

# *Society for Range Management Pacific Northwest Section*

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## President's Message

*Carlos Ochoa, OR*

Dear SRM-PNW Section Members,

I hope you are doing well and enjoying the transition into the spring season. As field work starts intensifying, I want to bring to your attention some recent and upcoming events related to SRM.

Please consider attending the SRM-PNW spring meeting in Pendleton, OR in late May. Please see the meeting information and link for registration in this issue. Also, start thinking about the fall meeting in Washington. Some details are already known and described here.

It was great seeing many of our colleagues at the SRM Annual Meeting this year. whether the in-person meeting in Albuquerque, NM or the virtual meeting, both events were well attended. The last numbers I heard were about 650 attendees for the in-person and 550 for the virtual meetings. Given the situation with the pandemic, those numbers are very good.

Congratulations to our PNW section members, Wendy Gardner, Tamzen Stringham, Jon Bates, and Kirk Davies, whose work and dedication to the profession were recognized during the annual meeting in Albuquerque. Details of their awards are also included here. Thank you to our Awards Committee for their great work submitting nominations to the parent society to recognize the excellent work of our PNW colleagues. Another one of our PNW members, Tip Hudson (WA), will be running for a board of directors position with the parent society in the upcoming elections in the fall. Early voting opens in the summer, please consider supporting Tip for one of two Director positions.

Speaking of elections, in the next few months we will send the call for our PNW section elections. We will need candidates for two Directors and the Second VP. Please consider nominating one of our colleagues or running yourself. Also, please reach out if you are interested in serving on the Nominations Committee. Last, I want to thank many of our colleagues who are tirelessly working on an integrated communications strategy to better serve our membership. Please stay tuned for some developments in the months to come.

Happy Spring Season!  
Carlos Ochoa



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## Calendar of Events

**May 24-26, 2022:** PNW SRM Spring Meeting, Pendleton OR; with the [Oregon Roots of Resilience](#) Grazing Conference.

**October 5-7, 2022:** PNW SRM Fall Annual Meeting and Tour, Cheney, WA.

**February 12th, 2023:** 76th Annual Meeting, Boise, ID.

## **Plan to Attend PNW SRM Field Workshops/Symposiums/Meetings**

**May 24-26 PNW SRM joins forces with *Roots of Resilience* to bring you the Spring Meeting in Pendleton, OR.** In addition to the regular board and member activities, the Grazing Conference features:

- ◆ Nicole Masters, agro-ecologist, systems thinker, and owner-director of [Integrity Soils](#) in NZ
- ◆ Dave Pratt, Ranching for Profit educator and past owner of [Ranch Management Consultants](#)
- ◆ [Chris Schachtschneider](#), OSU Extension

Itinerary and registration form on newsletter last page or PNWSRM.org [REGISTRATION PAGE](#)

**October 5-7** Head to Washington for the **PNW SRM Fall Annual Meeting and Tour based in Cheney, WA.**

Begin the afternoon of the 5th with a **Board Meeting** followed by a **social** and **presentation** from **EWU ecology faculty**.

On the 6th tour **Hangman Creek head-waters** with the Coeur d'Alene Tribe then visit **Turnbull NWR and EWU Turnbull Lab for Ecological Studies**. Finish off with a **banquet and student presentations/posters**

Early the 7th attend the **Annual Meeting** and tour a **prairie restoration project with EWU**. Visit the **Rex Harder Ranch**, mid-late morning, eat a box lunch and head home. **More information coming soon at PNWSRM.org.**

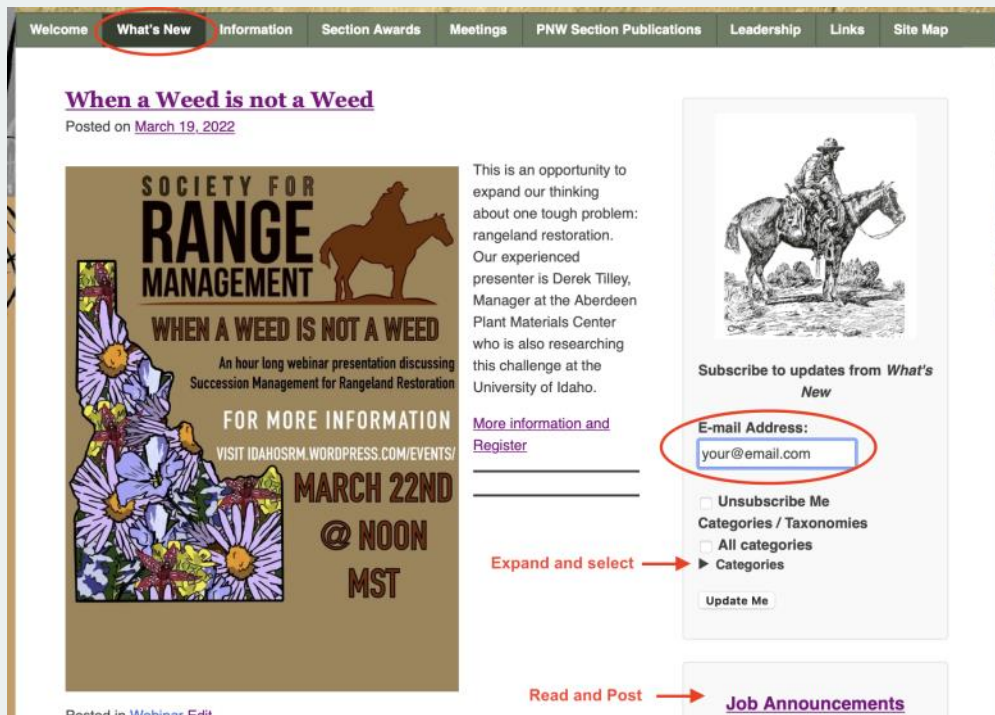


*Turnbull NWR Pine Savanna.  
Hollinger 2013. [CC2.0](#)*

## **Did You Miss It?**

The recording of **Vanessa Schroeder's** recent presentation entitled ***Influence of Grazing and Weather on Sagebrush Country Birds*** is now available on the [WA Chapter YouTube channel](#). Vanessa's was the first in a series of quarterly presentations hosted by the WA Chapter of SRM.

## Updates Coming to PNW SRM Communications. Check out the Latest at [PNWSRM.org](http://PNWSRM.org) and Get Involved!



PNW Section President Carlos Ochoa recently tasked a committee headed by Communication Chair Bob Gillaspay to update the Section's communication strategy and to renew outreach to our members. Committee members are Chair Gillaspay, Webmaster Tom Platt, Newsletter Editor Julie Conley, BC Chapter 1st V.P. and PNW Section Director Amanda Miller, and PNW Section Director Jordan Anderson. The committee is considering means to integrate and expand our member outreach through the web page, newsletter, blogs, and social media. There are matching funds available from the Parent Society to hire professional help in this task.

The Section built its website, [pnwsrm.org](http://pnwsrm.org), in 2014 for communicating with members, announcing events, recognizing achievements, and serving as a repository for information relevant to rangelands, our professions, and our Society. A contractor developed the site, then its maintenance fell to volunteers. Over time, it has evolved, dropped some old content and added some new. It is becoming long in the tooth to maintain and use.

Even as the Communication Strategy committee meets, the newsletter and webpage continue to evolve. Many members may not realize that the What's New tab on the web page is designed for timely announcements, including job postings and lost resources, and there is a subscription form on the right-hand sidebar for those who wish to receive an email notice of latest items on What's New. The Leadership tab opens a submenu that lists current Section and Chapter leadership, and election information is provided. BC and Washington Chapters each have an expanded page.

Developing and maintaining PNW Section's communications is not a small task, and those involved welcome innovative ideas, content, and people to tackle various aspects of our communications. **If you are interested in writing a newsletter or blog article, managing a portion of the web site, posting content to social media, or just have a suggestion for improving our communications, please contact Bob Gillaspay.**



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## Highlights from the 75th Annual SRM Meeting Held in Albuquerque: PNW Members Tour New Mexico Ranches

By Claudia Ingham



True to form, SRM offered great tours at the International Meeting held in Albuquerque. Several of us were eager to go on the tour of the Trinity Site, to reflect on our national history, but also to learn about the relatively undisturbed plant communities that exist on DOD lands. Foiled by covid-precautionary protocols, Chris Schachtschneider and I joined the group that toured several ranches and a wind farm.

NMSU faculty and NRCS staff introduced us to Jaime Ramos, owner, and Melvin Johnson, manager at the Ramos ranch. They are coping with drought by adjusting herd numbers and timing of grazing, and have gained the advantage of value-added marketing with Audubon certification of their grass-fed beef. We were awed by the ‘plucking’ power of the jumbo grubber which cleared cedars, roots and all. Cane cholla is also increasing in dominance and we hope the fragmented areoles won’t lead to an increasing trend as they are pulled and piled for burning.

Lunch at the NMSU ranch teaching station was followed by a tour of Red Cloud Wind with wind turbines generating up to 2.8 megawatts of power each. Unsurprisingly, much of the power is destined for the Los Angeles Basin. Surprising, to many of us, is the reality that the fiberglass blades have a ten-year life span and are not re-used, but buried in pits when de-commissioned. Hm, anyone feeling entrepreneurial?

We wrapped-up the day at a 10,000 acre cow-calf operation and were pleased to see a well-organized grazing plan, on paper. As a courtesy to the SRM Targeted Grazing Committee, the tour planners paid for a demonstration of goats and sheep eating cholla (don’t tell me I made this up!) by the Horned Locust grazing service. Amanita’s 4-leggeds eat all kinds of brush and cacti. If the photos do not impress you, ask to see a video when I next see you in person. Perhaps not going on the Trinity Site Tour was more enlightening and less serious! It’s good to leave something for next time.



Goats and sheep target cholla– Photo by Claudia Ingham

## 2022 SRM Honor Awards

PNW SRM wishes to congratulate all of its members who were recently honored at the 75<sup>th</sup> SRM Annual Meeting in Albuquerque, NM.

- ♦ **Dr. Tamzen Stringham**, Sustained Lifetime Achievement Award.
- ♦ **Dr. Jon Bates**, Sustained Lifetime Achievement Award
- ♦ **Dr. Kirk Davies**, Fellow Award.
- ♦ **Dr. Wendy Gardner**, RSEC Outstanding Undergraduate Teaching Award.

### Stringham Honored by Society for Range Management with Sustained Lifetime Achievement Award

Dr. Tamzen K. Stringham received the ***Sustained Lifetime Achievement Award*** at the *Society for Range Management's 75<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting in Albuquerque, New Mexico* earlier this February. *The Sustained Lifetime Achievement Award is presented by the Society for Range Management to members for long-term contributions to the art and science of range management and to the Society for Range Management (SRM).*

Dr. Stringham is a world-class researcher, a mentor to both graduate and undergraduate students, a terrific educator, and an extension educator and technical speaker. She has set the standard for ongoing research

in the arenas of state and transition ecology, watershed management, and fire ecology. Dr. Stringham has garnered over \$8.5 million in research funding throughout her career.



She is also a long-time member of SRM and holds an Endowed Chair at the University of Nevada, Reno. In the 29 years Dr. Stringham has been an SRM member, she has been fully engaged in the Society and its activities and goals. She has served on the Academic Program Assessment Committee; on the Watershed & Riparian Committee; Finance Committee; on the Nominations Committee; on the Awards Committee; three times as a judge of student oral presentations at annual meetings; three times as a judge of student poster presentations; and as a reviewer for the Journal of Rangeland Ecology and Management. In addition to these membership roles, she served as the Chair of the Watershed and Riparian Committee in 2006.

Dr. Stringham has also been a strong proponent of rangeland management and ecology in her interactions with a number of allied societies. These efforts complement the work she has done directly with the SRM. Activities include providing journal and technical reviews for the Journal of Restoration Ecology, the Journal of Arid Environments, the USDA Agricultural Research Service, the USDA National Institute of Food and Agriculture, and the University of Wyoming Agricultural Experiment Station.

For the tremendous contributions to the science and management of rangeland ecosystems she has made, it is with great honor the Society of Range Management recognized Dr. Stringham with the Sustained Lifetime Achievement Award.

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## Bates Honored by Society for Range Management with Sustained Lifetime Achievement Award

Dr. Jon Bates received the **Sustained Lifetime Achievement Award** at the Society for Range Management's 75<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting in Albuquerque, New Mexico earlier this February. The Sustained Lifetime Achievement Award is presented by the Society for Range Management to members for long-term contributions to the art and science of range management and to the Society for Range Management (SRM).



Dr. Bates has made tremendous contributions to our understanding and management of northern Great Basin rangelands. He has focused on intact sagebrush steppe, areas in need of restoration, and juniper woodlands. His work has included approaches to maintaining good condition rangeland and restoration of areas that are not in good condition and not producing forage or habitat to their full potential. Jon is just as comfortable running a drip torch or chain saw as he is collecting data and publishing articles. His practical knowledge of management practices has made his interaction with managers very productive. He understands the mechanics of management and the science behind the management and works very hard to provide managers with research they can use in making decisions.

Dr. Bates has many accomplishments, a few of the more impactful include: 1) demonstrated that western juniper removal can increase forage production by 5-10 fold, increase biodiversity, and provide sage-grouse habitat; 2) determined that soil erosion and runoff increase dramatically when western juniper invades a site and suppresses the understory grasses and shrubs; 3) showed that moderate grazing does not inhibit post-fire recovery of good condition sagebrush steppe; 4) developed low-impact methods of fuel reduction on cut juniper woodlands; and 5) determined that fall prescribed burning of good condition sagebrush steppe doubled forage and grass seed production.

Our understanding of and ability to manage sagebrush steppe has been dramatically improved by Dr. Bates' efforts. His work applies to the Great Basin directly, but also to shrub-steppe and woodlands globally.

For the tremendous contributions to the science and management of rangeland ecosystems he has made, it is with great honor the Society of Range Management recognized Dr. Bates with the Sustained Lifetime Achievement Award.

## Davies Honored by Society for Range Management with Fellow Award

Dr. Kirk Davies received the **2022 Society for Range Management Fellow Award** at the Society's 75<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting. The title of Fellow is conferred upon members of the Society for Range Management (SRM) in recognition of exceptional service to the Society and its programs in advancing the science and art of range-related resource management. This high honor is granted in the belief that special recognition should be given for exceptional and dedicated service to the Society.



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Dr. Davies' impactful and pioneering work in fire ecology, restoration, grazing, and rangeland plant community management has provided the empirical foundation needed for addressing some of the most daunting management problems facing western rangelands. Dr. Davies has published more than 130 peer-reviewed scientific journal articles and over 70 extension articles, proceeding papers, book chapters, and management guides. Publication requests have come from 19 countries on 6 continents, demonstrating the international relevance of his work. Dr. Davies has been requested to provide peer-reviews for 37 different scientific journals (from 5 continents). Dr. Davies also served as an Associate Editor for the primary international scientific journal in the rangeland science field, *Rangeland Ecology & Management*.

Dr. Davies has demonstrated outstanding service to SRM by serving as the chair-elect and chair of the Wildlife Habitat Committee, chairing numerous symposiums at the national annual meetings, and serving on the Awards Committee prior to being appointed the chair. Dr. Davies has judged graduate student presentations at every SRM National meeting he has attended. He also serves the Society by his outreach to students that may not be aware of opportunities in the field of rangeland management.

In short, the considerable volume (over 200 publications) and impact of Dr. Davies' research has changed how we conceptualize and operationalize management of sagebrush rangelands, and his leadership in providing timely synthesis of the state of our knowledge is acting as a programmatic playbook for informing management policy and initiatives across the sagebrush biome.

For the tremendous contributions to the science and management of rangeland ecosystems he has made, it is with great honor the Society of Range Management recognized Dr. Davies with the 2022 SRM Fellow Award.

## **Gardner Honored by The Range Science Education Council and the Society for Range Management with the Outstanding Undergraduate Teaching Award.**

*The Range Science Education Council (RSEC) and the Society for Range Management (SRM) proudly present the **2022 Outstanding Undergraduate Teaching Award** to Dr. Wendy Gardner of Thompson Rivers University. This award recognizes individuals who have demonstrated excellence in teaching, advising, and mentoring over an extended period, often a career.*

Dr. Gardner has been actively engaged in teaching, advising, and mentoring undergraduate students for over 20 years. Throughout her career, she has developed and taught a wide variety of courses including Grassland Ecology, Range Management, Fire Ecology and Management, Ecosystem Reclamation, The Science and Management of Natural Resources, Food Systems, and Tropical Field Studies. Students and colleagues consistently highlight Dr. Gardner's enthusiasm and ongoing commitment to self-imposed high standards of excellent teaching. A recent former student of Dr. Gardner wrote that the "effort and thought that Dr. Gardner puts into reviewing and improving her course content annually is admirable." The fact that a student made this comment provides evidence of Dr. Gardner's genuine ongoing commitment to excellence in teaching and learning. She is clearly confident in her abilities and maintains a growth mindset as she guides her students through their learning adventure.



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Students and colleagues clearly hold Dr. Gardner in high esteem as evidenced by their comments:

“Dr. Gardner is an outstanding undergraduate teacher. She cares deeply about her students and their successes, her passion for teaching is evident in everything she does and she is dedicated to continually improving her courses.” Student

“Dr. Gardner leaves a lasting positive impact on all undergraduate students who take her courses. Dr.” Student

“I can unequivocally state that Wendy is, and always has been, an integral member of our group. I have known and worked with her for close to 23 years and have seen first-hand the immense contribution she has made to our students...” Colleague

“The success of our graduates is a direct result of her untiring and unselfish passion for her students and their education.” Colleague

“It is because of Wendy that British Columbia has a post-secondary education program that educates and graduates high quality individuals who go on and pursue careers in the range management field.” Colleague

“In the 50+ years that I have been involved with rangeland education, I would rank her in the top five of all the teachers I have known and with whom I have worked.” Colleague

For her exemplary dedication to achieving excellence in teaching, advising, and mentoring, the Range Science Education Council and the Society for Range Management are delighted to present Dr. Wendy Gardner with the 2022 Outstanding Undergraduate Teaching Award.

## **An Outline of the Washington Chapter Medallion Project**

By Tom Brannon and Kevin Guinn, February 2020

Things actually started when Charles Russell gifted to Frederick Renner a colored version of the “Trail Boss” sketch. At Renner’s suggestion, the “Trail Boss” became the logo of the Society for Range Management.

In the 1970s Larry Lilly, a member of the old Mid-Columbia Chapter, carved on juniper boards the Trail Boss logo for the PNW plaques and other awards. These carvings are magnificent.

Then we got the idea to offer bronze medallions as a way to raise money for youth scholarships. The Mid-Columbia Chapter had to get permission from SRM parent society to us the logo for our project. We sent in one of Larry’s carvings to be cast. Hugh Barrett perhaps handled getting the casting done.





*Medallions continued....*

Later we decided to offer buckles with the logo. Both the medallions and the buckles were offered to the parent society, other sections, and chapters of SRM. The keeper of the medallion project started with Hugh Barrett, then passed to Tom Brannon, then to Bob Leonard, and now to Kevin Guinn.

The price for the medallions and awards was kept low for affordability. But for the past five years or so prices have been raised to keep the project sustainable. Currently Washington Chapter is charging cost plus 40%, a policy set by the Board late in 2020 and initiated in awards sold beginning in 2021. The markup is split between the Chapter's *general fund* and its scholarship program, and in 2021 was approximately \$270 to each fund.

Haglund Trophies in Wenatchee is doing the engraved plates and mounting medallions and plates to either solid walnut boards or to composition boards. We are using black plates with either gold or silver lettering to color coordinate with the medallion. The final products are striking!

Our main customers for awards are PWN Section and the SRM parent society. This accounts for 2 large medallion plaques and 4 small medallion plaques annually. Also, the California Section occasionally purchases a stack of the large medallions.

Note: the small medallions on hand are hard to count as they are wrapped in tissue paper and stacked in layers. As of February 9, 2022, it looks like we have in stock, approximately:

Large medallions – 6 (plus 2 more for making a new mold when needed)  
Small medallions (pewter/silver) – 55  
Small medallions (poly bronze/gold) – 90

No later than 2024 we will need to have more large medallions made. But if we decided to advertise with other SRM Sections and Chapters we would need to have more large medallions made this year. We could advertise just for the small medallions. Also, Kevin has a belt buckle that could be used to make a casting mold if we decide to sell belt buckles.





(Washington D.C. ) The United Nations General Assembly in New York unanimously declared 2026 the International Year of Rangelands & Pastoralists (IYRP). The Society for Range Management (SRM) has been a part of this effort since 2015, with a simple proposal submitted to federal agency leaders. A group of partners working to designate an IYRP coalesced at the 2016 International Rangeland Congress in Saskatoon. Since then, more than 300 organizations and 68 countries have joined together to raise awareness for the world's largest ecosystem - rangelands.

The resolution passed on March 15, 2022 affirms that “healthy rangelands are vital for contributing to economic growth, resilient livelihoods and the sustainable development of pastoralism.” It also recognizes that “pastoralism is a dynamic and transformative livelihood linked to the diverse ecosystems, cultures, identities, traditional knowledge and historical experience of coexisting with nature”. The Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) is the agency tasked with facilitating the implementation of the IYRP in 2026.

The IYRP will promote a wide variety of activities focused on rangelands and grasslands, including awareness raising on key issues, assistance in targeting research assessments of critical knowledge gaps, and facilitation of partnerships that combine resources to promote sustainable resource use and improved livelihoods.

"Many individuals, groups, and governments deserve praise for bringing this designation of an international year to fruition and SRM is proud to be involved since the inception of the idea. The Society would like to especially thank the Government of Mongolia for submitting the resolution and serving as a key player throughout the process," said SRM President Dr. Karen Launchbaugh.

"With this final approval, SRM looks forward to working with its global partners to design and implement 12 impactful months to raise the profile and support for rangelands and pastoral issues, improve understanding of the challenges and opportunities faced by the rangeland ecosystem and pastoralists, and direct increased attention and resources to rangelands and those who manage them."

For more information visit <https://iyrp.info/>

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## Represent PNW SRM as a Young Professional Conclave Liaison

**PNWSRM is seeking a Young Professional Conclave (YPC) Liaison to represent PNW SRM.**

SRM aims to retain and recruit Young Professional members into the Society and increase their involvement at the Section level while allowing them to explore and be involved with Section leadership positions. Within the YPC, the liaison sits as a representative on the YPC Advisory Council for their Section. Ultimately, the goal of this position is to maintain the communication between the YPC and the Section and support young professional recruitment at the Section level (and, if possible, the Chapter level).

**To be in this role you must be considered a “young professional”**, meaning that you are within the first 5 years of your professional career in Range Management (or another related field).

**Roles and Duties realized by the previous liaison** included:

- ◆ Social Media Outreach/Activity
- ◆ Participate in event/workshop planning and delivery within Section and your local Chapter
- ◆ Attend all YPC Meetings and PNW Section Meetings
- ◆ Recruit Chapter – level representation within the YPC Liaison Program
- ◆ Participate in Section event planning (i.e. the AGMs and field tours)
- ◆ Share young professional lens on Section business planning and special event development
- ◆ Organize/host annual young professional events

For more information see the description here: <https://pnwsrm.org/officers/young-professional-conclave-ypc-liaison-program-committee/>

**If interested please contact current PNW President, Carlos Ochoa at 541-737-0933**





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## Remembering Lost Resources

### W. James (Jim) Clawson

W. James (Jim) Clawson passed away in Dallas, Oregon on January 7, 2022, from pancreatic cancer at the age of 89. Jim was the son of William, a presbyterian minister and Ruth Clawson. He was the nephew of Marion Clawson, first Director of the Bureau of Land Management (BLM). He graduated from Livermore High School in California. Jim met Karin Beskow at University of California, Davis and they married in Santa Rosa, CA in 1957.



Jim attended Lewis and Clark College in Portland and Colorado A&M, then did a stint in the Air Force before settling in at UC Davis where he completed BS and MS degrees in Animal Science. After a few years working for Farm Bureau and the Los Angeles Chamber of Commerce, Jim became a 4-H advisor in Ventura County in 1962 and then the Livestock and Range Farm Advisor in San Luis Obispo County in 1964. In 1968, he became an Extension Specialist in the Department of Animal Science at UC Davis where he worked on animal nutrition and animal waste management. In 1972, Jim became the Range Specialist in the Agronomy and Range Science Department at UC Davis, where he initially worked on rangeland weed & brush control, seeding and fertilization. Shortly afterwards, public land grazing became an issue that needed attention; however, in those days, increasing agricultural production was the priority for extension and the university promotion system did not reward addressing public policy issues. But that didn't deter Jim. Following a sabbatical at Colorado A&M where he worked with Tom Bartlett and Bill Jameson, Jim led efforts that focused the range extension program on public policy issues. He was instrumental in agency adoption of residual dry matter to monitor grazing use.

Jim was the definition of a people person. Mentoring, organizing people, and community involvement were hallmarks of his career. Having benefited from several mentors early in his life, Jim mentored many young advisors, specialists, and other professionals. In a male dominated profession it was especially important to Jim to welcome and mentor the first women livestock and range advisors at UC and they have become leaders and mentors themselves.

Throughout Jim's career, he encouraged and supported cooperation of people and organizations to address local and statewide problems. As a Farm Advisor, he collaborated with agencies and private landowners on rangeland improvement projects, and he involved UC faculty and Cal Poly faculty in his local education programs. He was instrumental in bringing agencies, universities, and ranchers together to focus on public land grazing, organizing one of the earliest Coordinated Resource Management Projects and making range ecosystem training of agency staff a priority for the university. Collaborating with Colorado State University, UC researchers and USDA Forest Service researchers, Jim coordinated data gathering efforts at the San Joaquin Experimental Range as part of the International Biological Program Grassland Biome Project. Also collaborating with CSU, Jim organized ecosystem training for agency staff in the form of the Annual Grassland Short Course so that agency and university staff could know each other and learn together.

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When riparian issues needed to be addressed, Jim reached out to the Oregon State University Department of Rangeland Ecology and Management faculty, resulting in decades of collaboration. Near the end of his career at UC Davis, Jim was instrumental in helping ranchers address nonpoint source pollution issues, again in collaboration with agencies at all levels of government. His leadership led to the first statewide nonpoint source pollution program for California rangelands.

Throughout his career, Jim was active in his community and his profession. He was an active member of the UC Davis Alumni Association, a long-time Rotarian and a leader and organizer of local agricultural and conservation organizations. In recent years he led the campaign for a tax measure that funded extension programs in the Dallas area. He served as President of the California Section of the Society for Range Management, was named Range Manager of the Year in 1990 and received an Outstanding Achievement Award from SRM in 1993. In 2012, Jim sat for a UC Davis Emeriti Association video interview with Mel George ([https://video.ucdavis.edu/media/James++Clawson/0\\_3x231to0](https://video.ucdavis.edu/media/James++Clawson/0_3x231to0)). Send Condolences to Karin Clawson, 360 W Ellendale Ave., Unit #30, Dallas, OR 97338. Respectfully submitted by Melvin George.

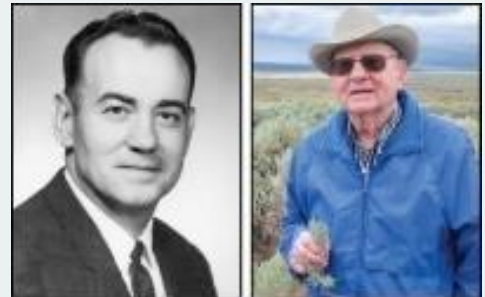
## **Dillard H. Gates** **January 23, 1925-October 24, 2021**

Dillard H. Gates, Ph.D., long time member of the PNW Section, passed away peacefully Oct. 24, 2021 surrounded by his family. Dillard was born on Jan. 23, 1925, in Gates, NE, where he was raised on a farm that was homesteaded by his grandfather and great-grandfather. He graduated from Gates High in 1942 and enlisted in the US Coast Guard. During WWII, Dillard spent 19 months at a Loran Station on Canton Island in the South Pacific and after the war returned to Nebraska to marry his high school sweetheart, Anastasia "Ann" (Mohatt) Gates in 1946.

After the War Dillard worked for the US Geological Survey for a short time then went off to college and earned a BS in Soil Conservation at the University of Nebraska, a MS in Agronomy also at Nebraska, and PhD in Range Management in 1955 from Utah State University. He was L.A. Stoddart's first PhD student and worked on ecology of winterfat communities in the Great Basin.

As one of the first PhD's in Range Management Dillard was involved in the foundation of many of the research and management programs that continue to today including the ARS range program in Oklahoma, cooperative ARS/WSU range research programs, OSU Range Extension, Research and Teaching programs, and many international USAID range development programs all over the world. He worked closely with the Forest Service, NRCS and BLM over the years and led development of the California Desert Program for BLM in 1970. He skillfully blended his lifelong farm background with his scientific knowledge. His professional accomplishments were exceptional. He was President of the Society for Range Management in 1980 and received numerous professional awards.

Dillard had a great impact on the Pacific Northwest through his years working here as Professor of Range Management in teaching, research and extension. He led development of extensive private land range improvement efforts that complemented the large scale range improvement efforts of BLM in the 1960's. His students became leaders in Range Management throughout Oregon and Washington. We all owe a great debt to this man who was one of the leaders bringing scientific management of rangelands to our part of the world. Thank you Dillard.



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## Officers, 2022

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## **2022 Roots of Resilience Grazing Conference and PNW Society for Range Management Spring Meeting**

**Pendleton Convention Center and Happy Canyon Arena  
1601 Westgate – Pendleton, OR  
May 24-26, 2022**

**– (Vaccinations and Masks are Highly Recommended for entire conference and field practical)**

- Please wear field attire appropriate for all types of weather and walking conditions.
- Bring a reusable water bottle and chair if you would like one for the field practical.
- Advise if you have dietary needs for lunches.
- Register by May 10 to assure lunches.**

### **Agenda**

#### **May 24 Pacific Northwest SRM – Pendleton Convention Center (PCC)**

- Noon** – PNW SRM Advisory Council Room #7 PCC  
**1 PM** - PNW SRM Board of Directors Room #7 PCC  
**4 PM** - Student Poster Set up - Silent Auction Set up \*  
**5 PM** - No Host Social Begins - Silent Auction Begins \*  
**6 PM** - Student Presentations - Heavy Hors d'oeuvres

#### **May 25 Grazing Conference - Pendleton Convention Center and Happy Canyon Arena**

- 8 AM Dave Pratt** – Emeritus Ranching for Profit – Three Secrets to Increasing Profit  
**Noon** – Deli Luncheon- Main Hall PCC  
**1-5 PM- Chris Schachtschneider** OSU-Low Stress Livestock Handling-Happy Canyon Arena

#### **May 26-Classroom and Field Practical with Nicole Masters – Lions Club Gardena School-152 Gardena School Road Touchet, WA (1 hour north of Pendleton)**

- 9 AM-1 PM Nicole Masters-Integrity Soils Agrologist** – Soil Health on Crop and Grazing Lands  
**1 PM**-Lunch-Walla Walla Community College Food Truck at Gardena School  
Beef donated by Cheryl and Robert Cosner DBA Dry Creek Ranch  
Beans donated by Sarah and Dan McClure DBA Tumac Farms/Walla Walla Organics

**2-5 PM – Field Practical with Nicole Masters** and hosts Sarah and Dan McClure **Walla Walla Organics 1576 Gardena Rd Touchet, WA 99360 (2 miles east of Gardena School classroom)**

Turn north on gravel field road, follow it down the hill to the farm shop where the field day will begin.

Carpool from Pendleton to field site with cohorts. Comfort Stations onsite. ***Please bring reusable water container and chair if you need one for the field practical.***

See **Roots of Resilience non-profit website** for more speaker details and

**Registration:** [Grazing Conference 2022 — Roots of Resilience](#)

This event is a **major fund raiser** for Roots of Resilience non-profits'

**New Cowgirl Camp, New Rancher Camp, and Veterans New Rancher Camp**

- more details on website [Grazing Conference 2022 — Roots of Resilience](#)

***\*Silent auction benefits PNW SRM college student travel and the endowment fund***

**College Student Participation Scholarship Dollars** have been contributed by a donor in the amount of \$2000. College advisers are asked to provide a list of students **participating in one or both days of the grazing conference May 25-26** prior to **April 30** to Andrea Mann at [mannandrea@aol.com](mailto:mannandrea@aol.com).

**Funds will be distributed proportionately**, up to student registration cost of \$97-197, among the students based on participation and available funding. Distribution will be made shortly after the students have provided a summary of their experiences to their advisors. These summaries will be posted in the PNW SRM newsletter and RoR website and outreach materials.

**Early registration - cutoff date April 30**

2-day - \$297 US Dollars

1-day - \$167 US Dollars

**Regular registration**

2-day - \$397 US Dollars

1-day - \$217 US Dollars

**Student**

2-day - \$197 US Dollars

1-day - \$ 97 US Dollars

A **block of rooms** has been reserved for May 24-25 under ***"Roots of Resilience"*** at **Oxford Suites**, 2400 Court Street, Pendleton in the amount of \$96+ US per night for a room with two queen beds or one king bed. Call 541.276.6000

**Vaccinations, Social Distancing, and Masks are Highly Recommended by local Health Districts**