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Dear ESA Rangeland Ecology Section member,

Please reply to this message (RangeBiz@cabnr.unr.edu) with your vote for candidates for Vice-Chair and Secretary of the Rangeland Ecology Section by \*\*July 31, 2006\*\*. Brief biographies for the candidates are below.

**Vice-Chair Candidates (vote for one)**

\_\_\_ Lance Vermeire

\_\_\_\_\_ (write in candidate)

The successful candidate for vice-chair will serve as Vice-Chair of the Section from August 2006-2007 and as Chair from August 2007-2008.

**Secretary Candidates (vote for one)**

\_\_\_ Dana Blumenthal

\_\_\_\_\_ (write in candidate)

The successful candidate for secretary will serve from August 2006-2008

**Brief Biography for Lance Vermeire, candidate for Vice-Chair**

Lance Vermeire is a rangeland ecologist and lead scientist with the Agricultural Research Service in Miles City, Montana. He has worked in Cross Timbers, tallgrass, mixed prairie, and shortgrass plains of Oklahoma, Texas, and New Mexico before moving to Montana in August 2002. He earned a B.S. in Wildlife Ecology with minors in Journalism and Agronomy from Oklahoma State University, and M.S. and Ph.D. degrees in Rangeland Ecology from Oklahoma State and Texas Tech Universities. He has served as Oklahoma Section secretary, Wildlife Habitat Committee chair, and Northern Great Plains Section director for the Society for Range Management. Lance currently serves as president of the Northern Great Plains Section-SRM, Wildlife Habitat Committee communication director and newsletter editor, Montana Range Days Curriculum Advisory Committee member, and as ex-officio member of the Montana Grazinglands Conservation Initiative. He has been a member of ESA and the Rangeland Ecology Section since 2004. Research interests include fire ecology, grazing management, and rangeland grasshoppers.

**Brief Biography for Dana Blumenthal, candidate for Secretary**

Dana grew up in Bloomington, IN, then went to college in OR, and graduate school in MN prior to joining the Rangeland Resources Research Unit in 2002. His abiding interest has been to understand interactions between agriculture and conservation biology. In graduate school this led him to examine weed control in field margins and other types of non-cropland. He studied the impact of field margin weeds on crop weed population dynamics, the use of prairie restoration to limit weed invasion, and the use of soil C addition to reduce invasion during prairie establishment. His job description with the Rangeland Unit is to contribute to our understanding of invasive weeds in rangeland ecosystems. His work focuses primarily on the enemy release hypothesis (the idea that exotic weeds succeed because

they left their enemies behind), particularly evolutionary aspects of this hypothesis, and the role of altered resource availability in allowing invasion. Dana is married to Laura Perry, also an ecologist, and has one child, Quinn Perry Blumenthal, born March 2006.

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