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2019 PNW Section Elections

Vice-President Nominees

Vote for 1 candidate by October 5, 2019

Carlos Ochoa; Corvallis, OR

I am a faculty member and the current program leader of the rangeland sciences program in the Department of Animal and Rangeland Sciences at Oregon State University (OSU). I have been an SRM-PNW section member since 2013 when I moved to Oregon to join OSU. I first participated in SRM in 2001 as a graduate student from New Mexico State University (NMSU). Currently, I serve in both the Program Accreditation and Nominations Committees in the parent society. My education includes a BS in Animal and Rangeland Sciences from the University of Chihuahua in Mexico, an MS in Agricultural (Range) Economics, and a Ph.D. in Range Science (Hydrology), from NMSU. Over the last two decades I have had the privilege to work with multiple land-owners, producer organizations, and colleagues from several institutions in the western US and northern Mexico. My current research program involves several long-term, watershed-scale, projects in rangeland and agricultural settings of Oregon and Mexico. I have a holistic vision for the SRM-PNW section that includes enhancing collaborative work to promote the values and traditions of the rangeland management discipline while embracing discussion of novel approaches to tackle contemporary environmental and societal challenges commonly faced by rangeland managers.



Board of Directors Nominees

Vote for 2 candidates by October 5, 2019

Lesley R. Morris; La Grande, OR

*Associate Professor
Oregon State University*

I grew up in New Mexico, visited family in southern Arizona all my life, went to graduate school in Nevada and Utah, and moved to Oregon six years ago. In each of these states, rangelands always felt like home. In a lot of ways, that's how being a part of SRM feels as well. After 15 years of membership, each meeting is a gathering of old friends and like-minded people who also feel at home on these extraordinary landscapes.

Since I started teaching for the OSU satellite program for the College of Agricultural Sciences in 2013, I am proud to have been able to bring 21 students to our annual SRM meetings. Some participated in the student competitions (URME & Rangeland Cup) but the majority presented their own undergraduate research projects in both undergraduate paper sessions and posters. Although I have an active research program and I work hard to publish and present my science, I often feel the most valuable legacy of my work on rangelands will be these students. As a Director for the PNW Section of SRM I hope that my connection to these students will also be a valuable legacy for our regional chapter of SRM. Our students, undergraduate and graduate, already share my comfort and fascination with working on rangelands. I would like to help them find a professional home where they can connect and continue to learn.



Julie L. Conley; Yakima, WA

I joined SRM in 1997. I was just back from three years as a Peace Corps volunteer in West Africa and working on my M.S. in Range Management at the University of Arizona. I defended my thesis in 2001 and moved back to the Northwest (I was born in Goldendale, WA) where I became the Coordinator for the Monument Soil and Water Conservation District in Grant County, OR. With two small daughters in tow, I attended many PNW section meetings that always felt like family events where I gained much needed technical support. In 2006 I attended the Vancouver meeting and passed to CPRM exam. I moved to Yakima, WA in 2006 and after a short stint with the Nature Conservancy, and another with Yakima Training Center, I went to work as a Range Management Specialist for the USFWS out of Mid-Columbia River Wildlife Refuge Complex. I served eight years with USFWS conducting research and monitoring efforts in sagebrush steppe ecosystems and had the opportunity to attend numerous national meetings of SRM. In February, my second term with USFWS expired and I have been consulting and looking for new opportunities.



I served on the Board of Directors for PNW from 2011-2014. I co-hosted the PNW 2011 summer meeting in Yakima, served on the planning committee for the 56th Annual meeting in Spokane in 2012, and helped organize the PNW 2015 fall annual meeting in Kennewick. I've contributed to the newsletter from time to time. I have always felt myself on the fringes of SRM, never belonging to any of the traditional agencies or educational entities that dominate the organization, but have always valued the insights gained from the diverse mix of professionals and landowners that come together to cuss and discuss the management of these lands. With my nest recently empty, I have more time to give and want to help sustain an organization that has been with me throughout my career. I hope this still leaves time to sing and play my guitar and go backpacking, sailing, and skiing with my family.

Volunteer Opportunity!

The PNW Section is in need of a Section Secretary. If you are interested in serving in this role please contact Wendy Gardner. wgardner@tru.ca



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2nd Vice-President Nominees - Vote for one (1)

- ☐ **Carlos Ochoa**
- ☐ _____ (write in candidate)

Board of Director Nominees - Vote for two (2)

- ☐ **Lesley R. Morris**
- ☐ **Julie L. Conley**
- ☐ _____ (write in candidate)

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