President’s Message

Edie Jacobsen

Thanks to all who participated in the Fall Meeting, particularly our organizers Dan Macon and Rick Delmas and our hosts at the Hunewill Ranch. What a spectacular location, the stars each night and the isolation of the location was a real treat. Our organizers provided us with outstanding sessions on the eastern Sierra, ranch conservation easements and nature tourism. We had a productive Strategic Planning session with the board and section members. We have been working on the Strategic Plan for a year. It’s time to get it finalized. Let’s make a push at our meeting in Alturas June 3-4.

Our membership has grown over the last year due to the efforts of our membership chair Mike Dolan and our now past President Henricus Jansen. We’ve had great meetings and folks are beginning to catch on to the need to keep up their professional certification. We also need to spend some time with the next generation of rangeland managers, our college and high school students. They are the people that will carry on the Section in the future. We need to look at ways to bring more students to section and national meetings. Get them involved in our programs, help them become certified professionals or just seek a career in rangeland management. One of the things that will keep our Section growing over the coming years can be a strong tie to these younger professionals. Take some time at the national meetings to attend the high school youth forum presentations. They are often the best talks at the meeting.

This spring we will have our annual Range Camp at Half Moon Bay. Many of you have been active at camp for years. If you haven’t volunteered and want to know more about camp, contact me and I’m sure we can find something for you to do. Also, we need help getting more students to sign up for camp. If you know someone in your area that might want to come or have any ideas on how to get the word out let us know. We will be starting our planning for camp this month.

Finally, we wish to acknowledge our 2002 award recipients. Dr. Ken Fulgham of Humboldt State University, was selected as Rangeland Manager of the Year. Mr. Todd Swickard of Susanville was selected as this year’s Excellence in Range Management recipient. Congratulations!

Board Meeting
March 18th 9:00 am
NRCS, 430 G Street, Davis
Your 2004 Committee Chairs & Members

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Student/Affairs Chair: Edie Jacobsen jacobse@efdsw.navy.mil
(619) 532-3618
Members: Dave Dubose, Mike Stroud, Theresa Ward, Adriana Sulak, Royce Larsen

Hawaii

Ken Fulgham

The 2004 Annual Meeting of the CALPAC Section - Society for Range Management will be held in Kailua-Kona, Hawaii during 10-13 November 2004. Headquarters for the meeting and lodging will be at the King Kamehameha Kona Beach Hotel. The Section Committees and Board of Directors will meet on Wednesday, 10th. The professional presentations will be on Thursday, 11th, along with the Section Business Luncheon and that evening we will also have the Annual Meeting reception, dinner, program and auction. There will be a field tour on Friday, 12th with a catered luncheon. Friday evening will be a free time for you to enjoy the Kailua-Kona town atmosphere and dining establishments.

There will be an optional group snorkeling adventure to Kealakekua Bay and Captain Cook Monument aboard the Fairwind on Saturday, 13th.

Plan to come all week and enjoy, once again, the Aloha of Hawaii.

Additional meeting information will be forthcoming in the next issue of the Needlegrass Notes.

Mark Your Calendars Now!

Membership Corner

New Members
Barbara June Raymond, Adin Brenda Francek, Arcata
Brian M. Robison, Arcata
Celeste M. Avila, Blue Lake
Chris D. Watts, Arcata
Christa Dawn Turner, San Luis Obispo
Jessica R. Miller, Roseville
Jonathan C. Shultz, Ferndale
Julie E. Shunk, McKinleyville
Kelly R. Smith, Corvallis, OR
Dr. Linda L. Wallace, Norman, OK
Lisa Christine Norfolk, Chico
Lucas W. McKinnon, Chico
Nathan T. Klier, McKinleyville
Dr. Susan C. Miyasaka, Hilo, HI

Change of Address?
Please send your change of address (post & e-mail) to the SRM Headquarters office as soon as possible so you don’t miss any of your publications or special mailings. (You can also make changes via the website at: http://www.rangelands.org

Lost Resources
Allen D. Propst from Alturas, CA has passed away. He had been a member since 1956.

Committee Vacancies
The following committees have vacancies for Chair or Co-chairs: Audit and Information & Education. Contact Edie for more information at (619) 532-3618 or jacobse@efdsw.navy.mil.
HSU Plant Id Team  
Ken Fulgham

The HSU Plant Identification Team placed sixth at the Annual Meeting Plant ID Contest. There were 23 university teams from the United States, Canada, and Mexico. Anton Jackson placed 21st out of 123 contestants. The 11 students comprising the HSU Plant ID Team were Dominic Bachman, Brenda Francek, Anton Jackson, Nathan Klier, Jason Moore, Bryan Mulligan, Mindy Nicoletti, Brian Robinson, Jonathan Shultz, Julie Shunk, and Amanda Wolfe.

Jennifer (Heike) Anderson, Wildland Soils option in Rangeland Resources, received the California Forest Soils Council Scholarship with a unanimous selection. Heike has a GPA of 3.97 and is Vice-President of the HSU Soils Club. According to the Scholarship Committee, Heike wrote an outstanding essay in her application.

Congratulations to all these fine students in the HSU Rangeland Resources & Wildland Soils Program.

Electronic Needlegrass Notes

Please note that Needlegrass Notes will be going electronic within the next few issues. If you do not have access to the e-mail or the internet, we will continue to deliver your newsletter via the postal service.

Committee Happenings  
From Draft October Board Minutes

Awards. The Board approved the committees recommendation of Dr. Ken Fulgham, Humboldt State University, as Rangeland Manager of the Year and Mr. Todd Swickard of Susanville as this year’s Excellence in Range Management.

Information and Education. Proceedings will be recorded by graduate students, and available on CD and paper. Additionally, a letter will be forwarded to Frank Maurer supporting the establishment of purple needlegrass as the California State Grass.

Meetings. See announcement for an overview of the program.

Membership. Reported current membership of 248, Forty two members up from last year. Postcards were sent to new members thanking them and delinquent members were asked them back.

Nominations and Elections. Announced President-elect Mitch Perdue and Board members Elizabeth Kellogg and Orrin Sage.

Professional Affairs. Reported meetings offering SRM CEU’s throughout the past year.

Public Affairs. Recommended that members of public affairs committee be people who are connected with Woolgrowers, Cattlemen’s, NRCS, etc.

Student Affairs & Range Camp. Reported Range Camp had 13 members in attendance. Please see the Powerpoint presentation on the section website address camp.

From the CRM Panel  
From Draft October Board Minutes

The panel gave a report on the creation of the revised exam and is working on the calendar of events for testing procedures.

They are also working on a letter to send out to critical parties concerning need for CRM presence on relevant land management activities - including land conservancies and private consultancies. To date over nine hundred and fourteen entities have been identified.

Four individuals were scheduled to take the CRM exam October 17, 2003. It is anticipated that six individuals will be taking the CRM exam in April 2004.

The CRM panel is also working on an updated brochure. The brochure will explain the state code and CRM requirements as they pertain to rangelands -- with actual or potential 10% or more tree cover, and to non-federal land, not owned by the consultant.

It was suggested that the CRM panel work with professional affairs committee to develop a proposal for CEU policy.

Visit the CAL-PAC Section website at:

http://www.casrm.org/
Alturas meeting

Ken Fulgham

The CALPAC Section - Society for Range Management will hold the 2004 Spring Meeting and Tour in Alturas, CA. The meeting dates are 3-5 June 2004 with the Section Committees and Board of Directors meeting on Thursday, 3rd, and the presentations occurring on Friday, 4th, with the field tour on Saturday, 5th. The meeting will be held at the CAL Pines Motel and lodging is being arranged there. Additional information including the registration form and lodging arrangements will be forthcoming in the next edition of the Needlegrass Notes.

Don’t miss it!

Spring 2004 Meeting and Tour

June 3-5, 2004

Alturas, California

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<td>Means, Methods, Cost and Benefits of Juniper Removal (Tule Lake Juniper treatment site)</td>
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E-mail cynthiamhorney@aol.com for more information.

Newsletter Deadline

All contributions to Needlegrass Notes are welcome. Please submit your articles by April 15th to: cynthiamhorney@aol.com.

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ANNOUNCING:

20TH ANNUAL
CALIFORNIA RANGE AND
NATURAL RESOURCES CAMP

JUNE 20-25, 2004    ELKUS YOUTH RANCH
HALF MOON BAY, CALIFORNIA

A camp for people 15-18 years old.
Sessions and Activities include:

• Riparian Watershed Management
• Rangeland Management
• Wildlife Management
• Field Projects
• Forestry
• Careers
• Recreation
• Private & Public Lands
• Rangeland-Urban Interface
• Tour of Operating Ranch
• Mock Town Council Meeting

Awards Available (Belt Buckles & Certificates)
The top three campers are eligible to attend the High School Youth Forum in Ft. Worth, Texas in February 2005

Sponsored By:
California Section of the Society for Range Management
U.C. Cooperative Extension
California Association of Resource Conservation Districts (CARCD’s)
Host District – San Mateo County RCD
East Bay Municipal Utility District
U.S. Navy – Natural Resources Program
Natural Resources Conservation Service

For more information contact:
Mary Kimball, Northern California .................................................................530-795-1520
Edie Jacobsen, Southern California ...............................................................619-532-3618
The 2004 Range and Natural Resources Camp, sponsored by the California Section of the Society for Range Management, University of California Cooperative Extension, will be held at the Elkus Youth Ranch near Half Moon Bay, California, June 20-25, 2004. The camp will begin with registration on Sunday, June 20 at 4:00 P.M. and end on Friday, June 25 after lunch.

PURPOSE

Range Camp is designed to introduce young men and women to the extent, importance and value of California’s rangeland resources. Range Camp encourages leadership and good stewardship through interaction with recognized professionals in both classroom and field sessions.

PROGRAM

Ecology and practical land management skills are emphasized: plant identification, livestock management, wildlife, forestry, fire, range analysis and improvement. Sessions by specialists are given every morning and afternoon. These are devoted to hands-on projects and demonstrations. Outdoor recreation is an important part of the program. Campers are tested at the end of the week to determine their understanding of the materials presented. The top 3 campers are given certificates and awards. The top 2 campers will be given a trip to compete at our national meeting the following year. The 3rd highest camper is invited to attend our national meeting.

ELIGIBILITY

Young men and women, ages 15-18 by June 20, 2004, with a sincere interest in the management of our natural resources are eligible. Selection is made without regard to race, creed, origin, or sex in accordance with federal and state laws for affirmative action.

CAMP FACILITIES

Elkus Youth Ranch is operated by the University of California Cooperative Extension. Counselors for each tent cabin and camp cooks are provided. Emergency medical insurance is included.

COST

The camp fee is $300.00. This includes meals, lodging, recreation, emergency medical insurance at camp and transportation costs while at camp. Transportation to camp from the camper’s home on Sunday and returning from camp on Friday is not included in the camp fee. Arrangements can be made with the camp staff to shuttle campers between the camp and the San Francisco Airport.

Individuals may pay directly or obtain a sponsor to underwrite the camp fee. Past Sponsors have included Resource Conservation Districts, livestock and farm organizations, banks, chambers of commerce, agribusiness, service clubs, and others having funds for educational purposes. In addition, sponsors are invited to submit applications for one or more young people to attend this camp. There are no restrictions on the number of applications submitted by a Resource Conservation District or other sponsor.

SELECTION

Farm advisors, Resource Conservation District boards and vocational / agricultural instructors are asked to take the initiative in selecting delegates to camp. Sponsoring organizations and individuals are encouraged to develop their own method of selection. The following criteria are suggestions which may be helpful.

1. Demonstration of leadership ability and good citizenship.
2. Willingness to work and learn while at camp.
3. Commitment to report on their camp experience upon returning home.
4. Achievements in range management and natural resource youth programs.
5. Involvement in 4-H clubs, FFA chapters, or other youth programs.

CAMP DATES

June 20-25, 2004

APPLICATION DEADLINE

May 17, 2004

APPLICATION SELECTION

Camp is limited to 25 applicants each year. Applicants are selected based upon the following criteria: 1) Previous years waiting list 2) Representation from each RCD 3) Time Deadline 4) Preference given to first time campers.

DAILY ACTIVITIES

Sunday Arrival and Registration

Monday Introduction to Rangelands
Tour of Elkus Youth Ranch, & Plant Collection Barbeque

Tuesday Products and Uses of Rangelands: Livestock, Wildlife, Recreation, Soils, Water, Fisheries, Forestry and Vegetation

Wednesday Management and Improvement Techniques: Water, Fencing, Seeding, Fertilization and Grazing Management Systems Ranch Tour and Barbeque

Thursday Public and Private Land Management Comprehensive & Plant Identification Exam Field Projects: Range Production and Improvement, Erosion Control, Wildlife and Riparian Management Town Hall Meeting

Friday Field Project Presentations Graduation, Evaluation & Awards Camp Clean-up
APPLICATIONS
The camp is limited to 25 campers. All applicants will be notified of their selection by May 31. Those students not selected for this year’s camp are encouraged to apply for future camps.

Applications for the Range and Natural Resources Camp can be obtained by contacting your local Cooperative Extension Farm and Livestock Advisor, Natural Resources Conservation Service, 4-H club or Resource Conservation District (RCD). Applications can also be obtained from:

Mike Stroud                     email: mstroud@cnlm.org
Range Camp Committee         phone: (760) 731-7790
10981 Treeside Lane            FAX: (760) 731-7791
Escondido, CA 92026

AWARDS

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Belt Buckle
Certificate of Merit
*Trip to International Society for Range Management Meeting, to participate in High School Youth Forum (HSYF): Ft. Worth, TX– February 2005

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Belt Buckle
Certificate of Merit
*Trip to International Society for Range Management Meeting, to participate in HSYF: Ft. Worth, TX– February 2005

Third Place
Belt Buckle
Certificate of Merit
*Invitation to International Society for Range Management Meeting, to participate in HSYF: Ft. Worth, TX– February 2005 (must provide own sponsorship)

All Campers
Certificate of Completion
T-Shirt
*Please note, must be a high school student for the school year 2004-2005 to be eligible to attend the HSYF.

SUPPORTING ORGANIZATIONS

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Inyo-Mono
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