

## Agenda

### CSSRM Board Meetings

October 6, 2021

CSU Western Colorado Research Campus

#### Board Meeting

10:30 am

- Determination of the presence of a quorum
- Proof of due notice of meeting
- Membership Committee report, *Kathleen Delzell (via Zoom)*
- Awards Committee report, *Julie Elliot (via Zoom)*
- Investment Committee report, *Clare Hydock*
- Budget discussion, *JT Tashiro*
- Bylaws review, Dan Nosal
- Adjourn 12:00 pm

#### Business Meeting

6:30 pm

Glorious Fig Restaurant

- Determination of the presence of a quorum
- Awards, *Clare Hydock*
  - Young Professional Award, *presented by Clare Hydock*
  - Trail Boss Award, *presented by Josh Saunders*
  - Outgoing Board member recognition, *presented by Emmett Jordan*
- Reading or disposal of minutes
- Treasurer's report
- Youth Activities Report, *Ben Berlinger*
- Additional Committee Reports as available
- Old business
- New business
- Announcement and installation of new Board members and officers, *JT Tashiro*
- Adjournment

Colorado Section of the Society for Range Management  
Youth Activities Committee Report – Ben Berlinger, Chair  
Board of Directors – Zoom Meeting – July 30, 2021

### ***Camp Rocky 2021***

Camp Rocky, Colorado's outdoor natural resources management camp for high school students, was held on July 11-15. The participation was disappointing this year with only 14 students. The range management discipline was taught by CSSRM members Dan Nosal, Ben Berlinger and Josh Tashiro. The CSSRM recognized both students in the range management group with a *Colorado GLCI grazing stick*. Noah McCord, State Conservation Board, joined the adult staff as the new co-director. We look forward to the enthusiasm and new ideas he brings to Camp Rocky as we move ahead with this valuable youth outreach program.

### ***High School Youth Forum***

The High School Youth Forum subcommittee of the SRM Students Activities committee decided not to have a high school youth forum during the 2021 virtual SRM annual meeting. CSSRM was one of the few SRM sections to oppose that decision. Our committee looks forward to the next HSYF as a means of continuing to inspire Colorado high school students with a greater understanding of, and appreciation for, the values to mankind that accrue from well managed rangelands.

#### **A look-back from Denver 2020**

Colorado high school students **Daisy Medina, Braden Wedel and Austin Marsh** were selected by our SRM Section to participate in the 2020 High School Youth Forum (HSYF) based on their outstanding achievement in FFA range judging and plant identification. Braden Wedel received first-place honors at state range judging!

Newspaper articles were sent to the *Fence Post News*, *High Plains Journal*, *Ag Journal*, and the *Barn Radio Network* (Brian Almer).

Visit [www.cssrm.org](http://www.cssrm.org) "Youth Involvement" to read all three papers presented by our 2020 Colorado Section HSYF delegates.



(L to R) Daisy Medina, Rocky Ford FFA; Braden Wedel, Stratton FFA; Austin Marsh, Fowler FFA. CSSRM delegates to the Denver 2020 HSYF.

## Range Management Teachers Workshops for Western Colorado

The northwest CO teachers workshop/field day at **Oak Creek** was held **July 20** at the Southern Routt County (SOROCO) high school Ag shop. Baili Foster, NRCS at Steamboat Springs and Jay Whaley, Ag teacher at SOROCO were the instructors. They had 11 participants. Baili is planning to conduct a post-workshop survey.

The southwest CO workshop/field day at **Ignacio** will take place on **August 2** and is being facilitated by Mariah Klingler, Ag teacher at Ignacio and Kathleen Delzell of Pagosa Springs. Monica Klinger and Ben Berlinger will be the instructors. There are 13 participants registered to date.

It is important that Colorado teachers and youth understand the significance of well managed rangelands and the benefits to humans that come from healthy rangeland ecosystems. These workshops emphasized how to accomplish that understanding at the high school level. *Our committee is grateful to the CSSRM Scholarship Committee for being awarded the 2021 Passion Grant that supported these two education events!*

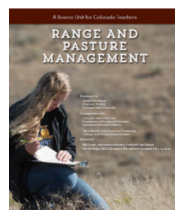


The image shows two identical flyer templates for a workshop. Each flyer has a header with a horse and rider silhouette and the text 'Western Colorado High School Teachers Workshop'. Below the header is a photo of a group of people in a field. The main title is 'Range Management Field Day'. The text describes the workshop's purpose: to help teachers implement range management curriculum. It lists highlights such as gaining working knowledge of a source unit guide, hands-on experience in organizing FFA Range Judging Career Development Events (CDE's), and learning about leading 4-H clubs. It also lists 'Who Should Attend' (Ag teachers, Environmental Science teachers, etc.) and 'Why Attend' (to understand the significance of well-managed rangelands). Contact information for Baili Foster and Jay Whaley is provided for the Oak Creek event, and for Kathleen Delzell, Mariah Klingler, and Ben Berlinger for the Ignacio event. A small image of a book cover titled 'RANGE AND PASTURE MANAGEMENT' is also visible on each flyer.

## 2021 Range Judging & Plant ID Career Development Exercises for Ag Students

Several CSSRM Youth Activities Committee members will be assisting with the FFA range judging and plant id events that are being scheduled for this fall. Southeast Colorado and northeast Colorado regional events will be held in Branson on September 22, and New Raymer Prairie School (date to be determined) respectively. The state range judging event will be hosted by the Seibert, Burlington, Flagler, and Stratton FFA Chapters, and the venue will be at the Community Center in Seibert on October 13. Watch the CSSRM website as the dates are finalized and posted. The CSSRM will be presenting SRM awards to the high scoring individuals at each of these events.

As a outcome of the CSSRM **Western Colorado Ag Teachers range workshops** (Oak Creek on July 20 and Ignacio on August 2) we are hopeful for northwest and southwest regional range judging events this fall to complement the eastern Colorado range judging program. Stay tuned for these new CSSRM Youth Activities venues!



The book can be purchased online at <https://www.lulu.com/> or the pdf can be down loaded on Google Drive at [https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1II7HACPwc6A7bp6cC7FDPm\\_xj3xhfu6H](https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1II7HACPwc6A7bp6cC7FDPm_xj3xhfu6H)