



2018 COLORADO HSYF DELEGATES

Jacquelin Alvey (left), Cecil Shannon (center), and Sennon Wallace (right), 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 in Sparks/Reno in 2018. 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. 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 was 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 who are chosen. 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 from the Colorado Section on his third-place paper entitled "Brush Control and Management?" Shannon was presented with a plaque for his presentation at the annual meeting.