



Unoccupied arid lands flanking the Columbia River in south-central Washington provide stark contrasts in natural resources and land use. Rangelands in the shadow of the Pacific Crest supported sparse bunchgrass prairies, vulnerable to fire, drought, and other disturbance. Through these open expanses, salmon and waterfowl migrated through Nch'i-Wana – the Big River – in great abundance from time before memory. Irrigation greatly expanded the network of waterways, and with it, verdant agriculture, wetlands, and aggressive water-loving vegetation.

Ample river water and the area's remoteness supported production of nuclear weapons in the Hanford area from World War II until the 1980's. Following the "Cold War", portions of this reserve were transferred to non-defense agencies, devoted to wildlife refuges, environmental preserves, and Native American resource areas.

[Join us at the 2015 annual meeting of the Pacific Northwest Section of the Society of Range Management to explore these resources and the Hanford Reach National Monument, the last free-flowing stretch of the Columbia River.](#)

Hotel: Shilo Motor Inn – 50 Comstock Street, Richland, WA. 509.946.4661 (Block reserved till Sept 2; group rate: \$81.00 nightly for 2 queen beds).

Camping: Horn Rapids County Park - 115803 N State Route 225 / Benton City, WA. Contact Mark Finkbeiner: 509.531.7016. RV space: \$20; Tent sites: \$15

For other inquiries contact: Richard Fleenor, 509.323.2965

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Guest (if applicable): _____ Affiliation: _____

Address: _____ Email _____

City: _____ State/Province: _____ Zip/Postal Code: _____

REGISTRATION INCLUDES: Wednesday Reach Museum (don't miss this) and evening social; Thursday lunch and banquet; Friday transportation and lunch

	(Number)	(Amount)
Early Registration (postmarked by Sept 1):	\$100.00 x _____	= \$ _____
Late Registration (postmarked Sept 2 or later):	\$120.00 x _____	= \$ _____
Student Registration	\$ 50.00 x _____	= \$ _____
Extra Banquet Ticket	\$ 25.00 x _____	= \$ _____
	Total:	\$ _____

Mail order form and check payable to: Washington Chapter, SRM / c/o Sarah Troutman-Zahn / 1251 Second Avenue South, Suite 101 / Okanogan, WA 98840. Canadian residents paying by mail: send money order in US Dollars.

On-line registration: Go to: www.paypal.com. Log into your paypal account, hit "pay or send money", for "goods and services"; type in cobermil@blm.gov, enter amount and hit "continue". Please identify banquet guest, if applicable, in "notes" section.

Schedule

Wed Sept 16	REACH Museum 1943 Columbia Park Trail, Richland	2:00 – 5:00	Board of Directors / Advisory Council	
		5:00 – 8:00	Museum exhibits: allow 1 ½-2 hours for this	
Thurs Sept 17	Depart Shilo Inn	7:30 – 8:00	Private vehicles; car pooling encouraged	
	Barker Ranch 85305 Snively Road West Richland	8:00 – 1:00	World Class Wetlands – Designed and Managed for Waterfowl	Kevin Guinn, NRCS Michael Crowder, Barker Ranch
	Return to Richland	1:00 – 1:30		
	Community Center 500 Howard Amon Parkway, Richland	2:00 – 5:00	Pacific Flyway	Matt Wilson, WDFW
			Cheatgrass and Native Plant Interactions	Steve Link, Botanist
			40 + Years of Environmental Research at Arid Lands Ecology Reserve	Janelle Downs and William Rickard (retired), Pacific Northwest National Laboratory
	5:00 – 6:00	Happy Hour (No host)		
	6:00 – 8:00	Banquet: A Conversation on Hanford Cleanup	Roy Gephart, US PNNL (retired)	
Friday Sept 18	Depart Shilo Inn	8:00	Hanford Reach NM tour - Charter bus and vans	
	Hanford Reach National Monument	9:00 – 9:45	Hydrology, Geology, Natural History	Heide Newsome, USFWS Duane Horton, WSU Tri-Cities
	Riverside Homesteads	10:30 – 11:15	Defense Resettlement, Abandoned Fields	Dale Earl, USFWS
	White Bluffs	11:30 – 12:30	History and Cultural Resources	Dale Earl, USFWS
	Bench Overlook	1:00 – 1:45	2007 Rangeland Post-fire Restoration	Debra Salstrom, SEE Botanical Richard Easterly, SEE Botanical
	Return to Shilo Inn	2:00-3:00	Adjourn	