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President's Message

Bob Drinkwater, Prince George, BC

See you in Mount St.
Helens in September!

NEWSLETTER

I am writing this with the summer meeting at the Eastern Oregon Agriculture Research Station about to happen, and the fall meeting at Mount St. Helens on the horizon. Mount St. Helens will mark my move from President to Past-president with the presidency being passed to the capable hands of **Joe Wagner**. It has been quite the year with restructuring chapters, joint meeting with the International Mountain Section in Alberta, and, of course, Vancouver 2006!

The fall meeting at Mount St. Helens will be a special meeting for me. Not only will it be my last meeting as president, but it will also bring back fond memories. The meeting at Mount St. Helens back in the 1980s was a meeting where my son, who regularly attended SRM meetings as a kid, eagerly anticipated catching up with his SRM buddies. He had made friends with other SRM children who also attended meetings with their parents! My son, now approaching 25, was visiting recently and we reflected on that Mount

St. Helens meeting. Those reflections reinforce the special place and role that SRM has. It is not just a scientific society where practitioners of range management and related sciences exchange information. SRM is an organisation that provides life-long friendships with people who, though they can have quite different backgrounds and ideas, share common interests and convictions to the land, the people, and the science used to manage rangelands.

It has been a privilege and honour to serve on the executive and I look forward to my year as past-president. Over the years I have gotten so much from SRM, but being on the executive has provided an opportunity to see how this organisation works through issues to provide service to the members. Dealing with initiatives like hosting Vancouver 2006 and restructuring chapters demonstrates that the strength and successes of SRM lie in the dedication, enthusiasm and initiative of the members and the willingness of everyone to work to the betterment of SRM.

I will travel to Oregon, and later to Washington, eagerly anticipating the great program that the local arrangements committees have put on. I also anticipate connecting with the many old friends and the new people I will be meeting, and again marveling at what a great organisation SRM is.

SRM "to do" list!!

1. **Register** for fall SRM workshop at Mt. St. Helens by **August 28**.
2. **Vote** by returning the enclosed ballot by **September 8**. Don't wait!

Don't procrastinate! Do it today!!

SRM membership application enclosed. Recruit a new member today. Students, please contact your advisor for the additional 1-page student confirmation form.

Bob Drinkwater,
President, PNW Section, SRM

PNW Section Elections 2006

Vice President Nominees — Vote for one (1) by September 8

Nominees are **Dana Peterson** and **Les Boothe**

Les Boothe, Lakeview, OR

I am honored to run for second vice-president of PNW SRM. An SRM member since 1978, I am completing my term on the Board of Directors for the PNW SRM, and serve as President of the So. Oregon Chapter of SRM. I have a B.S. and M.S. in Range Management from the U. of Wyoming and Colorado State respectively. I worked in mine reclamation three years and have been with the BLM for 18 years; 15 years as Rangeland Management Specialist in Lakeview.

I support an aggressive public outreach program for SRM and would continue recent efforts to strengthen the local SRM chapters. I believe potential members will attend local events and then can be recruited for membership in the Society. I would encourage combined meetings with different groups to further expand our audience and improve our understanding of other natural resource disciplines.

I would also encourage SRM outreach to high school students. In my agency there will be many job opportunities in the near future and there may not be enough range students. We know students from urban areas don't know much about range and more needs to be done to reach them. However, I have come to realize how little students from rural areas know about range and SRM. With so many SRM members in rural areas, we should do more to inform these students about the job opportunities and the enjoyment of working in range and related fields. Many of these students have an interest in the outdoors; with encouragement, they'd be excellent range students and SRM members.

My family occupies most of my spare time. I enjoy doing things with my kids like coaching baseball, softball and taking them fishing.

Dana Peterson, Wenatchee, WA

Hard to believe, but I have been a PNW SRM Section member over twenty years. My involvement with SRM started with the Range Club at Humboldt State U. After receiving a Wildlife Science degree from Oregon State U., I saw the light and enrolled in Range Management at Humboldt State, where I earned a B.S. in 1978. I have served as president of the Mid-Columbia SRM chapter, and completed a term on the PNW Board of Directors last year.

The members of PNW Section are the reasons that I continue to be an SRM member. In addition to the many good friends, the PNW is a supportive group of people who I can look to for help in dealing with the increasingly complex challenges of managing rangelands in the Pacific Northwest. I believe that members of the PNW Section will play a major role in the future of rangeland management.

I hope to help make PNW Section of SRM the organization that others look to for solutions to rangeland management conflicts. SRM is a leader in the growing recognition that sustainable human activities are part of the resolution of environmental issues. SRM should continue to provide a forum for members to share their knowledge and experience. We, as an organization, should strive to share our expertise with the public. We should continue to bring together the diverse groups that share our interest in the proper management of rangelands. I look forward to helping advance the goals of SRM and serving PNW Section well.

A Rangeland Management Specialist with BLM, my career started 25 years ago in Elko, Nevada. My wife Peggy & I live in Wenatchee, and have two kids soon to finish college (I hope!).

Board of Director Nominees — Vote for two (2) by September 8

Nominees are: **Brian Haddow, Pete Schreder, Tamzen Stringham, Chuck Warner**

Chuck Warner, Wenatchee, WA

Since 1983 when Dr. John Malechek at Utah State convinced me of the Society's pivotal long-term role in the conservation and wise use of our rangeland resources, I've been an SRM member in Utah, California, Colorado and Washington. Local Sections are tremendous resources. I look forward to giving back a little of what I've received.

Growing up in Colorado, I met Nancy, my wife of 32 years. My B.A. in Biology from the U. of Colorado, led me to Utah State with a focus on Range Ecology/ Ecophysiology and Range Econ. Completing my PhD, the "opportunity of a lifetime" came up; I landed a position with The Nature Conservancy where I have been the past 18 years, working in arid land systems in CA, CO and WA. Here I direct the Moses Coulee Conservation Area. My specialty is developing & implementing grazing systems that are supportive of rare or endangered species management.

Global climate change is likely to bring new pressures to rangeland resources; SRM stands to play a pivotal role in determining how we will respond. I would like to assist the Society's leadership in plotting a course of action that builds on the body of work that came before us and integrates it with current research needed to navigate through a dynamic but uncertain future.

Pete Schreder, Lakeview, OR

An "intro. to range" course led me to a B.S. in Rangeland Resource Management from Oregon State and an M.S. in Rangeland Ecology from Texas A&M. In 1991, I started on the Wallowa Whitman N.F. as a range tech./conservationist. Today I am the OSU Extension Range & Livestock Faculty in Lake Co. I've done allotment management, research and education.

Introduced to SRM as an undergraduate, SRM has offered opportunities to grow, learn, share ideas and to develop relationships. It has given me a network of genuine individuals that share the passion to manage our rangelands to the best of our ability. SRM has given me people whom I am proud to call friends.

I am excited to see us fostering relationships with groups & individuals that may not completely support or agree with how Rangelands are managed or utilized. Through these relationships, some of the skepticism has diminished. I am pleased with the energy put into recruiting younger members to ensure the future of SRM. I am encouraged by the course we have set and want to work to keep SRM the innovative, vibrant & vital organization it is today.

I work on the range & play on the range. When you live in Lakeview, the rangeland is just out your back door for hiking, hunting, fishing or riding.

Tamzen Stringham, Corvallis, OR

I am passionate about rangelands and education. I enjoy learning from the land, the folks who make their living on the land and the students who expand our knowledge through their research efforts. I am an OSU riparian/range ecologist and mentor students through research projects – channel restoration to livestock on winter range to sage grouse habitat to . . .

SRM is a diverse group of people who care deeply about rangelands. We value contributions made by past generations while encouraging progressive creative approaches to current issues, management solutions and research ideas. I belong to SRM to interact with others who care. My contributions to SRM include encouraging student involvement at OSU, serving as chair of the SRM Watershed/Riparian Committee, and presenting technical papers.

Range education is extremely important to me. I would wish SRM to take a strong stance on the fundamental education in rangeland ecology and management. University range programs are in danger of becoming extinct; I would like SRM to strongly encourage the range programs. I also encourage Section support of the Young Professional Group.

With my husband & dogs, I hike and photograph the range landscapes and plants.

Brian Haddow, Dawson Creek, BC

Brian was nominated for office, then was on the road and out of touch before knowing about the newsletter "speech". Thus, a "committee" (hasty calls to folks who know him) was drafted to introduce him to you.

Brian is from NE BC, an area commonly referred to as Peace Country. After graduating from UBC with a B.S. in Agriculture in 1978, he returned to the Peace where he operated a grain farm for many years. A few years back he retired from farming and began a career in the Range & Biodiversity Resources Section of the Prairie Farm Rehabilitation Admin. (PFRA)

During his grain farming career, Brian was active in societal & community organizations & president of BC Grain Producers Assoc. He is active in Kiwanis. Starting his new career in range management, Brian has become involved in SRM and serves as Secretary of PNW Section. He was the catalyst behind the well-received Vancouver '06 geology symposium. Coming to SRM later in life, he was amazed at the difference between managing cropland and rangeland. His enthusiasm, willingness to go the extra mile, constant smile & friendly personality have made Brian an important & welcome member of SRM. Brian and his wife Sue encourage their daughter Rae, a university graduate student active in SRM, too!



Upcoming Events

July 12 - 14, 2006

Sept. 14 - 16, 2006

February 11 - 16, 2007

Summer 2007

Fall 2007

January 26 - Feb. 1, 2008

PNW Section Summer Field Workshop, Burns OR

PNW Section Fall Workshop & Annual Meeting, Mt. St. Helens, WA

SRM International Meeting, Reno, Nevada — *Managed Rangelands: Traditions and Transitions*

PNW Section Field Workshop, British Columbia

PNW Section Annual Meeting & Workshop, Corvallis, OR

SRM International Meeting, Louisville, Kentucky — *Building Bridges: Grasslands to Rangelands*

Pacific Northwest Section, Society for Range Management — Caring for basic range resources: soil, plants and water

Want to alert members to an upcoming event? Comment on an article? Give us your new address? Brag about another member's contribution to range management? Tell us a story? Contact the Newsletter Editors! jlbreese@prinetime.net or Teal_Purrington@or.blm.gov

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