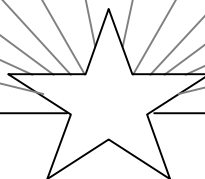




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## Society for Range Management



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## PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

Dean Fish

Howdy! I hope this summer is beginning to shape up in terms of rain by the time this newsletter gets to you. Many land managers and producers are hurting in southern Arizona for moisture and would welcome any precipitation. We are seeing the effects not only on rangelands, but on old growth trees. In Santa Cruz County, we are even seeing some die back of mesquite, hackberry and other drought tolerant species.

I would like to commend the Activities Committee for their hard work in putting together the annual summer meeting. In particular, Bruce Munda, as Chair and Vice-President has spent a lot of time in making this a great opportunity for professional development for our membership. He has had a lot of help from others on the committee, including Forest Service and NRCS professionals. Take a look at the information packet and registration for more details. I urge all of you to bring a friend or two to this event. The information that will be shared is timely and applicable to many of our friends who are not currently members.

The NRCWAY Camp was cancelled this year due to lack of participants. Unfortunately, after a lot of hard work by the Chair and committee, a critical mass of young people to attend wasn't reached. Your Board and the NRCWAY Committee are committed to making this camp work. In fact, one of your Board Members credits his current career choice to the impact that the Camp made on him as a young man. I am sure that you can hear many similar stories as you talk to past participants. We need to have a discussion on how to address the issue of declining participation in the near future because this is an important part of what we do as a Section.

Again, I am looking forward to a great Summer Meeting! Get those registrations in and remember to bring a friend! Please contact me or any of the Board members if you have any concerns, ideas or issues that you feel we should be addressing.

Hasta luego,

Dean

**~ UPCOMING BOARD MEETINGS ~**

Summer Meeting –

Friday, November 4, 2005 – Tucson Plant Materials Center

Winter Meeting – TBA

EVERYONE is welcome to attend the Arizona Section BOD Meetings. For more information on times and locations please contact Dean Fish at 520-281-2994 or any Board Member.

**~ 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 *SRM 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)

**AZ SECTION COMMITTEES  
&  
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The Arizona Section has many active committees that are integral to the function of our Section. These committees are open Arizona Section members. If you are interested in participating in any of these committees please contact the committee chair:

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## ~ Student Scholarship Recipients Recognized at Annual Meeting ~

At the Annual Meeting in Prescott on January 6, 2005, the recipients of the **Section's Outstanding Undergraduate Student Scholarship** were recognized from Arizona State University and the University of Arizona. The scholarship recognizes the outstanding student in a degree program emphasizing rangeland management. Each recipient receives a check for \$300, and a one-year membership in the Society for Range Management.

The recipient from **Arizona State University** was **Nick Rome**. Mr. Rome is currently the President of the Student Chapter known as the Environmental Resource Student Association. He will graduate in May 2005 with a degree in Applied Biological Sciences. He is currently employed as a Research Assistant with John Brock at Arizona State University where he is contributing to an ecological restoration project at a mill that recycles paper north of Heber. His past experience includes work with the City of Scottsdale to develop a Sustainability Report. In January 2005, he will begin a student employment position in watershed management with the Forest Service. He plans to graduate in December 2005, and eventually obtain a Master of Science degree.

The recipient from the **University of Arizona** was **Ben Dal Molin**. He is currently the Treasurer of the Student Chapter called Tierra Seca, and is a member of the team planning to participate in the Undergraduate Range Management Exam at the upcoming national meeting in Fort Worth. He will graduate in May 2005 with two B.S. degrees: one in Animal Science and the other in Wildlife, Watershed, and Rangeland Resources with emphasis in Rangeland Science and Management. In addition, he was a 4-year member of the UA Football team where he was selected to the 1<sup>st</sup> team All Academic Pac-10 team in 2002, and Honorable Mention for that award in 2001 and 2004. Eventually, he would like to run the family ranch in New Mexico.

On a related topic, **Katie Giroux was the recipient of the Marcelle E. Schmutz Memorial Scholarship** given in memory of Erv Schmutz's father. Erv was a longtime faculty member in Range Management at UA. Ms. Giroux is a junior earning a Bachelor of Science degree in Wildlife, Watershed, and Rangeland Resources with emphasis in Rangeland Science and Management. She is currently involved in the Undergraduate Internship Program in Conservation Biology where she is participating in a buffelgrass removal project on the Desert Laboratory grounds located on Tumamoc Hill in Tucson.

## ~ EVENTS CALENDAR ~

**Tri-University Water Conference** - August 3-5, Flagstaff  
[www.environment.nau.edu/events/2005/2005-Arizona-Water-Summit.htm](http://www.environment.nau.edu/events/2005/2005-Arizona-Water-Summit.htm)

**Arizona Section Society for Range Management Summer Meeting** –  
August 17-19, Colcord Campground, Tonto National Forest

**Arizona Hydrological Society 18<sup>th</sup> Annual Symposium: Conservation & Innovation in Water Management** – September 21-24, Flagstaff  
[www.azhydrosos.org/symposia.html](http://www.azhydrosos.org/symposia.html)

If you have information on upcoming events of interest for the Arizona Section, please contact Sandy Fabritz-Whitney at 602-417-2400 x7220 or [safabritz@adwr.state.az.us](mailto:safabritz@adwr.state.az.us)

## WE'RE LOOKING FOR NEW MEMBERS

### 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).

## ~ NRCWAY TRUST UPDATE ~

In 1989 an endowment fund was established for the Natural Resources Conservation Workshop for Arizona Youth. The goal is to build the endowment fund up to an amount that will provide annual income equal to the annual expenses of NRCWAY. We are currently about half way there. We appreciate the support of all past donors who have contributed to the trust fund. We continue to request donations to reach our goal. The current Board of Trustees include: Donna Matthews, Susan Pater, Jim Riggs, George Ruyle and Sandy Whitney. If you would like further information about the trust fund or how you may contribute please contact Susan Pater, 520-384-3594, [spater@cals.arizona.edu](mailto:spater@cals.arizona.edu).

# ARIZONA SECTION SOCIETY FOR RANGE MANAGEMENT SUMMER MEETING

## Plant Community Dynamics: Understanding 'State & Transition Model'

**August 17-19, 2005**

Beginning of a series of workshops that focus on tools used to understand, monitor, and develop management schemes to deal with change in vegetation communities. This workshop will provide a forum to discuss the theory of State and Transition Model, its use in ecological site descriptions, and the information these models can provide managers to aid in their resource management decisions. The site is a Juniper savannah on clayey soils with different vegetative treatments (chaining, fire, seeding), at various states of soil erosion, and woodland encroachment. At four sites we will evaluate soils (erosion, stability, general morphology), plant community (composition, frequency, production), and natural (fire) and man induced impacts (brush control, wood harvest, grazing management, fire control, seeding). We will have aerial photos from the 1930's to the present. This meeting is a great opportunity to learn from others in your field and share ideas in a relaxing, informal setting.

*We thank the U.S. Forest Service, Tonto National Forest and the Natural Resources Conservation Service for their time and effort to develop this program.*

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

#### **Wednesday, August 17, 2005**

Arrive at Colcord campground, set up camp. (Dinner on your own)

#### **Thursday, August 18, 2005**

- 7-8:00 am Breakfast (on your own)
- 8:15 am Leave for Young and field trip
- 9 - 4:30 pm Field Trip: Four Sites Visits (Near Potential, stable, treated, eroding)
  - Speakers/Presentations
    - Dan Robinett, NRCS, Range Specialist
    - Norm Ambrose, USFS, Forest Soil Scientist
    - Buck McKinney, USFS, Range Program Manager
    - Chris Thiel, USFS, District Range Staff
    - Jerry Gottfried, Rocky Mountain Experiment Station, Researcher
- 6:30 pm Steak Dinner (provided)
- 7:30 pm Student-Professional Networking
- 8:00 pm Social Hour(s)-Relax, Visit, and Enjoy
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Chubby Bunny Contest

#### **Friday, August 19, 2005**

- 7 - 8:00 am Deluxe Continental Breakfast (provided)
- 8-10:00 am Workshop wrap-up: Review and discussion of State & Transition Model
- 10-Noon AZ Section Combined General Membership/Board Meeting
- Noon Lunch (on your own)/Adjourn

Directions: Take Hwy 260, from Payson go east or Heber go west, and turn south on Forest Road (FR) 512 and go south 3 miles to FR 33. Campground is next to turnoff for FR 33. From Tucson take Hwy 77 to Globe and then take Hwy 188 towards Roosevelt Lake. Before you reach the lake take Hwy 288 to go to Young and the campground is 25 miles northeast of Young on Hwy 288 (same as FR 512).

**CEU's for Certified Professional in Rangeland Management have been requested.**

ARIZONA SECTION SOCIETY FOR RANGE MANAGEMENT 2005 SUMMER MEETING

WHEN:

August 17-19, 2005

WHERE:

Colcord Campground
in the Beautiful Tonto National Forest
(Near Young, Arizona)

Plant Community Dynamics:
Understanding 'State & Transition Model'

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), lunch (Thursday), and deluxe continental breakfast (Friday) are included in the registration fee. Lunch and breakfast are provided by the Wildlife & Restoration Ecology Club/ASU. If you prefer a different entrée for the Thursday night dinner or a vegetarian lunch please contact Bruce Munda.

Colcord campground has latrine facilities and some tables. Be prepared for cool nighttime temperatures and possible rain. We will be driving (need to carpool) from the campground to the field sites. High clearance vehicles will be required to access field sites. A map and directions to Colcord campground can be accessed at the Arizona Section Web Site -- azranglands.org.

Alternate accommodations can be made at the Pleasant Valley Inn (928-462-3593) located in Young at a rate of approximately \$60.00 a night.

REGISTRATION FORM (Due August 1, 2005)

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

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

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

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

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

\$50/member \_\_\_\_\_
\$60/non-member \_\_\_\_\_
\$20/spouse, student or youth \_\_\_\_\_

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

Registrations must be received by August 1, 2005 to guarantee meals

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

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