

**ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION
OF
ARIZONA SECTION, SOCIETY FOR RANGE MANAGEMENT**

(Note: This is a copy of the text found in the Articles of Incorporation. The signed originals are on file with the Secretary for the Arizona Section of the Society for Range Management)

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENT:

That we, the undersigned, having associated ourselves together for the purpose of forming a non-profit corporation under the laws of the State of Arizona, do hereby adopt the following Articles of Incorporation.

I. The name of the corporation shall be ARIZONA SECTION, SOCIETY FOR RANGE MANAGEMENT. The corporation's principal place of business shall be in Maricopa County, Arizona, but other places for conducting business may be established and maintained within or outside of the State of Arizona at such places as the Board of Directors may designate.

II. The names, residences and addresses of the incorporators are:
H. Herbert Metzger, P.O. Box 700, Flagstaff, Arizona
Ervin M. Schmutz, 1811 North Highland Avenue, Tucson, Arizona

III. The nature, purposes and objectives for which this corporation is formed is to seek a comprehensive understanding of range ecosystems, and of the management and use of range resources; to educate and advise all who work with rangeland of new findings; to improve the effectiveness of range management in obtaining from range ecosystems the products and values necessary for man's welfare; to create a public understanding of the social and economic benefits to be derived from range resources; and to promote the professional and educational development of its membership.

To buy, sell, deal in, manage, operate, use, lease, let, mortgage, or otherwise dispose of real and personal property, subject to all limitations imposed by State and Federal law. To enter into contracts of all kinds and to incur debts and borrow money in any lawful manner and to do any and all of the things herein set forth and exercise every power conferred on corporations by law to the same extent as a natural person might or could do in furtherance of the corporation's tax exempt purposes.

The foregoing shall be construed both as objectives and powers and the enumeration thereof shall not limit or restrict in any manner the general powers conferred on corporations by law to the extent that they further the corporation's tax exempt purposes.

IV. The corporation shall be a non-stock membership corporation. No dividends or pecuniary profits shall inure to the benefit of any individual trustee, officer, or employee of the corporation or any private individual except that reasonable compensation may be paid for services rendered to the corporation in effecting one or more of its purposes. No member, trustee, officer of the corporation or private individual shall be entitled to share in the distribution of any of the corporate assets on dissolution of the corporation. Upon dissolution, the assets of the corporation remaining after payment of all expenses and debts shall be distributed to an organization which will then qualify under the provisions of Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code and its regulations as they then exist. No substantial part of the activities of the corporation shall be the carrying on of propaganda or otherwise attempting to influence legislation and the corporation shall not participate in or intervene (including the publication or distribution of statements) in any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office.

The corporation shall distribute its income for each taxable year at such time and in such a manner as not to become subject to the tax on undistributed income imposed by Section 4942, shall not engage in any act of self-dealing as defined in Section 4941(b), shall not retain any excess business holding as defined in Section 4943(c), shall not make any investments in such manner as to be subject to tax under Section

4944, shall not make any taxable expenditures as defined in Section 4945(d), of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 or the corresponding provisions of any subsequent federal tax law.

V. The corporation shall commence on the date it shall be issued a Certificate of Incorporation by the Arizona Corporation Commission and shall be perpetual with the privilege of renewal as provided by law.

VI. The affairs of this corporation shall be conducted by a Board of Directors of not less than nine (9) nor more than twelve (12) persons, the exact number to be established by the Bylaws. The officers of this organization shall be a president, president-elect, secretary and treasurer, and such additional officers as the Board of Directors may authorize from time to time. The following persons shall serve as Officers and Directors of this corporation during its first corporate year or until their successors are duly elected at an annual meeting of the members and qualified:

H. Herbert Metzger	President	Ervin M. Schmutz	President-Elect
Edward A. LeViness	Secretary-Treasurer	Barry N. Freeman	Past-President
John W. Bohning	Director-at-large, North	Edgar A. McGuire	Director-at-large, South
Milton Sechrist	Director-at-large, North	Terrance O. Wheeler	Director-at-large, South
Kari F. Armstead	Student Chapter President		

VII. The annual meeting of the members of the corporation, at which time and place the Directors shall be elected, shall be held at the principal office of the corporation at such time and place as determined by the Board of Directors, on the third Friday in December of each year, unless a legal holiday and if a legal holiday on the next succeeding day not a legal holiday.

VIII. The highest amount of indebtedness or liability, direct or contingent, to which the corporation is at any time to subject itself is \$500,000.

IX. The private property of the incorporators, members, directors, officers and employees of this corporation shall forever be exempt from its debts and obligations.

X. The statutory agent of this corporation shall be Leslie T. Jones, Jr. 363 North First Avenue, Phoenix, Arizona, 85003, who has been a bona fide resident of the State of Arizona for more than three (3) years last past.

IN WITNESS THEREOF, we have hereunto affixed our signatures this 24th day of November, 1971.

H. Herbert Metzger
State of Arizona)

Ervin M. Schmutz

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County of Coconino)

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this 24th day of November, 1971 by H. HERBERT METZGER.

My commission expires
State of Arizona)

Notary Public

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County of Pima)

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this 24th day of November, 1971 by ERVIN M. SCHMUTZ.

My commission expires

Notary Public