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## Society for Range Management

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### *Trapped in the Vortex ...*

By this time last year, several unwanted wildfires had already consumed several thousand acres of forest and rangeland with the most catastrophic fire and bark beetle outbreak in Arizona's recorded history just over the horizon. Whether it was dumb luck or good planning, we were also in the process of putting the final touches on our summer meeting agenda with the theme, "Ecological Restoration in the Southwest Ponderosa Pine Forests." Two years ago, we gathered in the cool pines near Mormon Lake to discuss water conservation, range, and watershed issues in Arizona. At our most recent board meeting in Prescott, the board finalized the agenda for this summer's meeting with the theme, "Making Science-Based Rangeland Management Decisions Following Drought." This summer's meeting will follow several extremely dry years in Arizona. My point -- the Arizona section has always taken an avant-garde approach in addressing important topics that affect rangeland management in the southwestern U. S. I hope you have taken advantage of our section's forward-thinking by attending as many of these programs as possible.

I also hope you will make plans to attend the summer meeting August 14 and 15 at the V-Bar-V Ranch's Mahan Park (see registration info inside). Ranch and livestock managers and federal rangeland managers will be presenting their thoughts on how to plan in advance for drought management in the southwest. We have also invited Dale Bosworth, Chief of the United States Forest Service to join us. Chief Bosworth is a member of SRM and is tentatively scheduled to be in Arizona around the time of the summer meeting. A cookout is being planned by several of our board members. If you attended the last few summer meetings, you already know the food and impromptu entertainment will be great! It should be a fantastic time to once again spend some time together in the cool pines.

At our general business meeting in August, we will discuss many things, including our membership drive. In the March newsletter, I issued a challenge to each of you to recruit at least one new member before our winter section meeting in 2004. How are you doing? Have you taken this challenge seriously? If not, PLEASE think about someone you know who is currently not a member of SRM but should be. Not to beat a dead horse, but this is a very important issue for the reasons I outlined on March's newsletter. You will find membership application information in this newsletter. Remember, you get a \$5 credit towards your membership dues for each new "regular" member you sponsor. If you get some "no's" from your potential recruits, ask them to provide their top 2 reasons for 1) why they do not currently wish to become a SRM member, and, 2) the top 2 things they would like to see SRM change that might entice them to join in the future. Report your results (both positive and negative) to Mike Hannemann, Chair of the membership committee. Mike's contact information also appears in this newsletter. I have asked Mike to report on how the membership drive is progressing at our summer meeting.

Finally, if there is something you would like to see discussed at our general membership meeting, please contact me or any board member and we will make sure it is included on the agenda. In the meantime, be sure and get your registration form in BEFORE AUGUST 1 to guarantee meals. See you at the V-Bar-V Ranch in August!!

Keep er' steady,  
Larry Howery

## FFA DAY 2003

Larry Howery

The FFA Day Range Management Exam was held on March 7, 2003.  
Congratulations to the following top individuals and teams:

### Individuals

- |                                 |                                  |
|---------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| 1. Cory Hartranft – Duncan      | 6. Nicolette Klump -- Willcox    |
| 2. Michelle Downs – Duncan      | 7. Randy Cureton - Douglas       |
| 3. Jacye Lunt – Duncan          | 8. Larry Vance -- Douglas        |
| 4. Sabrina Harvey – Baboquivari | 9. Theresa Chavez -- Baboquivari |
| 5. Nash Levi -- Casa Grande     | 10. Tatiana Gallegos -- Rio Rico |

### Teams

- |                |                 |
|----------------|-----------------|
| 1. Duncan      | 6. San Simon    |
| 2. Casa Grande | 7. Elfrida      |
| 3. Douglas     | 8. Willcox      |
| 4. Baboquivari | 9. Mingus Union |
| 5. Rio Rico    |                 |

## VISIT OUR WEB SITE!!!

Arizona Section SRM Web Site  
[azrangelands.org](http://azrangelands.org)

If you have not visited the new Arizona Section web site, then I encourage you to do so. It currently has: recent section newsletters; board of director's meeting minutes; Articles of Incorporation; By-Laws; Guidelines for Section Officers and Committee Chairs; names and contact information for Officers, Directors, and Committee Chairs; information about the 2003 summer meeting; and links to the Parent Society, AgNIC, and Journal of Range Management. Awards will also be added soon. The vision is to make this web site as useful as possible to our membership. Input from our membership is welcome and appreciated. Please send your comments and suggestions to Jeff Schalau at [jschalau@ag.arizona.edu](mailto:jschalau@ag.arizona.edu).

## Preliminary Call for Papers - 2004 Winter Meeting

Arizona Section, Society for Range Management

Jeff Schalau

Proposed Meeting Dates: **January 14, 15, and 16, 2004**

Proposed Meeting Location: **Apache Gold Casino and Resort, San Carlos**

Meeting Theme: **Conservation: From Theory to Practice**

Have you been involved in a range conservation or restoration project? Are you using innovative approaches to solve natural resource problems and plan for the future? If so, the Arizona Section, Society for Range Management encourages you to prepare a 20-30 minute presentation for the 2004 winter meeting. The 2004 Winter Meeting committee is encouraging submissions from ranchers, consultants, agency personnel, university professors, graduates, undergraduates, high school students, and others. A detailed call for papers will be included in the September 2003 newsletter. The abstract submission deadline will be October 10, 2003, so start thinking about your submission now!

Comments or questions can be addressed to Jeff Schalau, 928-445-6590, [jschalau@ag.arizona.edu](mailto:jschalau@ag.arizona.edu).

## ARIZONA SECTION MEMBER PRESENTATIONS FROM THE 2002 SRM ANNUAL MEETING IN CASPER

Kim McReynolds

**COLLABORATIVE RANGE MANAGEMENT CURRICULUM DEVELOPMENT ON THE TOHONO O'ODHAM NATION.** *J. S. Arnold and M. E. Fernandez-Gimenez*, Department of Renewable Natural Resources, University of Arizona.

**DESERT GRASSLAND RESPONSE TO BURROWEED MANAGEMENT.** *J. H. Brock and J. M. Riggs*, Arizona State University and Crossed J Ranch.

**VEGETATION MANAGEMENT OF *ELAEAGNUS ANGUSTIFOLIA* AND *TAMARIX RAMOSISSIMA* IN RIPARIAN HABITATS IN NORTHEASTERN ARIZONA WITH HERBICIDES.** *J. H. Brock*, Arizona State University.

**20 YEARS OF VEGETATIVE CHANGE AND SPECIES DIVERSITY ON CATHERINE CREEK, NORTHEASTERN, OREGON.** *D.M. Green*, Environmental Resources Program, Arizona State University, *D. E. Johnson*, Department of Rangeland Resources, Oregon State University, *A.S. Laliberte*, Department of Forest Resources, Oregon State University.

**EFFECTS OF ENDANGERED SPECIES RECOVERY AND MANAGEMENT ON LIVESTOCK GRAZING AND PERMITTEES ON THE CLIFTON RANGER DISTRICT, APACHE-SITGREAVES NATIONAL FORESTS.** *F. A. Hayes*, USDA-Forest Service, Clifton Ranger District.

**DETERMINING LEVELS OF NOISE DISTURBANCE FOR NORTHERN GOSHAWK ON THE KAIBAB PLATEAU.** *C. L. King<sup>1</sup>, M. S. Siders<sup>1</sup>, L. Pater<sup>2</sup>*. <sup>1</sup>North Kaibab Ranger District, Fredonia, AZ, US Army Engineer Research and Development Center (ERDC), Construction Engineering Research Laboratory (CERL), IL.

**UNDERSTANDING LANDSCAPE USE PATTERNS BY LIVESTOCK.** *K. L. Launchbaugh*, Rangeland Ecology and Management Dept., University of Idaho, *L. D. Howery*, School of Natural Resources, University of Arizona.

**DRIVING WHILE LOOKING IN THE REAR-VIEW MIRROR: THE PITFALLS OF APPLYING HRV TO CONTEMPORARY MANAGEMENT.** *G. R. McPherson*, School of Renewable Natural Resources and Department of Ecology & Evolutionary Biology, University of Arizona.

**A 12-YEAR POST-FIRE ASSESSMENT OF VEGETATION AND SOIL CONDITIONS OF THE DUDE FIRE IN CENTRAL ARIZONA.** *A. L. Medina*, USDA Forest Service, Rocky Mountain Research Station

**A SPATIAL DECISION SUPPORT SYSTEM FOR RANGELAND WATERSHED MANAGEMENT.** *R. C. Miller, D. P. Guertin and P. Heilman*. University of Arizona, School of Renewable Natural Resources; USDA-ARS, Southwest Watershed Research Center.

**THE INFLUENCE OF VEGETATION ON SOIL FROST AND INFILTRATION RATES IN ICELANDIC RANGELANDS.** *B. Orradottir*, Department of Rangeland Ecology & Management, Texas A&M University, *S. Archer*, School of Renewable Natural Resources, University of Arizona, *O. Arnalds*, Agricultural Research Institute, Reykjavik, Iceland. *L. Wilding*, Department of Soil & Crop Sciences, Texas A&M University.

**LIVESTOCK GRAZING, WILDFIRE AND FISHERIES MANAGEMENT: RELATIVE IMPACTS ON SUSTAINABILITY OF NATIVE SOUTHWESTERN FISHES.** *J. N. Rinne*, USDA Forest Service, Rocky Mountain Research Station.

**PALO ALTO RANCH 319 PROJECT.** *D. G. Robinett*, USDA – NRCS.

**LONG-TERM RECOVERY OF UNDERSTORY VEGETATION AFTER THE 1972 RATTLE BURN, ARIZONA.** *A. L. Rountree*, Arthur Temple College of Forestry, Stephen F. Austin State University.

**BUILDING A WESTERN REGIONAL RANGELANDS WEB RESOURCE: AN AGNIC INITIATIVE.** *G. B. Ruyle*, School of Renewable Natural Resources, University of Arizona; *B. Hutchinson*, Office of Arid Lands Studies, University of Arizona, *M. Haddock*, Library, Kansas State University; *K. Sanders*, College of Natural Resources, University of Idaho

**RECONCILING COMPETING AND COMPLEMENTARY LAND USES IN PIMA COUNTY: THE SONORAN DESERT CONSERVATION PLAN.** *W. W. Shaw*, School of Renewable Natural Resources, University of Arizona.

**LANDOWNER-AGENCY COOPERATION TO RESOLVE ENDANGERED SPECIES ISSUES.** *S. Spangle*, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Arizona Ecological Services Office.

# MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR THE 2003 ARIZONA SECTION SRM SUMMER MEETING!!

WHAT:  
ARIZONA SECTION SOCIETY FOR RANGE MANAGEMENT SUMMER MEETING

WHEN:  
August 14-15, 2003

WHERE:  
**V Bar V Ranch Experiment Station**  
Mahan Park, Upper Ranch Headquarters  
In the cool pines near Happy Jack (7,000 ft. elev.)

THEME:  
**Drought Management for Sustainable Range Resources**



The presentations and field trip will bring together a variety of land managers to share drought management strategies. Speakers representing federal and state agencies, tribes, ranches, and educational institutions will share their knowledge and how they are planning to cope with our extended drought in the southwest. This meeting is a great opportunity to learn from others in your field and share ideas in a relaxing, informal setting.

*We thank all of the individuals, agencies and organizations that have taken the time and effort to put together this program.*

### **MEETING AGENDA AT A GLANCE**

The agenda and field trip itinerary are still being finalized and will be mailed with your confirmation letter.

Thursday, August 14, 2003

- 10-12 am AZ Section combined General Membership/Board Meeting
- 12-1 pm Lunch (provided)
- 1-5 pm Speakers/Presentations
  - Dave Schafer, University of Arizona V Bar V Ranch Experiment Station
  - Bill Brandau, Bureau of Land Management, Safford Field Office
  - Mike Hannemann, US Forest Service, Coconino National Forest
  - Greg Vinson, White Mountain Apache Tribe
  - Sandy Fabritz, Arizona Department of Water Resources and Governor's Drought Task Force
  - (Others are still unconfirmed)
- 6:30 pm Steak Dinner (provided)
- 7:30 pm Social Hour(s)-Relax, Visit, and Enjoy

Friday, August 15, 2003

- 7 am Deluxe Continental Breakfast (provided)
- 8-Noon Field Trip in Mahan Park Area
- Noon Lunch (provided)/Adjourn

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MAKE CHECKS OR MONEY ORDERS OUT TO **ARIZONA SRM**  
(srm TIN IS 23-7161064)

Questions about the summer meeting?  
Contact Jeff Schalaus, 928.445.6590, [jschalau@ag.arizona.edu](mailto:jschalau@ag.arizona.edu).

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**Important information -- Please read carefully!!!**  
Most attendees will be camping. Bring sleeping gear, water, lanterns, snacks, refreshments, etc. There is plenty of room for tents, campers, or trailers (no hook-ups). Steak dinner (Thursday night), two lunches (Thursday and Friday), and deluxe continental breakfast (Friday) are included in the registration fee. Porta-potties will be provided. Be prepared for cool nighttime temperatures and possible rain.  
  
A map and directions to Mahan Park are available on the Arizona Section Web Site: [azrangelands.org](http://azrangelands.org).  
  
A limited number of cabins are available at the nearby Happy Jack Lodge (7 miles from Mahan Park) on the nights of August 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> on a first come, first served basis. More information is available about the Happy Jack Lodge at 800-430-0385 or on the web at [www.happyjacklodge.com](http://www.happyjacklodge.com).

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**REGISTRATION FORM**

NAME and ORGANIZATION: \_\_\_\_\_

SPOUSE/CHILDREN/GUEST NAMES \_\_\_\_\_

MAILING ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_ EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

DO YOU BELONG TO AN SRM SECTION? Circle one: Yes / No  
WHICH ONE? \_\_\_\_\_

\$40/member or adult attendee \_\_\_\_\_

\$20/student or youth (12-18) \_\_\_\_\_

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_ TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED: \_\_\_\_\_

**Registrations must be received by August 1, 2003 to guarantee meals**

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MAIL THE **REGISTRATION FORM** ALONG WITH A **CHECK OR MONEY ORDER** TO:

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~ COMMITTEE SPOTLIGHT ~  
**AWARDS COMMITTEE**  
 Emilio Carrillo

HEADS UP! It's time to start thinking about nominations for this year's awards! Nominations will be received for the following awards:

**1. RANGE MANAGER OF THE YEAR:** May be selected by the Awards Committee from owner-operators and ranch managers who have been nominated by the County Committees. The recipient shall be honored at the Annual Meeting and shall receive a plaque commemorating the award. The recipient need not be a member of the Society for Range Management; must be owner-operator or manager of a working ranch unit; must not have received this award within the previous six years; and cannot be a member of the State or County Awards committee or the Board of Directors.

Primary criteria used for selection of the recipient shall include progress in the planning, application, maintenance, and improvement of range conditions through the use of grazing management practices for proper use and distribution of grazing, installation of range improvements, control of undesirable plants, seeding of rangeland, control of erosion, and husbandry and breeding of livestock. Participation in community and State citizenship activities and cooperation with State and Federal agencies in management of the land for grazing and other uses must be evaluated.

**2. AWARDS FOR PROFESSIONAL AND TECHNICAL GUIDANCE:** A person or persons with range management or range conservation expertise and education, but not ranch owners or operators, may be selected and honored for their contribution to excellence in grazing management. Such persons may be employees of Federal or State agencies or universities, other government agencies, or individuals operating independently or as members of agricultural firms.

**3. OUTSTANDING SERVICE AWARDS:** A person not limited to Society membership, and not limited to residence in Arizona may be nominated for an Outstanding Service Award by any member of the Arizona Section of the Society for Range Management. Such nominations will be made to the Board of Directors prior to the end of the Calendar year.

**4. OUTSTANDING YOUNG RANGE PROFESSIONAL AWARD:** This award requires SRM membership and recognizes superior performance and leadership potential in any range-related area. Nominee must be less than 40 years old on January 1, 2003. If you are aware of a young range professional who you feel is deserving of this award please send in your nomination!! This is an excellent opportunity to give a hard-working individual some great recognition.

For more information please contact Awards Chair  
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## Public Affairs Committee

John Brock - Chair

A report was developed from the winter meeting in Laughlin, NV, that dealt with recovery of the desert tortoise. The Fish & Wildlife Service has done extensive work and has spent millions of dollars related to the autecology and synecology of the Mojave and Sonoran desert tortoise. The population of the Mojave tortoise continues to decline. Livestock grazing does not seem to be a major factor; instead, predation and disease seem to be the main variables. The Sonoran desert tortoise population seems to be fairly stable in numbers except at one or two locations, but the reason for its decrease at these sites is poorly understood. This report is currently being reviewed by the Nevada Section. After consensus between the Arizona and Nevada Sections it will be forwarded to the UFWs, Arizona Game & Fish Department and Nevada Fish & Game.

## ~ MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION ~

Membership in the Society for Range Management is open to anyone engaged in or interested in any aspect of the study, management, or use of rangelands. Membership rights and privileges include: voting, committee service, nomination and election to offices, subscription to *Rangelands* journal and the *Trail Boss News*, Arizona Section newsletter (for AZ Section members), discounted prices for publications, meeting registration fees, page charges and certification fees. For more information on membership in SRM, or to request a Membership Application, please contact Mike Hannemann, Membership Committee Chair, phone 928.526.0866, or email [mhannemann@fs.fed.us](mailto:mhannemann@fs.fed.us) OR Dan Bell, Secretary-Treasurer, phone 520.761.3117, or e-mail [voslash@aol.com](mailto:voslash@aol.com).

On-line membership applications are also available at [www.rangelands.org](http://www.rangelands.org)

## NEW MEXICO SECTION SUMMER TOUR

David Graham/Sandy Fabritz

The New Mexico Section Board of Directors, with a lot of help from Gray Ranch biologist and program director Ben Brown, and Ed Fredrickson Research Scientist with Jornada Experimental Range has planned an exceptional summer tour. We sure hope you will take time and make an effort to join us to learn about the history and current achievements of the Gray Ranch that has made it among the most renowned ranches in the American West. During the tour we will visit and discuss the fire ecology, prairie dog reintroduction as a range management tool, the Grassbank® concept, conservation easements, and Gray Ranch relationship with conservation groups such as The Nature Conservancy. In addition, a member of the Malpai Borderlands Group will provide an update on their activities.

Everyone will meet at the "BIG BARN" at the Gray Ranch Headquarters by 8:30 am on the morning of July 25. After registration and final preparations we will board the bus to begin the tour by 9:00am. Soft drinks and bottled water will be available through out the tour, and lunch will be provided at our noon break. We will finish up the day back at the Gray Ranch headquarters in the late afternoon where we will have a Bar-B-Que dinner complete with local county musicians. (Anyone wishing to bring an instrument and join in will be welcome.) Cost of the tour, which includes meals and transportation, is \$70. For more information contact, David Graham, 505-374-7884, [johgraha@nmsu.edu](mailto:johgraha@nmsu.edu) or Ed Fredrickson, 505-646-4842. Registration information is also available on the New Mexico Section Web Page: <http://agecon.nmsu.edu/nmsrm>

**Don't Forget  
Receive a \$5.00 Rebate for  
Recruiting New Members**



On the Application make sure your name appears in the spot that says "Name of member that recruited you." Any questions, please contact Mike Hannemann 928.526.0866, or email [mhannemann@fs.fed.us](mailto:mhannemann@fs.fed.us).

## ~ ~ UPCOMING EVENTS ~ ~



### July

- 15 – 17: 10th Annual Noxious, Invasive Plant Short Course - Farmington, NM at the San Juan Community College. Contact Larry Howery ([lhowery@ag.arizona.edu](mailto:lhowery@ag.arizona.edu) or 520.621.7277) for details.
- 25: NRCWAY Committee Planning Meeting, 10:00am – 12:00pm, Plant Material Center – Tucson, Arizona. For information contact Sandy Fabritz 602.417.2418 or [safabritz@adwr.state.az.us](mailto:safabritz@adwr.state.az.us).
- 25: New Mexico SRM Summer Tour - GRAY RANCH. Contact David Graham 505.374.7884 or at [johgraha@nmsu.edu](mailto:johgraha@nmsu.edu) or Ed Fredrickson, 505-646-4842 Registration information is also available on the New Mexico Section Web Page: <http://agecon.nmsu.edu/nmsrm>

### August

- 14 – 15: Arizona Section Summer Meeting (General Membership Meeting 10:00am on the 14<sup>th</sup>) V Bar V Ranch Experiment Station Mahan Park, Upper Ranch Headquarters (Near Happy Jack), Contact Jeff Schalau 928.445.6590, [jschalau@ag.arizona.edu](mailto:jschalau@ag.arizona.edu)

### September

- 17 – 20: Arizona Hydrological Symposium: *Sustainability Issues of Arizona's Regional Watersheds* – Mesa, Arizona
- 20: Newsletter Submittal Deadline

### October

- 3 – 4: RangeView Workshop for Agency Personnel, Tucson. Contact Barron Orr, 520.626.8063, [barron@ag.arizona.edu](mailto:barron@ag.arizona.edu).
- 28 – 30: First Interagency Conference on Research in the Watersheds – Benson, Arizona <http://www.tucson.ars.ag.gov/unit/ICRW.htm>
- 30 – Nov 1: Santa Rita Experimental Range Conference in Tucson, AZ at the Holiday Inn at Palo Verde and I-10. <http://www.ag.arizona.edu/SRER/conference.html>  
Contact Mitch McClaran ([mcclaran@u.arizona.edu](mailto:mcclaran@u.arizona.edu) or 520.621.1673) for details.

### November

- 20: Newsletter Submittal Deadline
- 21: AZ Section Board of Director's Meeting - 10:00am ASU East, Mesa  
(Contact any Board member for information – Everyone Welcome!!!)



## **GOVERNOR NAPOLITANO ANNOUNCES FORMATION OF STATE DROUGHT TASK FORCE**

Sandy Fabritz

Governor Napolitano signed Executive Order 2003-12, establishing the Arizona Drought Task Force, on March 20, 2003. The Governor directed the Department of Water Resources to provide leadership in this effort. The Task Force itself is comprised of state agencies and elected officials; however, representatives of Arizona counties, cities, towns, Indian tribes, water and power utilities and the public are invited to participate.

The Executive Order requires that a short-term drought plan be prepared to respond to potable water needs, as well as non-potable needs for agricultural operations, wildlife and wildfire this summer. The short time frame available to develop this plan requires that we depend heavily on previous drought planning efforts, and that we move quickly to establish priorities and implementation strategies. The Order also requires that a long-term, comprehensive plan be developed that will provide for drought planning efforts throughout the state and a coordinated response framework. This longer-term effort is intended to recognize and build upon existing drought efforts, and reduce the impact of drought on economic activities, communities and habitat throughout the state. The final major assignment is the development of a conservation strategy that focuses on education, technology transfer and assistance.

A working group on Range and Wildlife will be formed to provide input to the Task Force. If you would like to participate in Drought Task Force activities, please send your name and email address to, [safabritz@adwr.state.az.us](mailto:safabritz@adwr.state.az.us). There will be multiple opportunities to provide input to the process. If you have a comment or suggestion, or would like to offer particular expertise to assist, please send your email address to the address above.

### **Arizona Section Board of Directors**

#### **2003 Board Meetings**

August 14 -- General Membership Mtg. V-V Ranch, 10:00am

November 21 – Arizona State University East, Mesa, 10:00a.m.

All members are welcome to attend! Contact Larry Howery or any Board Member for details.

Meeting Summaries from past BOD Meetings are available on the Arizona Section Web Site at [azrangelands.org](http://azrangelands.org) or can be obtained from Dan Bell at 520.761.3117, or e-mail [voslash@aol.com](mailto:voslash@aol.com)



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