto North 11th Avenue and continue south to 2nd Street, turn right and proceed to 23rd Avenue, turn left and proceed to 4th Street, turn right for about one block, entrance to the Boys and Girls Club will be on your left for event parking, parking lot is directly west of Houston Gardens.

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*See you there!*

Name		
Company	Job Title	
Address		
City	State	Zip
Phone		
Email		
Special Dietary Needs		

<b><u>Attending:</u></b>	All day June 20th lunch only (\$10)	All day June 20th lunch and Dinner (\$20)
	All day June 21st (lunch included) (\$25)	Both Days (including all meals) (\$35)
	<b>Total = \$</b> _____	

**Refund Policy:**  
 Refunds will be given for cancellations on or  
 before Wednesday, June 6, 2018  
 \$5.00 will be retained for office expenses.

Method of Payment  
 Check  
 MC/Visa/Disc/AmEx

Credit Card #		
Exp. Date	Billing Zip Code	3 Digit Security Code
Signature		

(Please fill out a separate registration for each person attending the tour)

## CSSRM Booth Displays on the Move

By Dan Nosal, President

CSSRM has been seen regularly at several venues so far in 2018. Julie Elliott and Chuck Butterfield were at the 2018 SRM International Annual Meeting in Sparks, Nevada from January 28 – February 2 with the 2020 Annual Meeting display. They reported that it generated a lot of good input for the upcoming 2020 meeting.

Ben Berlinger and Dan Nosal were at the Ag Symposium in Greeley on March 14 highlighting the “2017 Excellence in Rangeland Conservation Award” recipient, Jordan Angus Ranch. They also promoted the upcoming CSSRM summer tour that will take place on the Jordan Angus Ranch on June 20-21.



Photo of Ben Berlinger (left) and Dan Nosal (right) at the Ag Symposium.

Finally, Roy Roath brought the 2020 Annual Meeting display to the Great Plains Grassland Summit April 10-11 in Denver.

## Making Yourself Available

By Josh Saunders, Past President

Well here we are again. It's time for some up talk...some “let's get on the bus talk.” As you may or may not know, one of the duties of the past president is to find members who would enjoy being a more “in-depth” participant within the Colorado Section. It all starts with just simply acting on the decision to make yourself available.

As all past presidents know, finding members who want to step up and make themselves available results in pleading and begging for involvement phone calls. Just as soon as you get a call from a past president...you know what he or she is going to be asking you...right?

The two recurring excuses are “I don't have time” and “I'm not a leader.” Everyone who has ever received this phone call from a past president has probably used one or both of these excuses. Ok, I understand the time thing, but busy people get things done! On the second excuse...everyone needs to be a leader at some point...if not, we would all be following no one. The great thing about volunteering as a Colorado Section board of director or president-elect, is that numerous folks have done it before! Each one of them is more than happy to help in any way they can. So, the bottom line is...you're not alone!

The Section is looking for two (2) members to serve on the board of directors and one (1) member to step up and volunteer for becoming the president-elect.



Here are my phone numbers: 970-427-3358 and 970-520-1936. Think about what I said. You can make a difference. Give me a call and let me know before September 5, 2018. Great things typically happen when you make yourself available.

See you at the Summer Tour or somewhere....down the trail!





## 2017 Annual Meeting Recap

By Michael Fisher and Dan Nosal



Michael Fisher, Colorado State University Extension co-emcee of the event.

Following a successful partnership between the Colorado Section – Society for Range Management (CSSRM) and Colorado State University Extension – Pueblo County (CSUE) for the 2016 annual meeting, we decided to have a repeat performance for 2017. Specifically, a two-day conference in Pueblo, Colorado October 31 and November 1, 2017 co-hosted by CSSRM & CSUE. Western SARE provided funds (\$2,000) through a mini-grant via the Colorado WSARE representatives. These monies were utilized to cover travel costs for several of the speakers who were on the program. The National Grazing Lands Coalition also provided a grant (\$2,000) to assist with speaker costs. Additionally, the Colorado State Fairgrounds assisted with the use of facilities. The conference was titled “Regenerating Landscapes: Back to the Future.” Attendance was 150 people; and represented Colorado, California,

Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Texas, & Wyoming. There was information available for everyone with twenty speaker presentations.

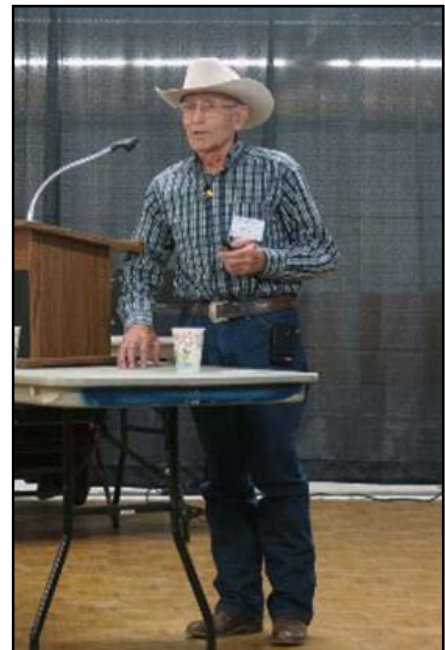
The conference kicked off with Allen Maez (NRCS, retired) discussing how Native American culture has perceived land stewardship. Dave Carter (National Bison Association) followed this up with an intriguing discussion of how bison mob graze and their effectiveness in modern grazing management. Retired rancher and author, Chip Hines, rounded out the morning with a discussion of how the ranching industry has progressed over the past several decades. Dr. Richard Teague (Texas A&M) gave a very informative presentation about multi-paddock grazing and the adaptive research being done in this area.



Dan Nosal, CSSRM President-elect and now President co-emcee of the event.



Dave Carter (left, National Bison Association) and Byron Shelton (Senior Programs Director for the Savory Institute) chatting in the trade show area of meeting.



Rancher and author Chip Hines, presenting during the first session.

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The next presenter, Doug Peterson (NRCS) connected well to this with high stock density grazing and its impact on regenerating soil health. Hugh Aljoe of the Noble Foundation tied this together with a consultant's perspective of mob grazing and Louis Martin (Round River Resource Management added a rancher's experience with mob grazing.



Doug Peterson (NRCS) takes questions after his presentation.



Dr. Richard Teague presenting at the meeting.



Louis Martin from Round River Resource Management gives a rancher's perspective.



Hugh Aljoe from the Nobel Foundation presenting at the meeting.

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## 2017 Annual Meeting Recap (Continued from page 10)

Day two opened with Dr. Paul Meiman and graduate students Elena Dosamantes and Scott Bradfield sharing information about recent rangeland research being conducted by Colorado State University. This was followed with Byron Shelton of the Savory Institute sharing about how ranchers and land managers can work on regenerating brittle landscapes. Utilizing technology and information in an effort to build resilience for regenerative grazing was focused on with a presentation by Christine Su of Pasture Map. Tate Smith (Regenerative Stewardship, LLC) visited with the group on land steward techniques that can assist with regenerating landscapes. The group was then updated by Amber Wyndham (NRCS) on how they can utilize ecological site information as a rangeland drought adaptation tool.



The Audience enjoys the presentations at the fall meeting in Pueblo, Colorado.

The planning committee had also wanted to ensure that the audience had the opportunity to learn about locally-grown agriculture efforts taking place in the State, as well as work being done to bring new farmers/ranchers into agriculture. Therefore, there were three presentations that were co-presented. Brook LeVan and Zopher Sabo (Sustainable Settings) shared with the group their work in central Colorado to grow and provide locally-grown agriculture to a community, in a fashion that is sustainable for the future. Julie Sullivan and Paul Neubauer, from the Blue Range Ranch, discussed the New Agrarian Program and how its apprenticeship relations allow new people to enter agriculture, as well as how this helps established ranching entities to remain sustainable. Finally, Katie Miller and Carrie Balkcom (American Grassfed Association) visited about the grass to grill opportunities for grassfed meats and how small ranching operations can take advantage of this.

Clicker technology was used to evaluate the response audience members had to the presentations. Some highlighted information collected included: about a 50-50 split of producer and agency participants, 40% ran cattle, 35% managed over 3000 acres, 50% had high to very high prior knowledge of the topics discussed, 40% felt that multi-paddock or high stock density grazing was the best conservation practice to improve grazing lands, and 80% said they would change the way they managed their resources based on what they learned at the conference. The CSSRM business meeting and awards presentations were held the evening of October 31. The Excellence in Rangeland Conservation award was presented to Emmett Jordan of Jordan Angus Ranch near Briggsdale. The summer tour on June 20 will take place at the ranch.



Alyssa Samoy and Bianca Bonizio host the CSU Range Club table, including selling t-shirts to raise money to attend SRM Sparks/Reno in 2018.

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Emmet Jordan (center) receives the Excellence in Rangeland Conservation Award from Josh Saunders (left) and Ben Berlinger (right).



Former CSSRM President Randy Reichert (right) receives the Trail Boss award from Josh Saunders (left).



Josh Tashiro (right) receives the Outstanding Young Professional award from Josh Saunders (left).



Matt Barnes (right) receives the Outstanding Publication / Contribution award from Josh Saunders (left).



Outgoing board of director members Clare Hydock (center) and Retta Bruegger (yes, that's Retta in the giraffe costume) received appreciation certificates.



Past president Julie Elliott (right) also received an appreciation certificate.

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## 2017 Annual Meeting Recap (Continued from page 12)



President Josh Saunders (far left) did the honors of swearing in Michael Butterfield (center left) and Sami Dinar (center right) as new directors on the board, while Clare Hydock was sworn in as the new President-elect (right).



Josh Saunders (left) was awarded a gavel and belt buckle in recognition of a successful year as president from Dan Nosal (right, incoming President).

Overall, we had a successful annual meeting and conference that garnered a net profit of \$1907 for the Colorado Section (\$10,265 income - \$8358 expenses). A hearty thank you to the planning committee that assisted Dan and Michael in this endeavor: Josh Saunders, Josh Tashiro, Kim Diller, Ben Berlinger, Lana Pearson, Clare Hydock, Tom Laca, Carl Beeman, and Cindy Villa!

## Colorado High School Youth Presented Range Management Papers at International Meeting

By Ben Berlinger, Chair Youth Activities Committee

Jacquelin Alvey, Sennon Wallace, and Cecil Shannon, local high school students, were selected by the Colorado Section of the Society for Range Management (SRM) to participate in the High School Youth Forum (HSYF), an SRM sponsored youth activity held jointly during the 71st Annual SRM annual meeting. This year's meeting was held in Sparks, Nevada, January 28 – February 1 2018 with the theme "EMPOWERMENT through Applied Science."

Jacquelin and Sennon completed their junior year attending Fowler High School. Cecil Shannon was a senior at Kim High School. All three students were selected for the HSYF based on their outstanding achievements in FFA range judging and plant identification. In 1966 SRM recognized a need to involve youth with the range-related activities and education provided at this annual meeting. Since that time, the HSYF has been a highlight of the SRM annual meetings.

High School delegates to the HSYF are chosen by each of the 21 individual sections of the parent society throughout the United States, Canada and Mexico, based on their high degree of interest in the range and natural resources field as well as on their exemplary dedication and effort to learn more about this particular area. At the HSYF, they had the opportunity to meet people from many countries and get a firsthand view of what SRM is all about including its organization, goals and the role it plays on a world-wide basis. Thus, the goals of the HSYF are:

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## Colorado High School Youth Presented Range Management Papers (Continued from page 13)

1) provide insight for these students concerning the function and working of a professional society; 2) provide opportunities to meet Society members; 3) provide a format that encourages thinking and enhancement of communicative skills; 4) provide an opportunity to learn about range and natural resource management and future careers through interaction with Society professionals; 5) provide an opportunity to learn about the ecology and natural resources of the Annual Meeting site; and 6) provide an atmosphere that fosters camaraderie and lasting friendships.

As one of the more important activities, each delegate to the Forum participates in a paper presentation competition with the content covering a range-related topic. All presentations were judged by a diverse panel, with the top five papers recognized at the SRM awards ceremony. The top paper winner is invited to return to next year's meeting to help with the Forum and present their paper to the general membership of the Society. In addition, other activities included a local ecological field tour of the meeting site and a program to enhance communication skills.

Since the number of delegates that can attend each year is limited, selection for this activity is considered a high honor for those students selected. Because of this perspective, the planners of this year's Forum were excited about the program and activities that were scheduled to provide both an exciting and rewarding educational experience for all that attended.

We are pleased to congratulate Cecil Shannon on his third-place paper entitled "Brush Control and Management?" Shannon was presented with a plaque for his presentation at the annual meeting (second from the left). Visit [www.cssrm.org](http://www.cssrm.org) to read all three papers presented by our Colorado Section HSYF delegates.



2018 HSYF L to R: – April Alger, California-Pacific Section (2nd), **Cecil Shannon, Colorado Section (3rd)**, Courtney Taylor, International Mountain Section (1st), Bayer Representative Derek Sebastian, BaiLee McMillon, Nebraska Section (4th), 2017 SRM President Larry Howery, and Maggie Justice, Pacific Northwest Section (5th) (photo courtesy of Gary Reese).

## Fall Workshop

By Clare Hydock, President-Elect

Hello CSSRM members! As we gear up for the upcoming summer workshop please save the date for the fall workshop "From Soup to Nuts - Diverse topics to peak your interest and feed your brain!" It will be held from November 6-8 at the Wine Country Inn in Palisade, CO

[www.colordaowinecountryinn.com](http://www.colordaowinecountryinn.com). I know that seems like a long way off but it will be here before we know it! The workshop is open to members and non-members so please help spread the word.



We're switching things up a bit based on feedback from prior year's workshops. This year's workshop will be 1-½ days long instead of two full days in order to accommodate folks with limited travel funds and busy schedules (that's all of us, right?!). Shortening the workshop should allow for 1-2 fewer nights of lodging and ending at noon the second day will get everyone on the road and home before dark (daylight savings time ends on November 4).

We'll start with a board meeting on November 6 from 4-6 PM; all are invited to attend. The workshop will kick off on Nov. 7<sup>th</sup> with a full day of spectacular presentations followed by a business meeting and awards banquet. We'll start at 8 AM on Nov. 8<sup>th</sup> and be done by noon. So far we've got presentations on: targeted grazing, wet meadow restoration, the Little Book Cliffs Wild Horse Range, and the Palisade Insectary. There will be a tour of the insectary on November 6 for those interested. You can also come early or stay late to tour a winery, see historic downtown Palisade, head over to the Colorado National Monument, drive up to the Grand Mesa, etc.

Registration is \$60 for regular members and \$25 for students; each includes the awards banquet on Wednesday night. Registration for vendors is \$100 and includes vendor space and one banquet ticket; additional employees will cost \$25 each and includes the banquet. Contact us today to reserve your space!

Would you like to "pay it forward" by sponsoring a student's attendance? If so, please let me know and I'll put you in touch with interested students and recent graduates. Students and recent grads: if you want to be matched with a sponsor please get me your contact info. You are the future of rangelands and we want to keep you engaged!

More to come so stay tuned! If you want more information or have any questions please feel free to contact any of the Planning Committee members: Retta Bruegger, 970-988-0043, [retta.bruegger@colostate.edu](mailto:retta.bruegger@colostate.edu); Sami Dinar, 303-999-6954, [samanthabdin@fs.fed.us](mailto:samanthabdin@fs.fed.us), Dan Nosal, 303-218-2632, [dan.nosal@co.usda.gov](mailto:dan.nosal@co.usda.gov); Roy Roath, 970-817-1085, [roy.roath@colostate.edu](mailto:roy.roath@colostate.edu); or myself at [chydock@fs.fed.us](mailto:chydock@fs.fed.us); 970-852-9791.

Some pictures of the facilities at the Wine Country Inn are below. More are on their website [www.colordaowinecountryinn.com](http://www.colordaowinecountryinn.com). Rooms are \$93 a night.

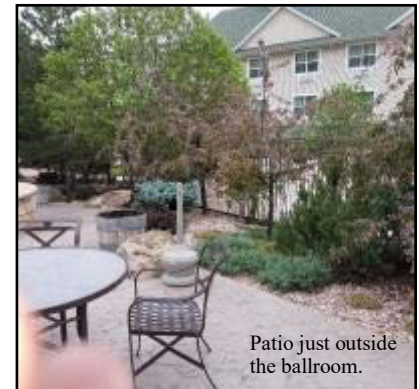
See you there!



Board meeting



Ballroom where workshop will be



Patio just outside the ballroom.

## Membership Corner

By Clare Hydock, Membership Chair

We have 193 members as of April 30, 2018. I'd like to highlight a couple of them, Monica Klingler and Dixie Crowe. (see page 17)

If you are interested in sharing your story for the newsletter and website, please send that to me along with a photo. I think it will be a great way to get to know each other a little better!

Vicky Trujillo at SRM headquarters and Chris Lapine at Allen Press continue to work on getting membership lists updated but it's an ongoing process so they ask for our patience as they work through things. Both Vicky and Chris are great to work with so if you're having issues please don't hesitate to contact them.

Some of the issues we deal with is folks that haven't updated their mailing address, email address, phone number, etc. Please log in to the SRM website, [www.rangelands.org](http://www.rangelands.org), and update your information so we can keep in touch! It's very easy to do and doesn't take much time.

If you haven't included an email address you are missing out on the email blasts we send out. We post those on the web site and on the Facebook page so please check those sites regularly so you don't miss anything. Those with no email addresses will continue to get hard copies of the newsletter, workshop registration and ballots.

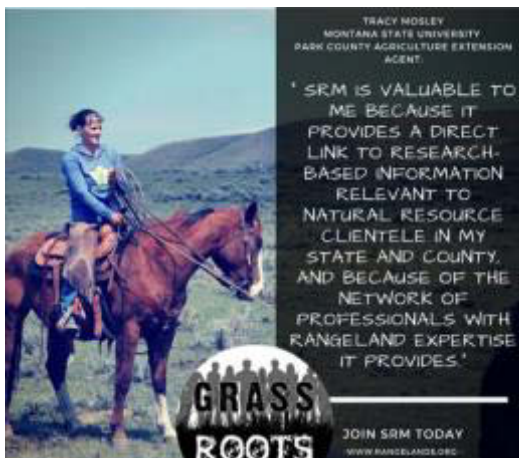
The CSSRM Facebook page has 429 followers and we can/should utilize Facebook to gain new members.

At the Annual Meeting, we were presented with a chalkboard with the official SRM hashtag: #WEARERANGELANDS. The idea is to take photos with it & post those, showcasing the work we do and the fun we have doing it. The back of the chalkboard tells you where to send those photos so the main office gets them too. Please keep that chalkboard rotating thru members and if you have it, please bring it to the summer and fall meetings so we can get some great pictures!

I'm still looking for someone to replace me as membership chair while I take on the duties of president-elect and then president next year. Please let me know if you're interested. We could use 2-4 folks to serve as committee members too. I've been flying solo as has Vickie Russo before me and it sure would be a lot easier to spread the work among 3-5 folks rather than expecting one person to carry the load. I'm willing to serve as an "ad hoc" committee member to help guide folks so please consider volunteering for this critical committee.

The national Membership Committee has been putting together some great resources; visit the web site at [www.rangelands.org](http://www.rangelands.org).

If you're interested in serving on the Membership Committee please let me know. I can be reached at 970-852-9791 or by email at [chydock@fs.fed.us](mailto:chydock@fs.fed.us)



Thank you!

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## Monica Klingler Membership Profile

I didn't even know anything about range management when I was younger. I intended to be a veterinarian all my life. I worked for a vet for several years and realized that it wasn't exactly what I wanted, I wanted to be outdoors more and I didn't think I could go through eight years of college! I was attending CSU and saw a brochure that said "Wouldn't you like to be a Range Manager?" It had a picture of a guy on horseback, riding across a field into the sunset. Ha! Anyways, it looked interesting. So, I was hooked, and here I am. I joined SRM in 1990, while I was in college. I've only dabbled and unfortunately haven't helped much with the Colorado Section. Now that my kids are grown, I might be able to be more involved. While working on my Range degree, I worked for the Forest Service for a couple of summers. Then I got on permanent in 1992, on the Gila National Forest in New Mexico. The rest is history.

I really enjoy working with the ranchers in managing their livestock and trying to maintain good range conditions or improve conditions where possible. A favorite day is spent horseback, riding with a rancher, looking at their country and seeing how things are looking and what things are going well and what needs to be adjusted. I've been married to Jevon for 25 years, have a 21-year-old daughter, Mariah, who is attending CSU to get an Agricultural Education degree, and my son, Jesse, 19, is attending Colorado Mesa University in Grand Junction. He is getting a business degree and hopes to work in the solar or hydro power industry one day. We live in Collbran, Colorado and enjoy a few acres with our critters: horses, dogs, chickens, etc.

I became a member of SRM at the urging of our professor, Wayne Leininger. I was part of the CSU Range Club and attended the 1990 SRM meeting in Washington, DC, participating in the Undergraduate Range Exam and with the Plant ID team. From that point on, I realized that the SRM provides great information, research details, opportunities to help find employment, and the members all go the extra mile to help others out. It is energizing to learn new things and to meet new people at the meetings. I also use the information in my day to day work from the publications "Journal of Range Management" and "Rangelands" to help with the different aspects of rangeland management.



## Dixie Crowe Member Profile



I had the opportunity to be the social media intern for the Range Beef Cow Symposium in 2015 when Colorado State University's department of Animal Sciences hosted the event. Even though I was majoring in Equine Sciences and Journalism, I was filling all my electives with cattle courses, was in the Stockgrowers Club (formerly Collegiate Cattlewomen), and was on the 2015-2016 Seedstock Merchandising Team. At the symposium, I saw a huge turnout of producers who were hungry for range science. It was like a light bulb went on and I realized how to combine all the things I was interested in as a career. I started researching range programs and decided to stay at CSU for my master's degree. I just graduated in May and I'm excited to find a job in rangeland ecology and would like to work with livestock producers and range monitoring to improve public and private rangelands.

I joined SRM and the Colorado Section in August 2016 when I started in the Masters of Natural Resources Stewardship in Rangeland Ecology Program at CSU. I have been a member of other professional organizations in the past and have found that they offer a lot of resources beyond membership meetings. I knew I wanted to receive the "Rangelands" journal and beyond that there were networking opportunities with alumni and professionals already working in the field who I thought could offer career advice, suggest appropriate coursework or internship opportunities or become mentors. I stayed a member because I have enjoyed seeing the success stories of applied range management at the fall section meeting and summer workshop/tour. I became the Colorado Section Secretary in 2017 because I wanted to give back to our section. I've met so many great professionals serving on the board and had the chance to get an inside scoop on what their jobs entail. It's been really fun. In my spare time, I enjoy playing clawhammer banjo, hiking, camping, horseback riding, and secretly wishing I could texture soil in every road cut I see or along every hiking trail.



Dixie Crowe (far left) as a graduate teaching assistant for the class RS 329 Rangeland Assessment with Dr. Maria Fernandez-Gimenez (far right) out at the Central Plains Experimental Range, August 2017.

## Colorado State University Range Club at SRM

By Dixie Crowe, Section Secretary & Range Club Member

The Colorado State University Range and Forestry Stewardship Department and CSU Range club were well represented at SRM Sparks/Reno annual meeting this year. Undergraduate members of the CSU Range Club competed in Rangeland Cup, Plant Identification, Extemporaneous Speaking, and the URME (Undergraduate Range Management Exam). Graduate students competed in the poster contests with PhD Candidate Jasmine Bruno taking first place in her category for her poster presentation *"A Systematic Review of US Rangeland Social Science."*



CSU Forest & Range Stewardship department faculty, staff, and students at SRM Sparks/Reno. Back row from left to right: Marin Chambers, Emma Williams (Plant ID coach), John Larsen, Katsi Peña, Kate Weimer, Troy Ocheltree (Faculty), Savanna Pague (outgoing club Student Council Representative), Cody Mortell, Linda Nagle (Professor & Department Head), Second Row from left to right: Kait Evensen, Bianca Bonizio (incoming club Vice President), Amanda Interpreter (CSU Alumna), Amanda James, Front Row from left to right: Spencer Good (outgoing club Historian), Paul Meiman (Professor & URME Coach), Mysti Tatro (outgoing club President), Sarah LeVane (incoming club President), Kasey Dollerschell, Megan Mardesen (Academic Support Coordinator/Student Advisor).

Students from the Range Club took advantage of Reno's proximity to Lake Tahoe to drive across California's border and explore the northern end of the lake before the meeting's official start. Additionally, they hosted the formal CSU Department of Forest and Range Stewardship table in the trade show and sold t-shirts to raise funds for next year's SRM club travel budget. In the fall semester,

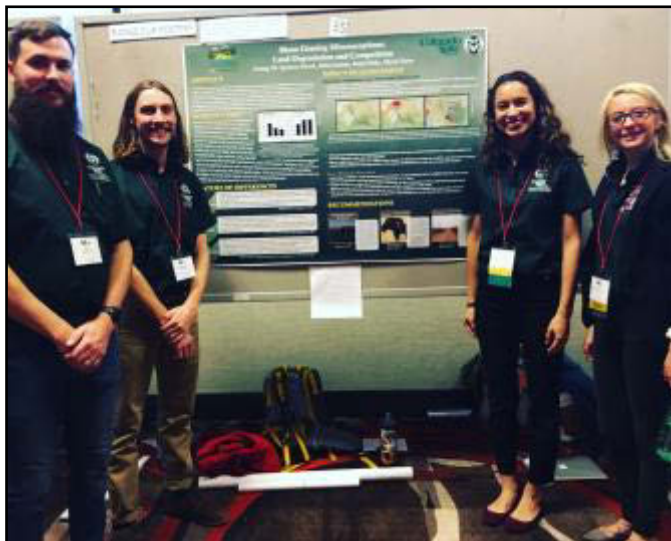
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## Colorado State University Range Club at SRM (continued from page 18)

students hosted their annual back to school picnic (all SRM members are invited), participated in the Colorado Section Meeting in Pueblo, and worked on a wetland restoration project for Henderson Mill near Silverthorne.



CSU Range Club booth at SRM Sparks/Reno. Pictured from left to right Spencer Good (outgoing club Historian), Bianca Bonizio (incoming club Vice President), Katsi Peña.



Pictured from left to right: John Larsen, Spencer Good (outgoing club Historian), Katsi Peña, and Mysti Tatro (outgoing club President). Photo by Dixie Crowe.



Sarah LeVane CSU (incoming CSU Range Club President) in Baja California Study Abroad Trip. Photo courtesy of Sarah LeVane.

### New Club Officers for 2018 – 2019 School Year

Sarah LeVane, President  
Bianca Bonizio, Vice President  
Cody Mortell, Treasurer  
Marley Smith, Secretary  
Amanda James, Historian  
Miranda Flora, Student Council Representative

### Other Club News

Former CSU Range Club President Arielle Quintana has taken a position with the Quivira Coalition.