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PRESIDENT'S PONDERERS

News from Goober, Gaylord, and your Section President,

It seems as though we have turned a corner and spring is here. I got a little over 8 feet of snow at my house in northwest Reno since Thanksgiving! I had to replace my 20 year old Wyoming snow shovel, wore it out. It has been and looks to be a particularly good year for our resource base in most of Nevada. As late as December 2004, many of us noticed green, perennials that were eventually covered with snow for the duration of winter. This may be the year of the perennial grass here in Nevada, although, cheatgrass looks quite productive as well. The Virginia Hills, between Reno and Fernley are even green right now; the first time in 5 years for some areas! We may have lost a few crickets as well. I saw a couple of million of them attack and consume a cow last year. (If you believe that one I'll tell you the story about a tornado we had when I was a kid and our rooster ended up in a vinegar jug, still alive!) Well, they didn't attack the cow and bring her down, but they did eat her, everything but the hide and bones. Anyway, enjoy the good year folks, it nice to see!

A good many of our Nevada Section members were able to attend the Ft. Worth Meeting in January. We are very fortunate that our private businesses and state and federal agencies have policies that provide for funds to send our professional land

managers to meetings like ours. It allows them to stay current with new science and its application to on-the-ground management of our natural resources. Remember that the 2007 annual meeting will be in Sparks, NV at the Nugget. We still need folks to step up and volunteer for all kinds of jobs. If you are interested, contact Jim Linebaugh or me and we'll get you lined out.

It is now time for me to make a special pitch for membership. One of my goals as Section President and Past President next year, is to increase our membership base in Nevada. I see no reason why we cannot reach the 200 mark. We currently have about 160 members. If all of us make it a special point to sign up one new member, we're there! Anyway, I would like all of your assistance to achieve this goal for our section. Any agency personnel, ranchers, grazing permittees, miners, or other individuals or entities, that have some kind of interest in natural resource management should be able to find a number of benefits provided by the Society for Range Management. We have to make them aware of those benefits. So that is my charge to you, let's get some more folks involved!

It is also time to make plans for our summer section meeting, (July 22-23), range camp (June 19-25), and the CABNR Field day at the Gund Ranch (Aug 4-5). Good things are happening in Nevada with respect to natural resource management, in fact many of our section members are leading the charge on some issues. Keep up the good work! Until next time, happy trails!

Adios Amebas,
Barry

WINTER MEETINGS

We had two great meetings this winter. If you weren't in Fallon you missed seeing Barry in dress pants and a tie! The agenda included very interesting presentations on Nevada State and Transition models, sage grouse, the buzz of activity in the Ely and Las Vegas BLM Districts with recent legislation passed, hope for the reduction of wild horse numbers to Appropriate Management Levels by 2006, an update on USFS planning, the Elko BLM District sensitive bird EIS, and a fascinating update on bighorn sheep disease. No actual cases of transmittal of diseases from domestic to wild sheep have been documented. Friday evening we enjoyed a delicious Tri-tip dinner cooked by the Elks; it was almost as good as Gary and Kay's last summer at Bridgeport. Awards were presented and the UNR Range Club sponsored a crazy auction to fund students attending the Fort Worth meeting. Many thanks to Gary McCuin for auctioneering and to him and his parents for providing many fine articles to auction. The photo shows our illustrious president auctioning a pair of shot glasses with the "prairie fire" included! A fine time was had by all and the students appreciate the support. The rest of us appreciate the student's growing involvement in the section and the range profession. At the business meeting Saturday morning the Section expressed its determination to support our president attending the International meeting. We empowered the awards committee to go forth and pursue International awards for Section members. The Handbook will go on the website so all committees may know their duties. Floyd Rathbun presented the election results; congratulations go to Bob Wilson, president-elect, Diane Weaver, Zone IV, and Jon Hutchings, Zone VI. Floyd reported there was a 57% voter response using the cards. We will do that again. We discussed Gary's resolutions on sage grouse and water at great length, and approved them both with some minor changes. The summer meeting is in the O'Neil Basin in Elko County and

next winter we will be in Pahrump. A 2007 planning meeting followed. See the Section website for minutes of both meetings.

The International meeting in Fort Worth was well attended. See the student chapter section in this newsletter for their outstanding participation. Our High School Youth delegate, Jesse Evans, did well. Thanks to Jessica Dhaemers for organizing the Nevada Mixer at Billy Martin's in Fort Worth. Anyone who didn't see Sherm Swanson schlepping beers like an old hand really missed it! Please check the Section website for minutes, 2007 planning information and other good stuff. If you have something to get on the website, email it to Ben Bruce and put "For the Website" in the subject.



AWARDS

Cub Wolfe made the award presentations with the assistance of then President Angela. The new awards approved at the summer meeting were presented.



Mr. James A. Linebaugh

Private Consultant, Mound House, Nevada
Recipient of the **NEVADA RANGELAND
MANAGEMENT SUSTAINED
ACHIEVEMENT** Award 1/21/05

The Rangeland Management Sustained Achievement award is a new award this year. The award is an "in house" award, specifically for the

Nevada Section Membership. The recipient of this award has been a long time member of the Nevada Section. Jim has given much of his time through many years of active participation in the section including serving as: Section President, Ex-Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Newsletter Editor, and other committee positions. This individual will have received such awards as the "Young Professional of the Year", "Rangeman of the Year" or it's equivalent, or any other honor awards from this section. This individual will have attended SRM Annual International Meetings and have served on International Committees. There should be no doubt, of any of our active members of NV Section SRM that this individual is deserving of this honor; the vote would be unanimous. For your sustained outstanding personal effort, your generous contributions as far as your time and your monetary donations to this Section and this Society Jim Linebaugh, is most deserving of this honor and special recognition. The Nevada Section of the Society for Range Management is honored to present Jim with the very first Nevada Rangeland Management Sustained Achievement Award.

Brad Schultz



Extension Educator, Winnemucca, Nevada
Recipient of the **NEVADA RANGELAND PROFESSIONAL OF THE YEAR** Award

The RANGELAND PROFESSIONAL OF THE YEAR, award is the most prestigious award presented by the Nevada Section, Society for Range Management, to an individual who is working as a professional in management of our natural resources. This individual as a career has a

sustained contributions to rangeland management through their work in the field of resource management and with the Nevada Section.

The Nevada Section of the Society for Range Management honors you as the recipient of this Award. This award is in appreciation for the accomplishments you have made over the past years as a Rangeland Manager, and Extension Educator.

Brad Shultz has been actively involved with the business of the Nevada Section for years and has had many jobs with the Section. His strong leadership as Section President brought this section to look at business in a different way. Brad helped to establish the Great Basin Awards we honor recipients with each year for their important work on Nevada's Rangelands. As Zone Councilman, Brad brought new ideas to the table and followed them through as Section resolutions. Currently our Section Treasurer, Brad has kept us in the black managing our moneys and keeping good books. A graduate of University of Nevada at Reno, Brad began his professional career with the BLM in Nevada, moved to Desert Research Institute with projects in southern Nevada and then became the Extension Educator with the Cooperative Extension in Winnemucca. Brad is a leader in Rangeland Management in Nevada and the country. His experience and advice are invaluable, but he's most effective in the way he communicates with others.

Brad Schultz, is most deserving of this special recognition. The Nevada Section of the Society for Range Management is honored to present Brad with the Rangeland Professional of the Year Award.

Gene Kolkman

Field Office Manager, BLM Ely, Nevada
Recipient of the **GREAT BASIN** Award 1/21/2005

The Nevada Section honors you as the recipient of the Great Basin Award. This award is in appreciation for the accomplishments you have made over the past years as a field office manager with the Bureau of Land Management in Ely, Nevada. However, your work has not been limited to the Ely area but will have an effect on the entire Great Basin. Your dedication and leadership as a natural resources manager has not gone unnoticed. Your accomplishments include:

Challenging your staff and other resource managers to rethink how we look at the resources of the Great Basin, the big picture, landscape management.

Offering your strength and guidance to pioneer this effort to identify needs, recognize problems, and to implement the improvement process.
Visioning how it could be and following through to the end. This empowered your staff as well as others, with the confidence they needed to complete the task.
Embracing the idea of making it a collaborative decision making process which helped to establish these initiatives and coalitions.
We recognize your extensive experience and knowledge of the Great Basin ecosystem which was critical and the key to the successful completion of your work. You initiated the Great Basin Restoration Initiative. You developed the Eastern Nevada Landscape Restoration Project in support of the GBRI.
You have become a respected and effective leader in the conservation effort for the Great Basin. Your communication and ability to work with others proves invaluable.
For your extraordinary and outstanding personal effort, Gene Kolkman, is most deserving of this special recognition. The Nevada Section of the Society for Range Management is honored to present Gene with the **GREAT BASIN** Award.

Ed Depaoli

Nevada Rancher, Fernley, Nevada

Recipient of the **NEVADA RANGELAND MANAGER OF THE YEAR** Award

1/21/05

The RANGELAND MANAGER OF THE YEAR, award is the most prestigious award presented by the Nevada Section to an individual who is a livestock owner and operator. The recipient is an individual who has sustained contributions to rangeland management through their work in the field of resource conservation and management.

Ed Depaoli is a native Nevadan with a degree from the University of Nevada at Reno. After his formal education, Ed began work with the Bureau of Land Management in Nevada. He worked for the BLM in at least two different locations in Nevada and as the Area Manager in Lake View, Oregon. Ed left BLM and continued his career in the ranching business. Through the years Ed was continually called upon for his experience and advice, using common sense and cowboy logic. Ed has always been activity involved in Livestock and Rangeland Management, but most effective in the way he communicates with others.

Ed has many accomplishments. He was one of the founders of the non-profit Range Education Foundation, now serving as Treasurer. Ed helped to begin Range Magazine. He served on the N-3 Nevada State Grazing Board for more than 20 years. Ed has served as Vice Chairman and Chairman, of the Nevada State Grazing Board; also the chairman for the Public Lands Committee. Recently Ed was appointed by Governor Guinn to serve as a member of the Governor's Sage Grouse Committee.

Ed Depaoli has been a reliable source of information and knowledge of rangeland management, finding effective ways to resolve conflict and move the situation to a positive end for all involved. He is a respected leader in the livestock community and a partner with governmental agencies. We can't thank Ed enough for his sustained effort

to educate us, for his mentoring and patience with others, and for his knowledge and common sense approach.

For your outstanding personal effort, Ed Depaoli, is most deserving of this special recognition. The Nevada Section of the Society for Range Management is honored to present Ed with the Rangeland Manager of the Year Award.

Gerry Emm

Environmental Director, Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe, Nixon, Nevada
Recipient of the **GREAT BASIN** Award 1/21/2005

The Nevada Section honors you as the recipient of the Great Basin Award. This award is in appreciation for the accomplishments you have made over the past years as the Environmental Director for the Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe in Nixon, Nevada. Your dedication and leadership as a natural resources manager has not gone unnoticed.

You have become a respected and effective leader of the conservation effort for the Great Basin. Your experience on the family farm, your Agricultural degree from UNR, your Vo-Ag teaching at McDermitt High School and Stewart Indian School, managing the tribal ranch and feedlot for the Washoe Tribe, your conservation work as manager for the Fallon Paiute-Shoshone tribe, and your more recent accomplishments as Environment Director for the Pyramid Lake Paiute tribe are excellent examples of you dedication and personal effort. Your care for both the resource and the resource user, your feeling for the importance of educating the user and the public on the reasons conservation of natural resources is so important, assures its continuation. Your ability to effectively communicate with tribal, state and federal governments and individuals has been the key to your success. To accomplish all of this was a struggle. However, you overcame many obstacles and cut through red tape by employing practical solutions to difficult situations. Your conservation efforts have brought about major changes in resource management application to improve the health of Nevada’s rangelands.

For your extraordinary and outstanding personal effort, Gerry Emm, is most deserving of this special recognition. The Nevada Section of the Society for Range Management is honored to present Gerry with the **GREAT BASIN** Award.

STUDENT CHAPTER UPDATE

President Ryan Shane wrote an outstanding article called the “State of the UNR Range Club—Winter 2005.” Check it out on the Nevada Section website! He also sent this update after the Fort Worth meeting.

We are back in Nevada once again, but with a new perspective on the International convention. With five undergraduates and seven graduate students in attendance from UNR, the Range Club had a real sense of community, spirit and pride. We represented well in the booth Decoration Contest, the Plant ID contest, URME, as well as in the presentations and poster sessions given by the graduate students. We did not place in the booth décor contest, but it gave the club incentive and insight for future success. In the plant ID contest, our team was ranked #10 out of 19 competing universities, and Matt

Murphy earned the team's high score. In the URME, our team ranked #16 out of 21 competing universities. Jess Costello earned a score that placed him 32nd of 186 total URME contestants. Our representation for the first time back in more than two decades was commendable to say the least. The undergraduates walked away with a new appreciation for SRM, rangelands, and the profession of range management. In all, there was a buzz around our presence at the meeting, which added to the NEVADA spirit that we brought to Texas.

RANGE CAMP

Thanks to Jim Potts for accepting leadership of Student Activities. He reports the Range Camp posters were mailed March 25. PLEASE BE AWARE THE DATES ARE WRONG ON THE POSTERS – THE CORRECT RANGE CAMP DATES ARE JUNE 19-25. He would like to piggyback a half hour range camp meeting onto the compressed video 2007 planning meeting on May 13. If anyone needs to contact him before that date, call Jim at work (726-3101) Tuesday to Saturday.

2007 MEETING

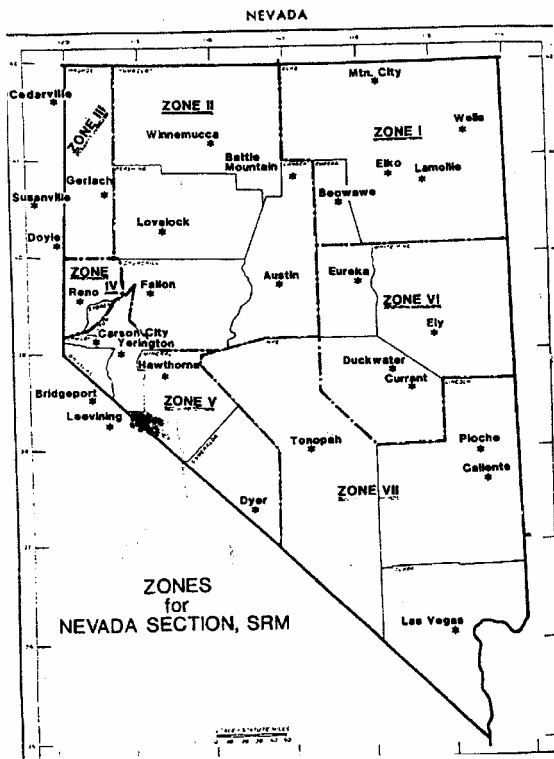
ONLY 695 DAYS LEFT!

Left until what? You ask. Until the beginning of the 2007 SRM annual meeting in Reno, Nevada. That's right. The biggest event in SRM is coming to the Biggest Little City in the World. The planning committee is currently working hard to make sure the 2007 annual meeting will be a world class event. There are dozens of individuals working in several areas to insure that all the bases are covered and that no stone is left unturned. So mark your calendars now – February 11-16, 2007. James Linebaugh and Barry Perryman, the General Co-chairs for the 2007 meeting, are guaranteeing that you'll have a great time and that if you don't, then Chuck Saulisberry, our Executive VP, will sing "Happy Trails" at the Planning Committee Celebration at the end of the meeting. So, help get the word out to any and all that are interested in rangelands or just interested in having a great time. We will keep you updated as things progress.

Thanks for your time,
Erick Walker, Publicity Co-chair

P.S. In case you want to help make the 2007 annual meeting fantastic, just contact any of the Officers, Zone Council Representatives, or Committee Chairs and they'll be able to point you in the right direction. We'd love to have your help.

The 2007 planning meeting on March 11 worked well. Members in Carson City, Reno, Winnemucca, Elko, Ely, Caliente, and Fallon (if I have forgotten anyone, sorry) conversed by compressed video, thanks to Brad Schultz setting it up through Cooperative Extension. The next meeting is set for May 12th or 13th. Let Brad know if you need another location and he will see what he can do. Have your committee reports ready and get any budget information to Brad ASAP. More on the 2007 meeting in the Late Spring newsletter.



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