

Colorado Section SRM Summer Workshop

June 23, 2017 - 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM

**Registration opens 7:30 AM – Gather at Kremmling NRCS Office, 106 South 2nd Street
Travel to ranch from Kremmling at 8:30 AM**

Blue Valley Ranch – Kremmling, CO

Ranching with Wildlife Interactions in Western Colorado’s Middle Park

This training will take place on the Blue Valley Ranch located 7 miles south of Kremmling. The session will inform & educate participants about managing mountain park sagebrush-grasslands through good land stewardship practices and sound grazing management, while considering livestock-wildlife interactions and working toward common goals of all partners.



The **Colorado Section of the Society for Range Management**, together with the **Middle Park Conservation District**, and **Colorado State University Extension** are pleased to co-sponsor an exciting training opportunity tying forage, livestock, and wildlife aspects of ranching operations together.



This ranch has a unique story to share of how they operate their businesses; thinking outside of the box by applying grazing strategies (cattle & bison), common sense solutions and diversifying their operation. Check out [Blue Valley Ranch](#) commitment to healthy ecosystems and land stewardship. The CSSRM Board of Directors meeting will convene at 3:00 PM, Thursday, June 22nd at the NRCS office in Kremmling. **All Colorado Section members are welcome to attend.**

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Registration - - - - -

Register Now! Members, Non-members and Ag Producers are Welcome!

Return with payment to: Middle Park Conservation District, PO Box 265, Kremmling, CO 80459

Number Attending: _____ @ \$15.00 pre-registration*: \$20.00 late registration..... \$ _____

Student Registration: _____ @ \$10.00 pre-registration*: \$15.00 late registration..... \$ _____

TOTAL ENCLOSED: \$ _____

Name(s) of Registrants: _____

*Pre-registration required for meals **due June 16th**. ***Make payment to the "Middle Park Conservation District"***

Registration includes all informational materials, light breakfast (provided by the Conservation District) & lunch.

For questions regarding registration contact Katlin Miller, 970-531-0127, or middleparkcd@gmail.com

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Lodging & Directions

Blue Valley Ranch

[Directions to Blue Valley Ranch](#) About 7 miles south of Kremmling on highway 9.

Hotels in Kremmling

[Allington Inn and Suites of Kremmling](#)
[Super 8 Kremmling](#)
[Hotel Eastin](#)

Cabins near Kremmling

[Muddy Creek Cabins](#)

Camping

Green Mountain Reservoir (South of Kremmling) [USFS Green Mountain/Heeney Area](#)

Camping: \$13.00 per night. Additional \$5.00 per vehicle for more than two vehicles. Depending on site, first come first serve. For questions related to camp grounds, you can contact The Dillon Ranger District office in Silverthorne: 970-468-5400.

[Gore Range Area \(West of Kremmling\)](#)

First Come First Serve. Developed camp sites \$10. Day Use: No fee

Located 20 minutes west of Kremmling, Colorado and 20 minutes east of Yampa, Colorado on the Routt National Forest.

[Wolford Campground \(North Of Kremmling\)](#)

\$20/night for camping. \$5 per vehicle per day. \$120/week for camping.

2-night minimum for weekend reservations. Drive-in camping welcome too, availability dependent.

Holiday weekends are a 3-night minimum for reservations.

Only ONE camping unit (RV or tent) per site. Every site has electricity.

Central water and dump station available.

Reservations can be made only until Wednesday for upcoming weekend.

For additional information contact the CSSRM summer workshop planning committee:

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See You There!



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HSYF News—High School Youth Benefit from Rangeland Management Forum in St. George, UT

By Ben Berlinger, Colorado Section of the Society for Range Management, Youth Activities Chair



(Left to Right) Bree-ann Carwin, Cody Wilson and Ben Baumgartner.

The Colorado Section of the Society for Range Management (SRM) was well represented at the 2017 High School Youth Forum (HSYF) held in St. George, UT on February 1-4, 2017. The HSYF is an integral part of the SRM annual meeting. This year there were 23 delegates representing 11 of the SRM Sections. During the Forum, high school youth from all part of the western United States and Canada are invited to participate and interact among the various professionals and college students attending the meeting. Each of SRM's 21 Sections is allowed to send up to three youth delegates to this program that provides a high quality learning experience.

This year the Colorado Section SRM sponsored three delegates to St. George, UT. **Ben Baumgartner** of Strasburg, **Bree-ann**

Carwin of Pritchett, and **Cody Wilson** of Las Animas were selected to participate in the SRM Forum. All three delegates were chosen based on their exceptional achievements in rangeland management programs. Ben was selected based on the high level of achievement at Camp Rocky, Colorado's natural resources conservation summer camp. Bree-ann & Cody were chosen based on their high individual scores in site judging & plant identification at the *Eastern Colorado State FFA rangeland judging contest* held in Burlington on October 6, 2016.

The goals of the HSYF are to recognize youth for outstanding accomplishments in rangeland management activities and to provide young people the opportunity to discuss rangelands, career options, and meet with leaders in the field of range management. One requirement of the HSYF is that each delegate must write a paper and then present an illustrated talk on some aspect of rangeland conservation or management.

Ben's presentation was titled Giants of the High Plains.

Ben talked about how grazing bison combined with a prescribed rotational management strategy is being used on the Plains Conservation Center just outside of the Denver metro-area. The management tool of managed bison grazing is helping to restore the prairie ecosystem through improving the ecological processes affecting rangeland health.

Bree-ann's presentation was titled Do You Have a "Dog" in this Fight?

She talked about the pros and cons of prairie dogs and their effects on making sound rangeland management decisions. She discussed the biology of the prairie dog and why they are considered a "keystone" ecological species. Bree-ann featured a discussion of how prairie dogs are fitting into the management of the rangeland on her family's ranch near Pritchett.

Cody's presentation was titled Controlling the Juniper for Range Management.

In his paper Cody wrote about how one-seed juniper has encroached on to some ecological sites, such as Loamy Plains, where it once was only a minor species. He highlighted the control options for controlling one-seed juniper and the advantages and disadvantages of each.

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All three of their papers and power point presentations can be accessed at the CO Section's website at www.cssrm.org/. The Colorado Section SRM congratulates Ben, Bree-ann and Cody for their outstanding achievements in rangeland management and wishes them the best as they further pursue their ambitions in the field of natural resource management. Contact Ben Berlinger (719-469-3895 or ben.berlinger@co.usda.gov), Youth Activities Chairman, for more information about the SRM High School Youth Forum.

“Why be a member of SRM?” you ask. Julie Elliott, our past President of CSSRM, and Roy Roath put together a comprehensive list of values tied to our membership in SRM. Hopefully this prompts our section members to plug into some of these areas they haven't approached before. It can also be good talking points for our members to discuss with non-members when that question is asked.

As a range professional:

- SRM sets the standards for the profession, both education and conduct, including the requirements for the 0454 series in the Federal system.
- It provides an opportunity to network with other professionals.
 - Who you know plays a critical role in a person's career path, whether you are laying ground work for upward mobility or to start new someplace else.
- It provides an opportunity to make a contribution to the range profession.
- SRM keeps range in front of legislatures and agency leads.
- Because you have a passion about range - you value rangelands, and SRM is the organization to tie folks with the same value sets together.
- SRM sets the standards for the science of rangelands.
- SRM provides training.
- **Membership gives you the opportunity to meet folks that you could not interact with otherwise.**

As a rancher:

- SRM is the go-to organization for management information.
- SRM organizes annual tours/field days to highlight outstanding stewardship and to spend time with other ranchers.
 - **Gain applied, real life information you can take home and use.**

**Know of anyone not getting the newsletter?
Have them update their email address!!**



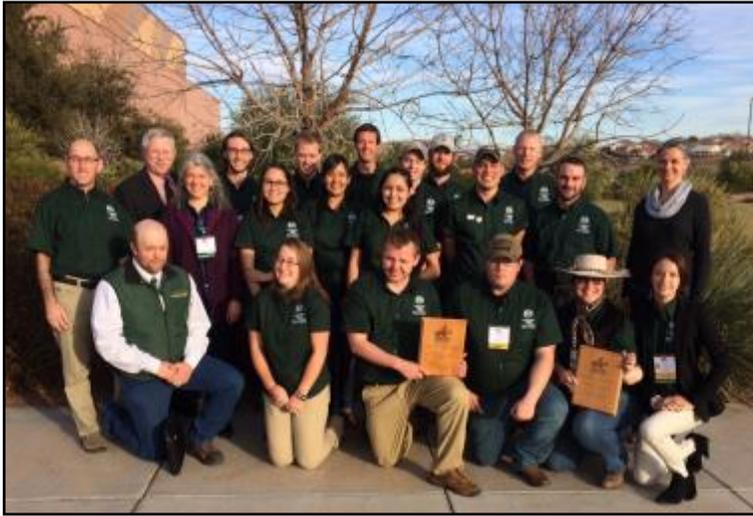
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CSU Range Club Recap

CSU Rangeland Ecology Club ~It's about land health



Faculty, students, and recent graduates at the 2017 Society for Range Management Meeting in Saint George, Utah. From left to right standing: Brett Wolk (Plant ID Team Coach), Roy Roath (Professor Emeritus), Maria Fernandez-Gimenez (Rangeland Cup Coach), Spencer Good, Amanda Interpreter, Jacob Lillegard, Arielle Quintana, Tanner Marshall, Marley Smith, Jack Van Vleet, Trey James, Alejandro Talavera, Thadd Strom, Terry Southworth, Linda Nagel (Department Head, Forest and Rangeland Stewardship). From left to right kneeling: Paul Meiman (URME coach), Nakayla Lestina, Brian Osterholzer, Tyrell Mares, Dixie Crowe, Mysti Tatro.

Colorado State had total of 16 undergraduate students, five graduate students, six Forest and Rangeland Stewardship faculty members and two staff attend the 2017 Society for Range Management Conference in Saint George, Utah and participate in the meeting, student events, and competitions. The club had a great week listening to speakers, hosting the booth in the trade show, and competing.

Plant Identification (Brett Wolk, Coach). The CSU Plant ID Team met weekly during the fall semester to study 200 plants from across North America, with an average of 10 students learning the intricacies of plant indentation. Three CSU students took the test at the SRM conference, including Tanner Marshall (Club Treasurer), Spencer Good (incoming 2017 Club Historian), and Jack Van Vleet, who took the test for a third year and continued to improve his score, approaching the top one-third of all scores on the notoriously difficult test.

Extemporaneous Speaking (Hailey Wilmer, Coach). Brian Osterholzer (incoming 2017 Club Vice President) won second place. Arielle Quintana (Club President 2016-2017) and Mysti Tatro (incoming 2017 Club President) also competed.

Undergraduate Range Management Exam (URME) (Paul Meiman, Coach). This year, 198 students from 24 schools competed in URME. Trey James, Tanner Marshall (Club Treasurer), Nakayla Lestina, Jacob Lillegard, Tyrell Mares (Club Secretary 2016-2017), and Terry Southworth were members of CSU's team. SRM recognizes and awards plaques to individuals and teams that place first through fifth. CSU's team placed sixth this year; only four points out of the running. Three of our students placed in roughly the top 10% (Trey James, 9th place; Tanner Marshall, 17th place; Jacob Lillegard, 22nd place out of 198 participants).

Rangeland Cup (Maria Fernandez-Gimenez, Coach). The team of Dixie Crowe (M.N.R.S. candidate), Arielle Quintana (Club President 2016-2017), Thadd Strom, and Tyrell Mares (Club Secretary 2016-2017) won second place out of 11 posters submitted from nine schools.

Collegiate Trail Boss CSU was only one point out of tying for this award (only one given, so CSU was one point out of first place).

Graduate Student Posters/Talks Kevin Jablonski (PhD candidate), Chris Dickey (M.S.), Jen Timmer (M.S. candidate), and Magda Garbowski (M.S.) presented at the meeting.

Photo Contest: Dixie Crowe (M.N.R.S. candidate) and John Wendt (graduated last year from CSU Rangeland Ecology) won several awards.

Other Highlights: Mae Smith, who completed a M.S. in Rangeland Ecosystem Science in 2011 working with Paul Meiman, was recognized with the Outstanding Young Range Professional Award (one of the SRM Honor Awards). Mae is now a University Extension Educator for University of Wyoming based in Greybull, Wyoming.

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Brian Osterholzer (incoming 2017 Club Vice President) won second place in extemporaneous speaking. (Coach Hailey Wilmer).

Second place Rangeland Cup Team from left to right: Thadd Strom, Arielle Quintana, Maria Fernandez-Gimenez (coach), Dixie Crowe, Tyrell Mares.

New Range Club Officers installed and Final Spring Meetings

On April 12, outgoing Club President Arielle Quintana was our guest speaker covering the Cochiti Pueblo Natural Resources Program and the Department of Natural Resources and Conservation. At the final spring meeting, April 26, the club enjoyed a potluck dinner and voted in the new club officers for 2017-2018. In addition, the club enjoyed a presentation by Don Hajar from Pawnee Buttes Seed Inc. on his career in soil conservation and the seed business. The club is looking forward to continuing our relationship with Little Big Horn College that outgoing Club President Arielle Quintana started during our time at SRM, St. George. The club is also looking forward to restoration and fundraising projects in the fall, as well as attending the 2017 Range Beef Cow Symposium November 28 to 30 in Cheyenne, Wyoming.

Our officers for 2017-2018 are: President Mysti Tatro, Vice President Brian Osterholzer, Secretary Sarah Levane, Treasurer Tanner Marshall, Historian Spencer Good, College Council Representative Savanna Pague.



2017-2018 Range Club Officers from left to right: Spencer Good (Historian), Tanner Marshall (Treasurer), Mysti Tatro (President), Brian Osterholzer (Vice President), Sarah LeVane (Secretary), not pictured Savanna Pague (College Council Representative).