

JUDGES NEEDED for Graduate Student Presentation Contest at 2006 SRM Meeting in Vancouver, BC.

Are you going to Vancouver for the SRM meeting? If you are, consider volunteering to be a judge for the Graduate Student Presentation Contest. Many graduate students are currently working feverishly to prepare an oral or poster presentation for the Annual SRM meeting. Both competitions are being held from Monday, Feb. 13, through Thursday, Feb. 16

We need judges to evaluate these student presentations, and we respectfully request that you consider volunteering to judge a few talks or posters. These graduate students are depending on SRM's academic and research members to provide objective, constructive evaluations of their research presentations.

We realize that judging is an extra time commitment, and that most of you have busy schedules at the meeting. If you volunteer, we will ask you to judge only 3-4 oral or poster presentations. Each presentation will be evaluated by 3 judges. Yes we are going to need a lot of judges!

If you are an advisor or co-author with a competing student, YOU CAN still be a judge without a conflict of interest! The competitions are held at 4 levels (MS paper, PhD paper, MS poster, PhD poster), so we can assign you to judge in a non-conflicting contest.

If you know that you will be attending a particular technical or poster session, let us know that in the "Comments" section and we can assign you to judge in that session.

We are going to make it simple for you to volunteer. Just VISIT THE FOLLOWING WEB SITE TO DECLARE YOUR PREFERENCES AND AVAILABILITY:

<http://www.cnr.uidaho.edu/west/SRM/Judge.htm>

(If you have trouble with this site, send Karen an e-mail [klaunchb@uidaho.edu](mailto:klaunchb@uidaho.edu).)

You can volunteer any time before FRIDAY, JANUARY 27 (The sooner the better.) We'll send you another e-mail to remind/pester you in a week or two. If you must decline, please send us the names and e-mail addresses of other colleagues who would be great judges and should be "invited to volunteer" (We won't tell them how we got their name!). We need judges with strong research and/or teaching experience from a wide variety of topics in rangeland ecology. (Usually, this means the judge has a Ph.D. and works for a University or research agency.)

In each contest, M.S.- and Ph.D.-level students will be evaluated separately, and cash prizes are awarded to the 1st and 2nd place winner in each category. Each student participant will receive a summary evaluation and feedback on their presentation.

Thank you for your support of the Graduate Student Paper Competition and the Graduate Student Poster Competition.

Karen Launchbaugh ([klaunchb@uidaho.edu](mailto:klaunchb@uidaho.edu)),  
Laurie Abbott ([labbott@nmsu.edu](mailto:labbott@nmsu.edu)), and  
Jennifer Jennifer Schoon ([ljschoon@gwtc.net](mailto:ljschoon@gwtc.net))