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ALOHA! Hawaii is a great place for an Annual Meeting as those that made it can attest. It was great to see so many from Nevada make it to Kona. It seems that everyone I talked to had some difficulty in making the trip, but all felt it was worth it. Having the sessions scattered between three Hotels was challenging but, all in all, the California Section did an outstanding job under the circumstances. The weather was fantastic and it was a great break from the snow and cold of Nevada. However, it did seem strange to be discussing Sage Grouse under those conditions.

I would like to thank Tracey Wolfe and Chuck Saulsberry for sitting in on the Advisory Council (AC) Meeting until I got there, since my plane was late and I had to spend the night in Honolulu. But, that's a long story. My first Advisory Council meetings were interesting. The Council made the following recommendations to the Board of Directors (BOD):

- That the Advocacy Guidelines be adopted with some modification to the wording about the legislative briefing statements.
- That SRM support the concept and work toward development of "Conservation of Private Grazing Lands" legislation in accordance with our Advocacy Guidelines.
- Consider and accept the Guidelines for Process and Timelines for Submission, Review and Approval of SRM Policy, Position Statements, and Resolutions.
- Accept the Texas Section bid for the 2005 Annual Meeting to be held in Ft. Worth (*more about this later*).
- Due to public reaction to wildland fires the AC recommends that the concept of the New Mexico Section position statement be passed on to the BOD for SRM action and education supporting the use of prescribed burning.
- The BOD engage professional marketing advice in evaluating the impact a name change would have

on the SRM marketing plan; then present that information to the general membership.

As you can tell from the recommendations there were some interesting discussions. You will need to, and I encourage you to, read the September 2000 issue of Trail Boss News to understand the Advocacy Guidelines. This is an important new step for our Society.

There was considerable discussion concerning the 2005 Annual Meeting location and host selection process. It was felt that the established process needed to be followed. In view of these discussions, and the fact that Texas made an excellent bid, I withdrew our bid and made the motion that we accept Texas' bid. Thank you, Brad and Jim, for your work in meeting with the hotels in Reno and preparing our bid. I think our bidding helped Texas negotiate good rates and improved the quality of their bid. We need to be prepared to make a bid in 2007 when our Zone is once again on the schedule.

The name change proposal drew the most discussion with good arguments from all sides of the issue. The thought behind the Advisory Council recommendation is that professional marketing advice is needed to determine if a name change is necessary to improve our ability to market the Society. Whatever one thinks, we hope to bring this issue to an end soon.

Again, if you missed the Kona meeting, you missed a good one, and I hope that you plan on making the one in Kansas City, Missouri next year.

Pete

**The deadline for the next newsletter is
June 10, 2001.**

A NOTE OF THANKS FROM JOHN McLAIN

Nevada Section SRM members:

I wish to thank each of you for the great support over the past year, while I served as President of the Society for Range Management (SRM). When approached to run for the office, I was very apprehensive and concerned as to how I would keep a lot of balls in the air at the same time and still do justice to so demanding a position. With the help of many Nevada Section members, and other great friends in SRM, we were able to pull it off this year. I was blessed to have Jim Linebaugh on the SRM Board of Directors during my term. Jim, as we know, is totally committed to SRM and does an outstanding job on the Board. In addition, having Rex Cleary, past SRM President, readily available to bounce ideas off and seek advice, helped immensely. Over the past year we had several outstanding performers on behalf of SRM initiatives. No one performed stronger than Chuck Saulisbury, as Chair of the Partnerships and Affiliations Committee. Chuck's leadership resulted in nearly 50 additional partners for SRM, at a time when partnering is vital to gaining an ear in Washington DC and countering the negatives that have too often been directed toward rangelands and range professionals.

Were we successful with our initiatives? Only time will tell, as several programs were put in place that will require both testing on the national front and ongoing support at the Section level. To be able to serve has been a distinct honor. Your support both here in Nevada and also at Hawaii has been inspiring. Carolyn and I truly appreciated and enjoyed the great Nevada party on the Big Island, as did many of you and other guests. Benny and Linda Romero were certainly well connected with friends on the island who knew how to arrange and deliver a good party. Again, thank you to all of you and especially those who contributed so much to make the year and the Hawaii event such a memorable occasion.

John L. McLain, SRM President 2000

WINTER MEETING IN ELY

On January 19-20, 2001, the Nevada Section, SRM, held its 50th Annual Winter Business Meeting and Awards Banquet in Ely. The technical session included a forum to discuss "Sagebrush Ecosystem Challenges" including Nevada's experts on Sagebrush Habitats and the Sage Grouse. Many scientists and managers of Nevada's sagebrush ecosystem were present to discuss restoration and management. The meeting was well attended.

Awards were presented to:

Carter Cattle Company Ely, Nevada for the "EXCELLENCE IN RANGELAND MANAGEMENT" This award is a result of the sustained effort by them to demonstrate leadership and apply and promote the principles of good rangeland management in Nevada.

James A. Linebaugh of Mound House, Nevada was named the "NEVADA RANGEMAN OF THE YEAR" for his many years of dedication and sustained service to the Section, work with the Nevada Youth Range Camp, service and leadership with SRM as the current Director and representative for Nevada.

Other Honors went to eighteen individuals deeply involved in the restoration effort of Nevada's rangelands after the wildfires of 1999 and 2000. These individuals were called the "Cream-of-the-Crop". Included were BLM's Nevada State Director Robert V. Abbey, Pat Murphy, Wilma Robinson, Louise Ann Greathead, William R. Brigham, Mike Zielinski, Duane Crimmins, Jack Hamby, Ray Lister, and Tom Warren; NDF's Pete Anderson, Gail Durham, and Dennis Walker; Gary K. Brackley and Margarita Liebel of NRCS; Kim J. Toulouse of NDOW; the Nevada Army National Guard Detachment 3 1864th Transportation Co; and Jerry Lowery of the Mule Deer Foundation. These individuals, working together, have significantly improved rangeland conditions in Nevada.

ELECTION RESULTS

The winners of the Section election for new Section Officers were announced at the Ely winter meeting. They are:

President-elect: Kent McAdoo, Elko

Zone II Councilman (Winnemucca): Rich Adams

Zone IV Councilman (Reno): Barry Perryman

Zone VI Councilman (Ely): Bob Wilson

They join David Lile, Susanville, Councilman for Zone III; Rich Benson, Carson City, Councilman for Zone V; and Von Winkel, Las Vegas, Councilman for Zone VII.

The 2001 Section President is Pete Christenson, Winnemucca. President Pete will be appointing Section committee chairs in the near future. If you are interested in serving, contact him.

MEMBERSHIP

New members since the last newsletter are: Jo Anne Skelley, Carson City; Charles Peterson, Spring Creek; Ed Peterson, John Day, OR; Dan Kaffer, Minden; Nick Pearson, Reno; Lucas Phillips, Ely; Jonathan Scheeler, Winnemucca; David G. Thawley, Reno; J. Brett Colvin, Ely; Nina J. Lynch, Reno; Tom Warren, Elko; Michael Kuyper, Caliente, and Gary Cottle, Fallon. We are happy to have you with us!

Members whose dues have expired are Harlan Arnold, Tom Baker, Bill Davidson, Karen Hinton, Jay Kehne, Jeff Knight, and Susan Stokke. Hopefully, these will choose to re-instate and stay with us.

Section membership stands at 157. It was 150 in last newsletter.

Point of interest from the business meeting in Hawaii: Of the 220 new members in SRM in 2000, 105 of them came from Nevada (44) and Wyoming (61)! The remaining 115 came from the Society's other 20 Sections! Keep up the good work!!

KATIE JOHNSON WINS THIRD PLACE AT SRM YOUTH FORUM IN HAWAII

Katie Johnson, a Spring Creek High School senior, was selected by the Nevada Section to participate in the High School Youth Forum. Since 1966, the Youth Forum has been a highlight of the SRM annual meetings. This year's meeting was held in Kailu-Kona, Hawaii, February 17-24.

High School delegates to the Youth Forum are chosen by each of the 21 individual sections of the parent society throughout the United States, Canada, and Mexico. In Nevada, delegates are chosen at the SRM-sponsored Nevada Youth Range Camp that is held each June south of Austin, NV. Students' knowledge of rangeland relationships is tested and the top camper wins the "Trailboss" award. Katie was runner-up during her first year at Range Camp then took the Trail Boss award last year, winning the prize of an expenses paid trip to the SRM meeting and contest in Hawaii.

Each delegate to the Youth Forum prepared and presented a range-related paper. The presentations were judged by a diverse panel of professionals. The top five papers were recognized at the SRM awards ceremony. Kent McAdoo was Katie's coach. Together they did a great job.

Katie placed third from an outstanding group of 18 students representing 13 states and Canada. This is the first time that a Nevada student has ever placed this high in the competition. Her paper, "Partnering with Goats to Control Noxious Weeds in Northern Nevada," may be selected for publication in an upcoming volume of the SRM Rangelands publication. Katie was also awarded the SRM Masonic Scholarship for use in her college activity next year.

While at the Hawaii meeting, Katie met people from many countries and received a first hand view of what SRM is all about, including its organization, goals and the role it plays on a world-wide basis. The students were also treated to a local ecological field tour of the Kona coast, visited the Kahua Ranch on the northern coast of the island, enjoyed

snorkeling and a sunset boat cruise, watched whales playing off the coast, and experienced the local culture.

Katie would like to thank the Nevada Section of SRM for sponsoring her once-in-a-lifetime Hawaiian experience and encourages students with an interest in natural resources to consider attending Range Camp this summer. For more information on this year's Range Camp contact your local Conservation District or Nevada Cooperative Extension.

RANGE CAMP

On March 6 the first range camp meeting of the year was held by Debbie Hoffman to get the event organized. The dates are June 17-23 at Big Creek Campground near Austin. Debbie's committee has developed a new brochure and posters which will be distributed statewide to the schools, extension offices, NRCS offices, Indian tribes, and to the States' Soil Conservation Districts. In addition, Section members who work for other agencies may want to get copies of these to post in your offices. We are soliciting help from everybody for this worthwhile activity. Sherm Swanson will again be camp director. He will be asking for instructors in the various outdoors disciplines soon. He needs Volunteers!!

CEU'S FROM WINTER MEETING

Attention: All Certified Range Management Professionals who attended the Nevada Section Winter Meeting in Ely and who signed up for continuing education credits will receive eight CEU's.

NATIONAL & SECTION AWARDS NOMINATIONS

Cub Wolfe, Awards Chair

Just a reminder to all Nevada Section Members that **Award Nominations for 2001** are due in the Denver Office **by April 30, 2001**. Don't put it off. Get your nominations in now. For information and nomination format, review your January 2001 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 ZONE COUNCILMEN! Now is the time to begin nominations for the **Nevada Section Awards for 2001**. 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 those who deserve recognition.

The Nevada Section Awards include:

- The Nevada **Rangeman of the Year** Award--- 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---Premier award of the Nevada Section. Does not require SRM membership. The recipient is awarded for sustained, exceptional management of the rangeland resource. Receives a plaque. Please submit in early spring so a field review can be accomplished prior to selection of the recipient.
- The Nevada **Outstanding Young Range Professional** Award---This award recognizes SRM members who have not reached their 35th birthday prior to January 1 of the year the award is conferred, and who 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. Nominations must be submitted to Cub Wolfe, Nevada Section Awards Chair, by e-mail to Cub.Wolfe@nv.usda.gov or mail to 1269 Melborn Way Minden, NV 89423. If you have questions call Cub at 775-267-1269 or 775-782-3661-ext.109.

Major accomplishments germane to the specific award criteria should be emphasized in the nomination, especially in the justification statement. Use the following format:

Nomination of (individual) for
the (specify) Award.

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

THE FREDERIC G. RENNER AWARD

Dr. James A. Young has been recognized by the Society for Range Management for his collective accomplishments as a research scientist, educator, writer and historian. Dr. Young's extensive research on the restoration of sagebrush, bitterbrush and salt desert shrub rangelands has added tremendously to the scientific knowledge of the Great Basin and Intermountain West. This contribution has resulted, in large part, from a problem-solving approach recognizing that current ecological concepts are best understood and applied when research results are integrated with the cultural and social history of the landscape.

Born and raised on a northern California ranch and educated at Cal State-Chico, North Dakota State University and Oregon State University, Dr. Young has authored or coauthored over 700 scientific publications. His influence on Range Management has also been felt through his continuous service in both the Nevada Section and the parent Society for the past 36 years. He was Section President in 1986 and Nevada Rangeman of the Year in 1999.

Those of us in the Nevada Section have long known of Dr. Young's talents and contributions. Now he is getting well-deserved recognition from the parent society as well. Congratulations!!

DR. FENLEY'S STORY CONTINUES

Dear Chuck:

(Continued from Winter 2000) In 1955, while extension agent in Clark County, I received a fellowship from the Ford Foundation to attend Cornell University, located in cold upstate New York. The fellowship included my family, so we all moved to Ithaca. (My immediate successor as Clark County Agent was Bill Hoff, my Assistant Agent who, when he retired, was replaced with Ferren Bunker of Caliente.) After two and a half years of hard, grueling graduate student work, I completed my doctoral program in adult and extension education and was awarded my PhD in 1958.

At Cornell two very important things happened

to change my life forever: (a) I became an assistant professor in extension education at Cornell and (b) my wife, Eileen, was diagnosed in 1956 as having multiple sclerosis and I became her caregiver. Now, in the year 2000, 44 years later, I'm still functioning in that role although, for the past few years, she's been in full-care facilities and my caregiving activities have been less strenuous.

In 1961, I had opportunity to join USAID (US Agency for International Development, then in the State Department). My first country was Nigeria, West Africa, where I was in charge of USAID's extension program in Nigeria's Western Region. Later, in 1966, I was transferred to Lagos (then Nigeria's capitol) to be in charge of USAID's extension program for all of Nigeria. My family, with Eileen, in her wheelchair, and our three children, were in Nigeria for nearly eleven years.

After Nigeria, I transferred to FAO (Food and Agriculture Organization) of the United Nations in a cooperative USAID/UN-FAO cooperative assignment to Liberia for two years (1972-74). I then retired from USAID and became a regular United Nations employee for an FAO assignment in Somalia for about 1½ years (1975-76). Later, in 1979, I left retirement to join SULSU (Southern University and Louisiana State University), a contracting consortium, and served in Sierra Leone, West Africa for one year. In all four countries, I helped set up their agricultural extension programs, each program adapted to that country's customs and crops, both domestic and export. Each program included preparing curricula for personnel training courses. My service in the four African countries totaled 15 ½ years with Eileen with me all the way through.

I've always felt Africa's warm weather helped Eileen with her MS. It wasn't stopped but I believe it slowed the gradual debilitation of her entire nervous system. She and I are writing a book on her 45 years of being an MS victim. Writing is a slow process and, like the book I mentioned earlier, one of these years we hope to finish it. . .

Sincerely yours, John Morris Fenley

SRM SUMMER MEETING& TOUR

The Nevada Section will host this summer’s parent society meeting and tour in Elko in July. The Executive Board, Advisory Council, and some committees will meet July 18-19 at the High Desert Inn followed by the tour on the 20th. The tour will focus on habitat for sage grouse and other sagebrush obligates. Registration for the tour is \$75 and includes a sack lunch and barbecue on the 20th. We know that most of you are not involved in either the Executive Board or Advisory Council, but please plan to join us on the tour.

We have reserved a block of 100 rooms at the High Desert Inn for \$49/night (plus tax). Please join us in the heart of the Great Basin this summer!

For Motel Registration (by June 30th):

High Desert Inn
3015 Idaho St
Elko, NV 89801
775-738-8425
[Note: Take I-80 Exit 303; motel is located adjacent to off-ramp].

For more information about the tour:

Kent McAdoo
University of Nevada Cooperative Extension
1500 College Parkway
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kmcadoo@agnt1.ag.unr.edu

SRM SUMMER TOUR REGISTRATION

ELKO, NEVADA
July 20, 2001

Name: _____ Affiliation: _____

Mailing Address: _____

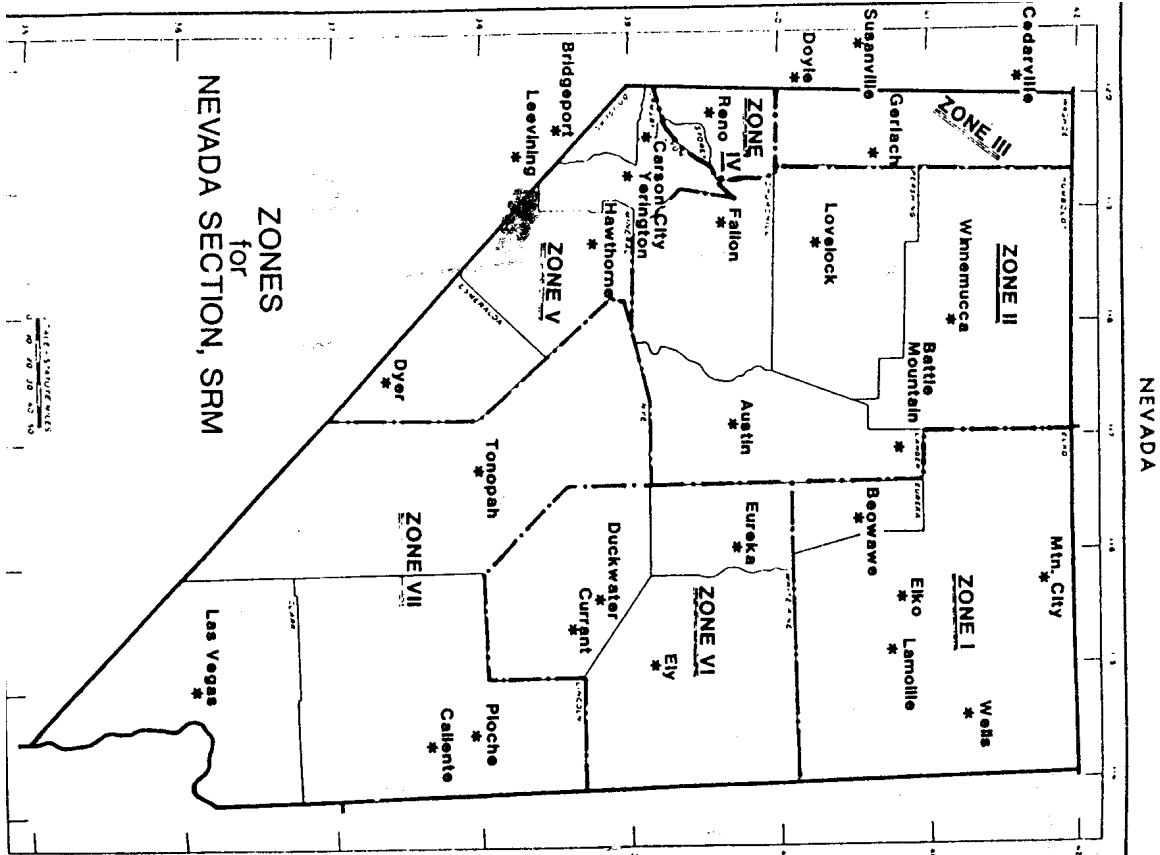
Telephone: _____ E-mail: _____

Number of People Going on Tour _____ at \$75.00/person = Total Enclosed _____

Registration fee includes a sack lunch and barbeque.

Please send registration by June 15th to:

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