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## A PRESIDENT PONDERES



### SPECIAL DELIVERY

A first for the Nevada Section!! President Angela Mushrush & her husband, Carl, had a baby Boy, "Logan Paul", on Wednesday February 18th, at 3:26pm. He was 8 pounds 4 ounces and 20 inches long. Both mother and baby are fine.



### Your Exec VP comments:

Congratulations to Angela and her husband on the birth of their son. Can't recall how many other Sections have had a President give birth in office, but it is a great event! We will be sharing Angela's duties among several of us during her adjustment to new family life, so hang in there with us!

It seems that time is flying by too fast. Our 2004 Ely meeting is now history, and we will be looking forward to our 2004 summer field meeting and our 2005 meeting somewhere. Also, the 2004 Salt Lake meeting is also history, with Ft. Worth in 2005 and then Vancouver BC in 2006, which too rapidly will bring us the 2007 meeting in Sparks. Will we be ready?

Many Section members have submitted suggestions for a theme for 2007, and this will be studied and a decision made by the Council in the near future. Several major committee jobs have been filled with volunteers, but many other positions are needed. Check the list of committees that

the Utah Section used for the SLC meeting elsewhere in the newsletter and you will get the point that this is a big job, which it is! SLC had a record attendance of 1,957 people, which almost equaled the 1990 Sparks meeting of 1,995. We will be hoping to set another attendance mark in '07, if our program comes together like we know it will. Please let your Section Officers know of your desires to volunteer for any of these committees.

Nancy Ballard, Lake City, CA, our long time and very efficient newsletter editor for years, has opted to retire from her position after the next issue. Don't know how we will get along without her, but we will ask for volunteers to take on her job. Nancy did a tremendous job in crafting our newsletters for many years, and we owe her a real debt of gratitude.

## Chuck

### ELECTIONS

The 2004 Officers and main committee Chairs for the Nevada Section include:

- President - Angela Mushrush, NRCS, Wellington,  
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### MEMBERSHIP

Our Section membership listed in the last newsletter was 142. It is now 147.

Members lost through NPD or transfer were Michael Gates, Riverton, UT; NAS Fallon, Brett Colvin, BLM, Ely; Nina Lynch,, Student, Reno; Benny Romero, Wellington, and Fay Allen, Reno.

New members are Kathryn Dyer, Student, Reno; Neal Darby, NPS, Baker; Michael Stoner, State of Nevada, Carson City; Tim Westfall, USFS, Wells; Toni Strauss, USFS, Reno; Jessica Dhaemers, Reno; Martha Butow, BLM, Alturas; Susan Hess, Reno; Mary Winter, Great Basin College, Carlin; Barbara Walker - USFS, Ely; Dr. Peter Weisberg, UNR, Reno; and Kenneth Visser, BLM, Reno.

Welcome aboard to all of you!

### CHUCK'S TIDBITS

Minutes from the meeting in Ely are posted on the Nevada Section website for your review. For those of you not yet in the electronic age, call me and I will mail you a copy.

The location of the summer meeting is Bridgeport, CA in July and, tentatively, the winter meeting will be in Las Vegas, with a possible tour of Yucca Mountain and review of long time non-grazing areas on the Test Site. Derek Hall will be the contact. It all depends on if Yucca Mountain and the Test Site are closed down for security reasons at that time.

### 2007 MEETING

Barry Perryman and Jim Linebaugh have agreed to be the "General Co-Chairs" for the SRM 2007 meeting in Sparks. They will be looking to develop committee assignments by the Section summer meeting.

Below is a listing of the committees for this year's meeting in Salt Lake City. It will give you an idea of how big this job is. Please consider this list and where your talents might best be of use. Chuck has the complete list with the names and contact information from Salt Lake if you would like to talk with someone about the various responsibilities.

- General Co-Chairs
- Executive Assistant
- SRM Liaison
- Program
- Agency Head Symposium
- Technical Tours
- Graduate Student Papers
- Finance
- Sponsorship
- Student Activities
- Student Affairs Liaison
- Host Activities
- Special Assignments

- Agency/University Meetings
- Local Arrangements
- Volunteer Coordinator
- Trade Show
- Publicity
- Daily Trail Boss
- Special Assignments
- Producer
- Liason with Utah Sect.

### **A QUESTION OF FORMAT**

For sometime now, this newsletter has been delivered by email as much as possible. Only a few of our members do not have email at this time.

Chuck Saulisberry would like to know whether we should just post the newsletter on the website and send out a notice to let you know when the new one is available. He would continue to mail it those without Internet. That would avoid lengthy downloads for those of us still on old-fashioned dialup. It could also help avoid concerns about whether everyone's computer can read the format.

Please let Chuck know your preference as soon as possible.

The next newsletter deadline is May 1, 2004. Please submit items to Nancy by that date. E-mails can be sent in text, Microsoft Word, or Word Perfect. Graphics should be in .jpeg format.

### **NANCY RESIGNS - EDITOR NEEDED**

I looked back to see if I could find the first newsletter I did for the Nevada Section. It is lost in ancient history. The time has come to pass the torch or ink or keyboard to someone else.

A couple of things led me to this decision. First, I am just a little tired and I think a fresh perspective might liven up the newsletter. Secondly, I do not have time to properly explore the opportunities presented by the website and other electronic innovations. I am sure there is someone out there with either the skills or the time to learn them.

So, if you have any interest in taking this on, just contact Chuck and let him know. He and the officers provide most of the information and tremendous support. I would be happy to answer any questions. Our contact information is on the first page.

**NRA GRANT TO NEVADA YOUTH RANGE CAMP**

Efforts of Tracy, Chuck, and Floyd payed off this spring with the receipt of nearly \$3,600 from National Rifle Association. NRA is most often mentioned in news articles because of its political activism in favor of shooting. What doesn't make as much news is that the NRA raises and spends a lot of money for activities that include safety training for shooting sports, management of shooting ranges, safety programs for youngsters with the Eddie Eagle mascot, and educational programs dealing with natural resources issues such as hunting, and now rangeland management.

This grant was requested so the Section could purchase some up-to-date equipment. Tracy provided a "shopping list" of items that included Garmin GPS units, map software, compasses, increment borers, plant presses, scales, clinometers, and quite a few other items needed for Range Camp activities.

In the course of pursuing this grant, Floyd learned that a past Nevada Section Member is in charge of another NRA program. Billy Templeton, past BLM Nevada State Director retired from his government job and was promoted. He is now the "Wildlife Management Specialist" for NRA, based in Virginia. One of the programs he administers is called the Environment, Conservation, and Hunting Outreach (ECHO) grant program. Billy reports that at least one other SRM Section has received an ECHO grant for their youth activities and invites the Nevada Section to submit a request through his office.

Here is a list of supplies for the NRA Grant application. All of these supplies would be used in the educational curriculum of Range Camp.

Item	Quantity	Item Cost	Total Cost
Garmin GPS III Plus	4	\$300	\$1,200
MapSource US Topo (for Garmins)	1	\$100	\$100
Silva Guide Type 26 Compass	6	\$18	\$108
Thinning Shears (for clipping grass)	6	\$25	\$150
WILDSCO Kick Net	1	\$110	\$110
Increment Borers 16"	6	\$192	\$1,152
Diameter Tapes	2	\$50	\$100
Clinometers	2	\$100	\$200
Flagging tape	10	\$1.60	\$16
Pin Flags set of 50	1	\$5	\$5
100 ft fiberglass tapes	4	\$32	\$128
Surveyor's Steel stakes	1 set	\$20	\$20
Plant Press	1	\$50	\$50
30 g Hanging Scale	2	\$32	\$64
100 g Hanging Scale	2	\$40	\$80
1000 g Hanging Scale	2	\$43	\$86
Total Cost			\$3,569

## AWARDS NOMINATIONS

Just a reminder to all Nevada Section Members, **Award Nominations for 2004** are due in the Denver Office **by April 30, 2004**. Don't put it off! Submit your nominations now. For information and nomination format, review your January 2004 issue of, *The Trail Boss News*. **We do have Nevada Members** who more than meet the qualifications for the SRM Awards. **Lets get them in for recognition.**

**ATTENTION ALL MEMBERS!** Now is the time to begin nominations for the **Nevada Section Awards for 2004**. I will accept nominations at any time but it is important to begin the work early in the year. The Nevada Section awards program recognizes members and non-members who have made outstanding contributions to the science and art of good range management. Now is the time to begin preparing nominations for individuals who deserve recognition.

The **Nevada Section Awards** include:

The Nevada **Rangeman of the Year** Award---This is the highest honor given by the Nevada Section. Recipients can be either SRM members or non-members. Requires sustained accomplishments, and eminent contributions to the art and science of good rangeland management. Receives a plaque.

The Nevada **Excellence in Range Management** Award---This is the premier award of the Nevada Section. Does not require SRM membership. The recipient is awarded for their sustained, exceptional management of the rangeland resource and their efforts to promote good conservation. Receives a plaque.

The Nevada **Outstanding Young Range Professional** Award---This award recognizes SRM members who have not reached their 40<sup>th</sup> birthday prior to January 1, of the year the award is conferred, and show outstanding potential and promise in their range management careers. Receives a plaque.

The Nevada **Great Basin** Award---Awarded to any individual or group. This award was initiated in 2000 to recognize an extraordinary and outstanding effort or action resulting in the maintenance or improvement to rangeland condition.

Nominations are limited to five pages utilizing the format below. NV, Nominations must be submitted to Cub Wolfe, Nevada Section Awards Chair, by either, e-mail to: [Cub.Wolfe@nv.usda.gov](mailto:Cub.Wolfe@nv.usda.gov) or Mail to 724 Day Lane Wellington, NV 89444. Questions call Cub at 775-465-9099 or 775-782-3661-ext.109. Note: For the Excellence Award, please submit in early spring so a field review can be accomplished prior to selection of the recipient.

Please submit nomination by category for each award. Include major accomplishments germane to the

specific award criteria should be emphasized in the nomination, especially in the justification statement.

### FORMAT OF NOMINATIONS

#### FOR NEVADA SECTION HONOR AWARDS

Nomination of \_\_\_\_\_  
for the \_\_\_\_\_ Award.

1. Nominee
  - a. Date and place of birth
  - b. Address
  - c. Occupation, profession, employer
  - d. Phone number
  - e. Member of SRM?
  - f. If so, for \_\_\_\_\_ years.
2. Nominator
  - a. Name
  - b. Address
  - c. Phone Number
  - d. Email address
  - e. Nominee's education, training, awards.
  - f. Nominee's activities in the Nevada Section.
  - g. Nominee's professional contributions to range management.
  - h. Nominee's activities/membership in other organizations.
  - i. Other pertinent bibliographic information about nominee.
  - j. Justification statement from nominator(s).

**Society for Range Management  
Nevada Section  
Summer Meeting & Tour  
July 9 & 10, 2004  
Bridgeport, CA Area Field Tour & Camp Out**

**Plan to bring the Family  
There's lots to do in this area**  
**Fishing**  
**Twin Lakes, Walker River Drainage**  
**Boating**  
**Twin Lakes, Bridgeport Reservoir**  
**Hiking**  
**Horseback Riding & Wagon Rides**  
**Hunewill's & Romero's**  
**Camping**  
**several areas available**  
**Bed & Breakfast**  
**Hunewill's Guest Ranch**  
**Motels**  
**several available**

**Friday Night Entertainment**  
**@**  
**Romero's BRIDGEPORT RANCH**  
**In concert**  
**Don Edwards, John McLain & Randy Pollard**

**Don't miss this one!**

*Save these dates! May 6-8, 2004*

## **Creating a Vision for Grazing Landscapes in Transition**

Announcing a joint meeting of Grazing Land Conservation Initiative and Soil and Water Conservation Society

**What:** A joint meeting of California and Nevada Grazing Land Conservation Initiative Coalitions (GLCI) and Soil and Water Conservation Society (SWCS) Chapters to generate and share innovative strategies to manage grazing landscapes of the future.

**When:** May 6-8, 2004  
(Beginning at 1:00 pm on the 6<sup>th</sup> and ending with individual business meetings on the morning of the 8<sup>th</sup>.)

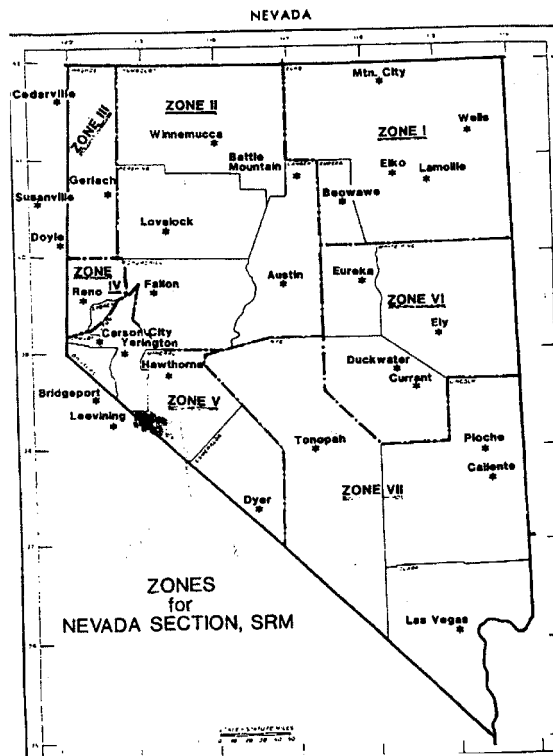
**Where:** Harrah's Stateline Nevada. Call Harrah's Central Reservations at 1-800-455-4770 prior to March 21, 2004. You must give the Reservation Agent the group code: S05CSW to ensure that you get the conference rate of \$89.00 (Thur) and \$129 (Fri and Sat).

### **Why Attend:**

- Journey through the Historical Evolution of Grazing Landscapes
- Hear testimony about the History of Grazing Landscape; Challenges Facing Grazing Landscapes Today; and Opportunities for Grazing Landscapes in the Future.
- Experience Washoe Tribal Lands during a tour.
- Network and have fun!

Please share this information with others. SWCS and GLCI can be stronger with input from many professionals. If you are interested in more information, in California contact Kay Joy at (530) 792-5707 or email at [kay.joy@ca.usda.gov](mailto:kay.joy@ca.usda.gov); in Nevada, contact Cub Wolfe at (775) 782-3661 ext 109. or email at [cub.wolfe@nv.usda.gov](mailto:cub.wolfe@nv.usda.gov).

**Join us to get information about  
the future of Grazing Lands!**



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