

Society for Range Management Pacific Northwest Section

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See you at
Soap Lake
June 22 - 24, 2005

NEWSLETTER

President's Message

Kevin Guinn

Assuming the role of Section president, I read the Code of the PNW Section -- words as relevant today as when originally written. I urge you to read our code on page 5.

Thanks to **Marni Porath, Ed Peterson, Mitch Thomas, Bob Kindschy** and **Clint Shock** for putting on a super fall meeting! I look forward to another SRM meeting in the Ontario, Oregon area.

The PNW Board of Directors and committees are hard at work! **1st**. We're "cleaning house and rearranging the furniture," starting with the chapters in Oregon & Washington. Proposals for consolidating the chapters are listed in this newsletter. **Why?** Inactive chapters provide no opportunity for members to participate in an SRM event at the local level. Consolidation can provide a core of active members to revitalize activity at the chapter level. Please read the proposals and provide your input to a chapter or section officer. Final decisions will be made at the '05 section summer tour in Soap Lake, WA. When chapters are official, they will elect officers. This will help reactivate the section Advisory Council, made up of the chapter presidents & two other elected officers. This council is the conduit between members and the board of directors.

2nd. My vision for 2005 is to see more SRM events across the entire section. Washington SRMers held a teleconference on Dec. 16th to promote several SRM events across Washington in 2005. British Columbia & Oregon are doing the same. Look for more on this later with perhaps a listing in upcoming newsletters.

3rd. The membership committee (**Les Boothe, Dana Peterson, Joe Wagner, & Darren Mitchell**) compiled a list of people who have let their membership expire. Everyone will be contacted by February 28th and invited to rejoin. This will be done quarterly thereafter!

4th. Who hasn't been in a situation of needing advice or pertinent research quickly? The President Plaques, naming every PNW Section President from 1950 on, now hang in my office. Our past presidents & the PNW Trail Boss recipients are truly a valuable resource. Think of the collective experience and knowledge of **Fred Hall, Tom Brannon** and **Don Blumenauer!** The Advisory Council, led by **Bob Drinkwater**, will explore the possibility of setting up a "**First Response Team**" using an email distribution list. **Will Keller**, our immediate past president, will assist in this project.

I hope to see many of you in Ft. Worth, Texas in February. Next year, our PNW Section will host the international meeting in Vancouver, BC!

Wishing you the Best Year ever,

Kevin

Oregon & Washington Chapter Proposal: Consolidate, Activate & Motivate!

By Dana Peterson and Les Boothe

To paraphrase **President Kevin's** remarks (p. 1), inactive chapters can lead to inactive members. In addition, SRM by-laws state that a chapter inactive for 12 months is no longer a chapter; inactive chapters will be consolidated into active chapters. The goal of consolidating chapters is to provide an active core of members to revitalize activity at the chapter level and get more folks involved from areas where chapters are inactive. Thus, **PNW members**, two proposals have been submitted for your consideration and comment. **Please exercise your responsibility** and respond to **Dana Peterson (WA)**, **Les Boothe (OR)** or another board member. **Let's talk!**

Washington Proposal: Consolidate the six Washington chapters and the Western Washington area which is not currently within a chapter boundary into the Washington State Chapter of the Pacific Northwest Section of the Society for Range Management.

Oregon Proposal: Leave intact the Portland, OSU and Central Oregon Chapters. Combine the Southwest and Lake Chapters into the Southern Oregon Chapter. Combine the Blue Mountain, High Desert and Malheur into the Eastern Oregon Chapter.

What about BC? Those SRM members are already in the British Columbia (Province) Chapter of the Pacific Northwest Section of the Society for Range Management.

What are some chapter activities? **Washington** is "brainstorming" workshop/tour possibilities for 2005: BLM riparian work, off-site watering systems (solar & other), Russian olive control by **Craig Madsen's** goats, joint U of I & WSU venture. **British Columbia** meets at least once and sometimes twice a year in varying areas of BC. **Central Oregon** teaches grade school youth for two days at the High Desert Museum and will be joined by **Lake** in '05. **C.O.** hosts evening community presentations (Rick Miller on Sagebrush Ecosystems and George Taylor, State Climatologist) and does quarterly Hwy. 97 clean-ups. **OSU** does fund-raisers to get to Ft. Worth, Nan's Weekend, trail ride, and weekend practicums to handle chainsaws, 4-wheelers, fence construction, gate opening and standard transmission gear shifting. (So, anyone who NEVER ended up on the wrong side of the gate you just locked, raise YOUR hand!)

PNW Chapter Officers

British Columbia - Don Blumenauer
Central Oregon - John Swanson
Southern Oregon - Les Boothe
Mid-Columbia, WA - Dana Peterson
Okanogan, WA - Richard Fleenor
Panorama, WA - Ellen Picard



← 1996 Chapter Map



2005 Proposal →

SRM Summer Workshop and Meeting
June 22 – 24, 2005
Ephrata & Soap Lake, Washington
By Bob Leonard

Soap Lake? Where'd the name come from? Here's your chance to learn – about Soap Lake and what is in it, spend a day in the **Moses Coulee** (do you know what that is?), eat at Don's Restaurant (the best food in all of central Washington), meet all your old friends in PNW SRM and greet newcomers to our Section.

The Moses Coulee has been approved as one of a few pilot watershed projects in the U.S.

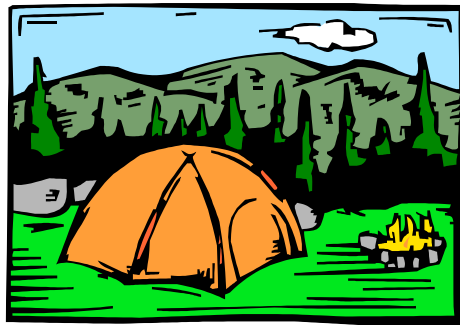
A portion of McCartney Creek in Moses Coulee has a significant channel change. We will have open discussion on ways to deal with it. Your ideas will be welcome on other works-in-progress: 1. winter grazing area; 2. site where the landowner plans to establish a reserve of forage for short years (forage storage??); and 3. solar powered pump. There will be presentations on the local sagegrouse population and the endangered local pygmy rabbit.

Family vacations often fit around the summer meeting. We will offer a baby sitting service if you want to go on the tour or attend the dinner without the kids. A variety of activities may be available, including swimming in the Ephrata pool or in Soap Lake. There are RV and tent campgrounds plus several motels.

The over-all schedule will be the usual: committee & board meetings Wednesday (June 22nd) afternoon, all day field workshop on Thursday, and general business meeting Friday morning.

If there is interest, we will offer an alternative to the tour for the “non-range” family members -- tour of the Grand Coulee? stop at the dam? Let us know.

Mid-Columbia Chapter will be your host and we do look forward to your visit.



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PNW Headliners

Congratulations to PNW's New Officers

Our new PNW Section officers were introduced at the Ontario Annual Meeting. **Kevin Guinn** is our '05 president and you already know he is motivated! **Bob Drinkwater** advances to 1st VP and will lead us to Vancouver in '06! As is usual in PNW elections, the votes were close -- PNW has really great folks to call upon. **Joe Wagner** was elected 2nd VP. **Jim Dobrowolski** and **Andy McDonald** were elected to three-year terms as Section Directors. *Thank you each one for accepting the opportunity to lead our Section forward. We appreciate you and support you.*

Thanks!!!

Special thanks were given during the annual business meeting. **Mike Malmberg** for many years as our secretary. **Richard Fleenor** for assuming that task from Mike. **Bob Leonard** for all his quiet behind-the-scenes tasks, from the audit to maintaining the plaques. **Craig Obermiller** for accurate & excellent books. **Will Keller** for the energy and creative thinking you put into the presidency -- "and you will, of course, continue to give as past prez"! **Bob France, John Buckhouse, and all Committee Chairs** for working tirelessly & thoughtfully on '06.

PNW '04 Exemplary Service Award goes to...Susan K. Holtzman!

Susan, a long-time member of PNW Section is a strong advocate of rangeland resource management. She quietly and consistently advocates and promotes good land stewardship and enhancement of those who live and work on the land. Susan does this through her profession, the SRM Society and the PNW Section. Susan is the facilitator of the National Riparian Service Team which as positively influenced the understanding of rangeland riparian and upland systems over the years. All of the Team presenters are visible and well known, but if it were not for Susan's quiet and persistent presence behind-the-scenes, the Team would not have achieved the success and influence which it enjoys today.

PNW '04 Trail Boss Award goes to . . . John & Lynne Breese!

John & Lynne manage a central Oregon ranch and open their home, ranch, minds and hearts to students from high schools, OSU Cascades, OSU main-campus and Central Oregon Community College. To honor the memory of a friend, they created Nan's Weekend, a time for people from city and country to work, laugh, eat and learn together. This has served as the PNW model for the Section's outreach effort -- and it has gone international: PNW member **Arnie Raven** has Nan's Weekends on Wolf Ranch in British Columbia! Former Section officers, John was president and Lynne a director. They are part of the PNW newsletter team. Leadership is the keystone to their tenure as Section officers and members.

Caught in the Newspapers

Last summer, we picked up the *Capital Press* and thought, "Gee, that guy looks familiar". There, front & center of page 1 was PNW's own **Jake Harder**, Ritzville, WA. The headline read, "Habitat project called a 'role model'". Jake & Joan have enhanced riparian pastures with water tanks, paddocks, plantings, and they monitor water temperature, flow, pH and other parameters.

And, in another full half-page of the *Capital Press*, **Jim Brunner** is glued to **Dave Ganskopp's** every word as he presents research findings. "If forage isn't regularly harvested, and you want utilization of that forage, you need to condition it so grass growth will attract the cattle."

**Meet us at Soap Lake
in June!!**

Vancouver 2006 Update

John Buckhouse and Bob France, General Co-Chairs, Vancouver 2006

The Vancouver 2006 Executive Committee and a significant number of PNW members attended a working session concerning the 2006 Annual Meeting of the Society for Range Management which will be in Vancouver, BC, February 2006. The organization of committees and details of running such a large meeting are slowly falling into place. There are, of course, still lots of details to manage and **lots of places where additional volunteers are needed. Please send a note to us (John or Bob) if you are willing to step in . . .** we in turn will send your name to the appropriate co-chairs of the several standing committees and get you wrapped in.



The immediate need for you who have committed to activities in Vancouver, is to make arrangements to “shadow” your counterpart from Texas at the Fort Worth meeting next month. By doing so, we should be able to learn a lot about what works and what doesn’t, in preparation for our own meeting.

Greg Tegart made excellent notes of our planning session in Ontario in October. If anyone would like a copy of those, please let John Buckhouse know and you’ll get a set.

John is at john.c.buckhouse@oregonstate.edu

Bob is at bob.france@gems4.gov.bc.ca

Society for Range Management, Pacific Northwest Section “Our Code”

- Vision:** Properly functioning ecosystems providing for sustainability of watersheds, plants, animals & people
- Mission:** Promote ways to maintain or enhance the integrity of the ecological community critical to the watersheds, plants, animals & people that depend on rangelands for their sustenance
- Goals:**
- 1) To maintain a high degree of professionalism among the membership through workshops, symposia, written materials & training sessions
 - 2) To provide information to the public & rangeland users about the values & management of rangeland resources
 - 3) To forge relationships with other natural resource based organizations

Seeding our Future

Andrea L. Mann, Student Affairs Chair

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\$500 PNW SRM Undergraduate Scholarship

To qualify, a student must be an undergraduate in range management or natural resources management related major in a B.C., OR, or WA college/university, and remain an undergraduate in this field the following school year. Selection is based on academic standing, leadership, activities on and off campus, and financial need. Candidates are asked to submit a letter detailing their background, professional goals, current transcript, at least two letters of reference, with at least one letter from a current SRM member.

Please submit applications to your academic Department Head or representative by **March 15** for initial ranking. By **May 1**, the application and ranking should be forwarded to Andrea Mann. The selection committee will announce the yearly recipient by **September 1**.

Masonic-Range Science Scholarship

The SRM Masonic-Range Science Scholarship offers financial assistance and recognition to a high school senior, and/or college freshman or college sophomore planning to major in/presently majoring in range science and and/or closely related field. Evaluation will be based upon how the applicant expresses interest in a range science career.

The scholarship (maximum 8 semesters) requires a 2.5 GPA (4.0 Scale) during the first two semesters (freshman year only) and a 3.0 GPA in any subsequent semester (GPA is per semester, not cumulative).

Applicants must be sponsored by a member of the Society for Range Management, the National Association of Conservation Districts, or the Soil and Water Conservation Society.

High School Youth Forum

High school youth from throughout the U.S. attend the Youth Forum at International meetings. They participate in student conclave, paper and poster presentations. Students are exposed to rangeland resource issues, colleges and professionals working throughout the world. Do you know students or teachers who could promote the Forum?

Student Mentoring Program

Are you interested in mentoring a student? Are you interested in being mentored by a professional? Are you looking for hands on experience in your field? We'll match you up! Let me know your contact information and area of interest.

Internships

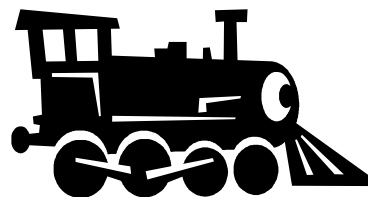
In 2005, the US Fish and Wildlife Service and USDA Forest will sponsor 60-80 internships with a focus on recruiting freshman and sophomore Hispanic, African-American, Asian and Native American students to the conservation field. Each summer internship offers: a \$4,800 stipend (\$400/week for 12 weeks); \$1,000 housing allowance or free housing; \$300 minimum to help with relocation expenses.

Students interested in these or related fields are urged to apply: Biology, Botany, GIS, Ecology, Plant Science, Cartography, Wildlife Science, Hydrology, Forestry, Fisheries, Geology, Soil Science, Natural Resources, Chemistry, Parks & Rec., Range Conservation, Physical Science, Environmental Education.

Information: Josephine Xiong, Program Manager, 617-426-4783 x142, e-mail jxiong@eco.org or check the project website at www.eco.org/conservation.

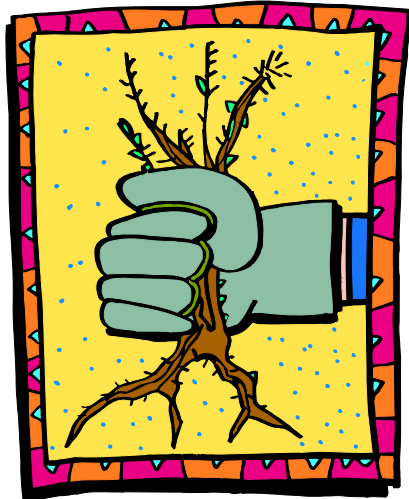
Recalling PNW's Fall 2004 Meet in Ontario with "Train Wrecks & Tall Grass"

- "Medusahead -- County Agent George Bain sounded the alarm in '59, but nobody listened"; (*ed. Will they say that about Lee Eddleman & juniper???*)
- Tamarisk – "Pretty shrub, introduced about '58, made its big escape along the Snake River about 10 years ago." (*ed. That's the pretty plant at our homestead cabin!! Yikes!*);
- The red one-room District #2 Rockville School – Historic comment, "If you did not graze it, someone else would"; a warm & wonderful lunch by the school community; and a tiny red-headed "cowboy" leaping onto his steed from the corral fence;
- Deee-licious tri-tip BBQ by the Nyssa FFA kids as SRM musicians wove melodic tales;
- Mike Hanley talking us through Owyhee history, and hinting at the historic Owyhee Initiative;
- Fine presentors: Chad Boyd, Gary Page, Michael Carpinelli, Bob Kindschy, David Pyke;
- Treasures at the Silent Auction which earned \$190;
- **Great committee:** Marni Porath, Ed Peterson, Mitch Thomas, Bob Kindschy, Clint Shock

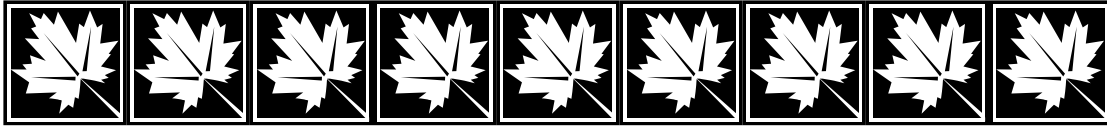


We want *YOU* to help fight the war on Noxious Weeds

Do you have a noxious weed success story you are willing to share? Or maybe a **nightmare** experience you'd like to help others avoid? Then PLEASE share your story with Maureen Sieberg at The National Agriculture Library. The stories will be posted on the Invasive Species Council website, and will provide a way to share information on the experiences of others, and provide a platform for more cooperation in fighting the battle against invasive plants.



Call or e-mail Maureen Sieberg today at sieberg@u.arizona.edu or (520) 621-8582. She will send you a short list of questions, and then make a follow-up call (about 15 minutes).



Upcoming Events

February 5-11, 2005 **SRM International Meeting**, Fort Worth, Texas
February 23-25, 2005 **35th Annual PNW Range Management Short Course**, Boise, ID
June 22-24, 2005 **PNW Section Field Workshop**, Ephrata/Soap Lake, Washington
Fall 2005 **PNW Section Annual Meeting & Workshop**, British Columbia – Alberta!!
February 2006 **SRM International Meeting**, Vancouver, BC. – **hosted by PNW Section**
Summer 2006 **PNW Section Field Workshop**, Oregon
Fall 2006 **PNW Section Annual Meeting & Workshop**, Washington

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Want to alert members to an upcoming event? Tell us who your Chapter president is? Give us your new address? Brag about another member's contribution to range management? Tell us a story? Call, write, or E-mail the Newsletter Editors! jlbreese@prinetime.net or Teal_Purrlington@or.blm.gov

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