

Dear ESA Rangeland Ecology Section member,

Please reply to this message (RangeBiz@cabnr.unr.edu) with your vote for one of the following candidates for Vice-Chair of the Rangeland Ecology Section by **July 15, 2005**. Brief biographies for the two Vice-Chair candidates are below.

Vice-Chair Candidates (vote for one)

___ Debra Peters

___ Wayne Polley

The successful candidate for vice-chair will serve as Vice-Chair of the Section from August 2005-06 and as Chair from August 2006-07.

Brief Biography for Debra Peters

Debra Peters is the lead research scientist for the USDA ARS, Jornada Experimental Range in Las Cruces, NM. She is also the lead principal investigator for the Jornada Basin Long Term Ecological Research site. Before coming to Las Cruces in 1998, she was a research scientist in the Range Science Department and Natural Resource Ecology Laboratory at Colorado State University. The Jornada research group has a strong role in linking science to policy and management. Deb's research interests focus on the importance of spatial processes in generating landscape scale patterns and dynamics. She is also interested in cross scale interactions that lead to nonlinear dynamics and threshold behavior in rangelands. She has been a member of the Ecological Society of America and the Society for Range Management since 1984.

Brief Biography for Wayne Polley

Wayne Polley is an Ecologist with the USDA, Agricultural Research Service, and is located at the Grassland, Soil & Water Research Laboratory in Temple, Texas. The emphasis of his research has shifted slightly over the years, but rangelands have been the focus of his work since graduate school. Wayne's current goal is to provide insight into how rangelands are responding to global changes. The focus is on carbon cycling. As much as 50% of the recent net carbon storage in the U.S. may have been in rangelands. His research seeks an improved understanding of the mechanisms responsible for this carbon sink and of the effects of rising atmospheric carbon dioxide (CO2) concentration and predicted changes in precipitation and temperature on rangeland carbon balance.

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