



## B.C. CHAPTER SRM NEWSLETTER – SPRING 2012

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Welcome to our SRM members and friends of British Columbia's rangelands! We began a new Range year with the changing of the Executive at the Fall 2011 B. C. Chapter SRM Annual Meeting. The Executive meet every second Tuesday of the month via conference call. If you have any topics to bring forward, we encourage you to be in touch with any and/or all of us! If you haven't already done so, make sure you register to become a member of SRM <http://www.rangelands.org/membership.shtml>.

### 2012 BC Chapter Executive:

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### HIGHLIGHTS FOR MEMBERS AND FRIENDS OF THE BC CHAPTER OF THE PACIFIC NORTHWEST SOCIETY FOR RANGE MANAGEMENT – SPRING 2012

#### **May 15<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup> - RESTORATION 2012: BEYOND BORDERS** <http://restoration2012.org/>

Four of the Northwest's premiere ecological restoration and fisheries organizations are coming together to present Restoration 2012 : Beyond Borders, May 15-18 in Victoria BC. The event will focus on exploring our knowledge of ecosystem and habitat restoration and natural resource management across natural and manmade borders such as

From climate change to trade to plant and animal population dynamics, adapting to and managing interconnectivity between complex systems across borders is critical to maintaining the ecological, cultural and economic sustainability of the Pacific Northwest. Join us May 15 – 18 at University of Victoria for four days of presentations, discussions, workshops and field trips focused on these issues. Registration is now open : <http://restoration2012.org/registration/>

#### **May 31<sup>st</sup> – June 2<sup>nd</sup> - BC CATTLEMEN'S AGM IN FORT ST. JOHN**

If you are heading north this spring, remember to register for the BC Cattlemen's annual general meeting in Fort St. John, BC, on May 31 to June 2, 2012. The event will be focused on the theme: "Towards A Healthy Future". Visit [bccaagm.com](http://bccaagm.com) for more information or contact Committee Chair Ron Kramer at 250-827-3245.

### June 15<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup> - BC GRASSLANDS CONSERVATION COUNCIL AGM AND SUMMER TOUR

The GCC would like to invite you to attend our annual general meeting and annual field tour on Friday, June 15 and Saturday, June 16 in Kamloops, BC. Friday will consist of our annual meeting--members are welcome to attend, alongside the board, to review our organization's annual business. The meeting will likely be held at the Thompson Rivers University (TRU). Friday evening, we are putting together a social at a private home, where wine, beer and some yummy appetizers will be served. Students from TRU will be on site to showcase their latest grassland research.

Saturday, June 16, we'll be spending the day in the beautiful rolling hills of Lac du Bois Grasslands Park. Speakers from a variety of places will be on site to discuss the relationship between grasslands and climate change, the history of ranching in the area, and the significance of the grasslands park to the City of Kamloops. The GCC plans to unveil two grassland signs on site so be ready to celebrate. If you have any questions, please feel free to email [amber.cowie@bcgrasslands.org](mailto:amber.cowie@bcgrasslands.org) or check out [bcgrasslands.org/](http://bcgrasslands.org/)

### June 20<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup> - SRM PNW 2012 SUMMER MEETING AND TOUR

Rock Piles to Grass, June 20-22, 2012 at Baker City, OR. Please see the attachment with this newsletter.

### February 3<sup>rd</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup>, 2013 - 66<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL MEETING OF SRM <http://www.rangelands.org/events/>

Make sure you mark your calendars for the 66<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of SRM in Oklahoma City – guaranteed to knock your socks off!

### LINKS TO FRIENDS OF HEALTHY AND PROPERLY FUNCTIONING RANGELANDS IN BC



<http://www.bcgrasslands.org/> - Grasslands Conservation Council of BC



<http://www.bcinvases.ca/> - Invasive Species Council of BC

If you attend any of these events or others, we would love to hear from you about it! Please forward up to 4 sentences about the event and/or if you have information you would like to share with our membership, email Sonja at [ShiftingMosaicsConsulting@gmail.com](mailto:ShiftingMosaicsConsulting@gmail.com) so that we can all stay connected with the activities happening out there! We have also recently noticed that there are many expired memberships out there – re-register with SRM at <http://www.rangelands.org/membership.shtml>.

On behalf of the BC Chapter Membership of SRM, I'd also like to acknowledge the great work of all the folks on the Executive as we not only represent a good diversity across the province of BC, but we also have a deep breadth of knowledge and wisdom amongst us. Please feel free to contact us if you have an idea or want to bring something forward to the SRM! Here's hoping spring calves hit the ground running and the warm spring sun is shining on all you "good people growing good grass" together across BC's rangelands ...

Cheers from the North Country Rangelands,

- Sonja Leverkus P.Ag., R.P.Bio.

President, B. C. Chapter

PNW Section SRM

<http://www.rangelands.org/>



Forgotten rangelands of the North in the Muskwa-Kechika Management Area and Northern Rockies Provincial Park. These rangelands are maintained by Guide Outfitters, Packers, First Nations and the fire-grazing interaction of large herbivores. Photo credit: S.Leverkus, 2011.