

Join us for this field day at Prairie Canyon Ranch, our Excellence in Rangeland Conservation Award Winner, on July 19th, 2024

Field Day on Friday, July 19 · 8:30am - 4pm MDT, Tickets are \$15, which includes continental breakfast and BBQ lunch

CSSRM Board of Directors Meeting on Thursday, July 18, 3:00 -5:00pm MDT

4620 South State Highway 83 Franktown, CO 80116

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 a ranching operation together. Douglas County manages the property as a working cattle ranch. This field day will inform and educate participants about managing Colorado foothill grasslands through good land stewardship practices and holistic grazing management while considering livestock-wildlife interactions and working toward the common goals of all partners.

The ranch has a unique story to share. The property was originally homesteaded by Frederick Bartruff and his family in 1873. It has been used as a working cattle ranch since that time. The collection of buildings illustrates significant advances in agricultural technology from the 1870s to the 1930s. The land is also rich in archaeological resources and evidence of human occupation on the site from 9,000 years ago. Along with the house, barn, saloon, blacksmith shop and cemetery, there are corrals dating back to 1875-1938, and a stone cave.

The ranch is characterized by rolling grasslands, mixed pine and Gambel oak forests, rocky outcrops, sandstone canyons, and Cherry Creek riparian areas. The ranch was acquired by Douglas County because of its diverse wildlife habitat for hawks, pronghorn, coyotes, deer, elk, and great blue herons.



Registration includes all informational materials, continental breakfast, and lunch. Free tent camping will be available on the ranch at the pond site. Bring your own camping equipment and food for supper.

Members, Non-members, Ag producers, rangeland practitioners, and small acreage owners are welcome!

Registration now open:

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