

*Society for Range Management  
Summer 2014*

*Pacific Northwest Section  
Washington Chapter*



Join us in Washington's Grand Coulee and Channeled Scablands for the Society for Range Management 2014 Pacific Northwest summer meeting, June 11-13, 2014! The coulee country in early June will be a sensory delight. Sunbanks Resort, near Electric City, will serve as our base of operations.

On **Wednesday** Mike Schroeder of the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW) will speak about grouse and monitoring after a beverage-and-cheese-tasting social at the resort. **Thursday** we travel to the Swanson Lakes Wildlife Area where staff from the WDFW will show restoration projects implemented in recent years. BLM staff will summarize the latest developments in sage-grouse and sharp-tailed grouse management. Tip Hudson, WSU extension, will lead a discussion about riparian grazing management and Washington Department of Ecology water quality enforcement. Back in town, enjoy a catered western dinner at Sunbanks between Electric City and Grand Coulee, and keep a watchful eye for outlaws!

**Friday** morning, BLM geologist Brent Cunderla will narrate a tour of eastern Washington's ice age history.

These destinations are popular, so make your reservations soon!!

**Registration**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cellphone \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Registrations \_\_\_\_\_ Additional barbecue tickets \_\_\_\_\_

Registration Fee: US **\$85** postmarked by May 31; **\$100** thereafter; extra barbecue tickets **\$15**

- Registration includes Wednesday social; all Thursday meals, transportation, and entertainment; Friday breakfast and transportation.
- Mail this form and check written to: WA Chapter Society for Range Management, **PO Box 9, Okanogan, WA 98840**
- Or, use the Paypal link on the PNW-SRM website at <http://pnw.rangelands.org/pnwmeetings.html>

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## Schedule

### **Wednesday June 11** – Sunbanks Resort

- 1 pm – 5:30 pm: Advisory council/BOD meetings
- 6 pm – 7 pm: Beverage-and-cheese-tasting social
- 7 pm – 8 pm: Technical Presentation: Regulatory Certainty  
Mike Schroeder, WDFW; Foster Creek Conservation District

### **Thursday June 12** – meet at Sunbanks Resort, bus leaves at 8 am

- 6:30 am – 7:30 am: Breakfast, build your own lunch
- 8 am – 5 pm: Tour Swanson Lakes Wildlife Area and surroundings
  - Shrub-steppe restoration: Julie Anderson, Mike Finch, WDFW
  - Bureau of Land Management
  - Fire rehabilitation
  - Sage-grouse and sharp-tailed grouse management
  - Riparian grazing management and water quality: Tip Hudson, WSU extension
- 6 pm Catered western dinner, Sunbanks Resort

### **Friday June 13** – meet at Sunbanks Resort, bus leaves at 8 am

- 6:30 am – 7:30 am: Breakfast
- 8 am – noon: Geology of the Grand Coulee with Brent Cunderla, BLM Wenatchee

## Accommodations

Sunbanks Resort, 57662 Highway 155 North, Electric City, WA—see map

- \$29 - \$42 Tent or RV site
- \$65 - \$75 Cabin, sleeps 3-5, communal bathrooms
- \$99 Lago del Sol Villa, sleeps 2; 5 units available
- \$149 \$399 1-, 2-, and 5-bedroom Lakeview Villas, sleep 4-12
- \$209 Beachfront Cottage, sleeps up to 8

**Sunbanks is NOT holding a block of rooms or sites. It will likely fill, so reserve soon!**

Phone: 888-822-7195 or 509-633-3786. <http://www.sunbanksresort.com>

Other lodging may be available in Grand Coulee, a few miles north. Other camping may be available at Steamboat Rock State Park, a few miles south. These venues may fill in advance as well.

### Other nearby activities

- Hiking at Steamboat Rock, Northrup Canyon
- Watersports at Banks Lake, including boat and SUP rentals
- Grand Coulee Dam visitor center and tour
- Colville Tribal Museum, Coulee Dam

