State of the Society

Society for Range Management

2018 SECTION MEETINGS
Mark your calendars!
February 10-14, 2019
http://annualmeeting.rangelands.org/

REGISTRATION WILL BE LIVE SOON!!
2018 Washington, D.C. Fly-In

- August 11th & 12th

- Participants: President Barry Irving; 1st V.P. Clayton Marlow; 2nd V.P. Charlie Hart; YPC President Bree Lind; Staff: Jess Peterson, Kelly Fogarty, Lia Biondo & Mary Jo Foley Birrenkott

- Meetings: Office of Management & Budget; Senate Agriculture Committee; Dept. of Interior Director of the Office of Intergovernmental and External Affairs; Inter-Agency Meeting: USFS, NRCS, BLM, USGS, DOI, (BIA, NPS, USFWS, Dept. of State also invited); USDA; NACD: common goals and initiatives

- Issues discussed: Certification: SRM’s role and programs, 2018 Farm Bill; 2019 Annual Meeting; International Year of Rangelands & Pastoralists; Training agreements and work with agencies; Appropriations: wild horses and burros; professional society support; ARS funding; OMB: Administration support for federal agency employee attendance at professional meetings; discussion on new Administration goals and initiatives & how SRM can provide science and information to the issues at hand
The SRM Board of Directors conducted their annual summer BOD meeting in Denver, CO. This year, a Diversity Training was organized by the Diversity Task Force and facilitated by Colorado State University for SRM BOD, staff, officers, and SRM members from the surrounding CO area. Also in attendance were representatives from the Student Conclave and YPC.

Following the meeting, SRM officers immediately flew to D.C. for the annual Washington, D.C. Fly-In.
SRM Annual Meeting

Upcoming SRM Annual Meeting Locations:

- 2019: Minneapolis, Minnesota
  
  February 10-February 14, 2019
  **all meeting events will conclude on Thursday, Feb. 14th**

- 2020: Denver, Colorado
  
  February 14-February 22, 2020

PLEASE NOTE: 2019 & 2020 dates are later than usual---this was done as to NOT conflict with other annual meetings: NCBA-PLC; NACD; etc.
Positive Trends

Membership Focus

2018 designated “Year of the Member”

Focus on:
- Membership Services
- Building retention of current members and recruitment of new members
- Targetted Growth
  - Increased outreach to:
    - Producers (Redd Fund)
    - Young Professionals (Bridging the Gap Event, invitation to Summer BOD Meeting and DC Fly-In, Annual Meeting Internship, etc.)

Enhancing Society Communications & Outreach:
- Social Media (We Are Rangelands Campaign)
- Updating outreach Materials
- Increasing Visibility and Awareness (Media coverage, SRM Apparel)
- Updating Communications (RangeFlash, Rangeland News)
Positive Trends

Outreach and Engagement

• Involvement in fundamental partnerships, progressive project development and several significant national and international forums continue to take place by SRM staff and Officers/BOD – including but not limited to:
  
  Letter of Support to Senator Barrasso in response to his ask for input on the proposed changes to the Endangered Species Act (Effort by SRM Committees and BOD)
  
  National Horse and Burro Rangeland Management Coalition
  
  Native American Training Project
  
  Outreach partnership with USDA Climate Hubs and Agricultural Research Service
  
  Continuing Education for Conservation Planners
  
  Regular meetings with leadership in USDA along with the USFS, NRCS and BLM
  
  Regular meeting with science societies and partner NGOs and stakeholders
  
  Efforts to get a UN recognized International Year of Rangelands
  
  Farm Bill: Certification and support for Agency attendance at Professional Meetings
  
  Annual federal budget discussions: Support for funding of Land Management Agencies
Why SRM

“What are the benefits to being an SRM member?”

Your profession is SRM
Your passion is SRM
Your society is SRM

Your involvement means the programs, the research, the application and the mere existence of your profession is all tied to the work that SRM does every day....

Through your work and research carried out in symposia, forums, workshops, technical sessions, student engagement & professional networking......ALL of this valuable and practical information is applied on a daily basis on the rangelands —THAT IS SRM

Let’s go forward and tell that story.
Keep up with SRM!

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