

SAVE THE DATE

Colorado Section SRM Summer Field Day

July 18-19, 2024 - Douglas County Open Space - Prairie Canyon Ranch

CSSRM Board of Directors Meeting: July 18, 3:00 – 5:00 PM – Everyone welcome at Prairie Canyon Ranch meeting room, 4620 South State Highway 83, Franktown, CO

**Field Day: July 19, 8:30 AM - 4:00 PM - Gather at Prairie Canyon Ranch meeting room
Registration and continental breakfast open at 8:30 AM, field day starts at 9:30 AM**

Regenerative Grazing Applied in a Holistic Framework

This field day will take place on the Prairie Canyon Ranch located 5 miles south of Franktown. Douglas County manages the property as a working cattle ranch. Jamie Hull has managed the grazing on the ranch for the past few years. The session will inform & educate participants about managing foothill grasslands through good land stewardship practices and holistic grazing management, while considering livestock-wildlife interactions and working toward common goals of all partners.

The **Colorado Section of the Society for Range Management** is pleased to sponsor an exciting training opportunity tying forage, livestock, and open space aspects of ranching operations together.



This ranch has a unique story to share. The property was homesteaded by Frederick Bartruff and his family in 1873 and has been used as a working cattle ranch since that time. The collection of buildings illustrates significant advances in agricultural and architectural technology from the 1870s to the 1930s. The land is also rich in archaeological resources, with evidence of human occupation up to 9,000 years ago.

The property consists of several historic structures including a house, barn, saloon, blacksmith shop, cemetery, and stone cave and corrals (circa 1875-1938). The ranch is characterized by rolling grasslands, mixed pine and Gambel oak forests, rocky outcrops, sandstone canyons, Cherry Creek riparian areas. The ranch was acquired because of its diverse wildlife habitat for hawks, pronghorn, coyotes, deer, elk, and great blue herons.

Register at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/colorado-section-srm-summer-field-day-tickets-887636664157?aff=oddtcreator>



Registration includes all informational materials, light breakfast, and lunch on July 19

Free tent camping-grounds will be available on the ranch at the pond site. (Bring your own camping equipment and food for supper)

For information or questions contact:

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Members, Non-members, Ag Producers and Small Acreage Owners are Welcome!