



# The Range Rider

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## FROM THE PRESIDENT...

Summer has flown by, as it seems to do more quickly every year. I hope you have spent some quality time in the field among green grasses and beautiful wild flowers.



Thank-you to everyone who participated in the by-laws election. We had a just over 70% participation rate, which is outstanding! All of the issues were accepted, so you should see the current by-laws on the website by the time you receive this newsletter.

Speaking of voting, it is time to select a new set of officers to take the reins of CSSRM for 2017. We will need to elect two board members and a President Elect. Many thanks to Dan Nosal and Emily Kachergis for their service as a board member, and to Randy Reichert who will be stepping down as Past President at the November meeting in Pueblo. More information about the candidates and voting procedures are elsewhere in this newsletter.

Josh put together a great team of folks to organize an outstanding line up of speakers for the winter training and annual award banquet to be held November 1-3 at the state fairgrounds in Pueblo. This is not a small task, as anyone can tell you, so my hat's off to Josh and his crew for the quality of speakers combined with a very reasonable registration fee. If you have not attended a CSSRM winter event for a while, you will not find a better combination of speakers and cost than this one. You will find more information on pages 3-5 and on the website.

Julie  
2016 CSSRM President

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## October 17, 2016:

1st 2020 Organizational Meeting – RSVP by COB September 30

Calling all 2020 Committee Chairs, Committee Assistants and all other CSSRM members and others interested in helping to organize the 2020 meeting. We will be having a tour, brain storming session, idea and experience sharing gathering on Monday, October 17. We will meet in the lobby of the Embassy Suites' where appropriate, convene the gathering at 10 a.m. and close by 3 p.m. so folks can head on their way.

The first order of business will be a general tour of the Embassy Suites and The Ranch facilities. Lori Bennett, of Conference Direct, and representatives of both venues will be with us for the tour. After the tour, we'll brainstorm ideas & dreams for the meeting.

Then we'll discuss and draft a general outline of how we would like the 2020 gathering to flow so a meeting room contract can be finalized with the Embassy Suites.

Suggestions/volunteers for open chair positions and committee spots will be discussed. We'll identify immediate tasks and set a time line for the next several months,

This will be a great opportunity for our vast array of 2010 experienced members to share tips, insights and experiences with those of us who have not been involved in past!

If you will be attending, please let me know by September 30 for a lunch count.

If you will be traveling a great distance and need a room or would like to share a room, please contact me by September 30.

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## **Pre-Planning Tour opens the eyes and ideas of attendees!**

“Wow, I’m really excited about this place and what we can do!” This was just one of many positive comments made by attendees of the pre-planning facility tour held on Thursday, September 8.

The Embassy Suites wanted the 2020 meeting to sign a meeting space contract, so a small group of Colorado and Wyoming folks gathered to make the decision.

Before the tour, Julie led a brief brain storming session to start gathering ideas, hopes and dreams for the 2020 meeting. A small sample of these ideas includes: change the program entirely; emulate the IRC in some aspects (more ‘plenary sessions, fewer breakouts, provide lunch); aim to educate the general public, provide agency training (ATV, packing, other?), livestock demonstrations, provide meaningful training to grad students, and E posters.

After touring both the Embassy Suites and The Ranch facilities the group was not comfortable with signing a meeting space contract. They asked Kristin House, contract coordinator, to request the Embassy to wait until the October 17 meeting before signing a contract. (See the article on page 1 for information about the October 17 meeting.)



# Grass-Grazers-Family: Finding Common Ground

November 1-3, 2016

Colorado State Fairgrounds: Pueblo Colorado  
Creative Arts Building

What does it take to develop a successful livestock enterprise, manage grasslands, stay financially sound, and keep the family involved and working toward a common goal?

The Colorado Section of the Society for Range Management and Colorado State University Extension are pleased to announce an exciting training opportunity tying forage, livestock, and family aspects of ranching operations together. Pre-register NOW!



A very special thanks to Western Sustainable Agriculture Research & Education (SARE) for their funding support!



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# Agenda

## Tuesday, November 1

Creative Arts Building

- 9:00—11:00 Colorado Section SRM Board of Directors Meeting  
12:00—12:45 Registration  
12:45—1:00 Welcome and Introduction: **Josh Saunders**, President-Elect, Colorado Section SRM  
1:00—2:45 What Does it Mean to Know the Range? **Fred Provenza**  
2:45—3:00 Break  
3:00—3:50 What Range Cattle Producers Should Know About Johne's Disease! **Dr. Frank Garry**  
4:00—4:50 Virtual Fencing—What We Know and What is New: **Dean Anderson**

## Wednesday, November 2

Creative Arts Building

- 8:00—8:50 CSU Graduate Student Research: **Paul Meiman**  
**Kevin Jablonski**: Moving from Avoidance to actively Managed Grazing in Larkspur Habitat  
**Jordan Spaak**: Yellow Flag Iris Stomp: FFA Students Dancing Toward Invasive Weed Management in Wetlands  
9:00—9:50 Building a Future on Leased Land: **Nick Trainor**  
10:00—10:15 Break  
10:15—11:05 Complex Relationships in Grazing Management: **Grady Grissom**  
11:15—11:45 Ranching in Sync with Nature: **Steve Oswald**  
11:45—1:00 **Lunch** Served by the Rye, Colorado Future Farmers of America (FFA)  
1:00—2:50 Ranching for Profit in the 21st Century: **Kit Pharo**  
3:15—5:15 **Demonstrations**  
Permanent Electric Fence **Greg Schwab, Rye, CO**  
Temporary Electric Fence **Gallagher Rep**  
Solar Devices and Uses **Doug Tecklenburg, Olney Springs, CO**  
Pack Mules **Jeff Outhier, US Forest Service**  
Drones on the Ranch **Daniel Melia, Roboflight**  
6:00—8:00 **Dinner/Annual Business Meeting/Awards** **Creative Arts Building**  
8:00—10:00 **Social/Entertainment**

Rodeo Arena

## Thursday, November 3

Creative Arts

### Building

- 8:00—8:50 Ranchers, What is your Legacy? **Jeff Tranel**  
9:00—9:50 Social and Ecological Outcomes of Rancher Decision-Making in Colorado and Wyoming: **Hailey Wilmer**  
10:00—10:15 Break  
10:15—11:05 Business Diversification on a Working Ranch. How One Family Works Together to Build a Stronger Ranch: **Duke Phillips**

## Featured Speakers

<b>Fred Provenza</b>	What Does It Mean to Know Range?
<b>Duke Phillips</b>	Business Diversification on a Working Ranch...How on Family Works Together to Build a Stronger Ranch.
<b>Dean M. Anderson</b>	Virtual Fencing-What We Know and What Is New
<b>Jeff Tranel</b>	Ranchers, What is Your Legacy?
<b>Kit Pharo</b>	Ranching for Profit in the 21st Century
<b>Dr. Frank Garry</b>	What Range Cattle Producers Should Know About Johne's Disease
<b>Nick Trainor</b>	Building a Future on Leased Land
<b>Dr. Ryan Rhoades</b>	A System Approach to Ranching: Finding Leverage to Improve Grazing Management
<b>Hailey Wilmer</b>	(Adaptive) Rangeland Management: Social and Ecological Outcomes of Rancher Decision-Making in Colorado and Wyoming
<b>Grady Grissom</b>	Complex Relationships in Grazing Management
<b>Paul Meiman</b>	Restoration of Rangeland Plant Communities
<b>Kevin Jablonski</b>	Moving from Avoidance to Actively Managed Grazing in Larkspur Habitat
<b>Jordan Spaak</b>	Yellow Flag Iris Stomp: FFA Students Dancing Toward Invasive Weed Management in Wetlands
<b>Jeff Outhier</b>	All Terrain Vehicles

For a detailed Biography of each speaker, please visit the CSSRM website at: [www.cssrm.org](http://www.cssrm.org)

### PRE-REGISTRATION & LATE REGISTRATION SCHEDULE

#### PRE-REGISTRATION BY OCTOBER 25

Pre-registration is **required** by October 25-online at [www.wintertrainingpueblo.eventbrite.com](http://www.wintertrainingpueblo.eventbrite.com) (Active Soon)

#### Pre-registration is encouraged!

Late registrations accepted all days of the Workshop.  
Lunch and Dinner on November 2nd cannot be guaranteed for late registration!

<b>Pre-Registration</b>	3 day package (November 1-3):	\$45 [includes lunch and dinner-Nov 2nd]
	Whole day (November 2):	\$25 [includes lunch]
	Half day (November 1 or 3):	\$10 per day [no lunch or dinner]
	Dinner (November 2):	\$15
<b>Late Registration</b>	3 day package (November 1-3):	\$50 [includes lunch and dinner-Nov 2nd]
	Whole day (November 2):	\$30 [includes lunch]
	Half day (November 1 or 3):	\$15

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