



# The Range Rider

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## FROM THE PRESIDENT...

Fall is here and winter is peaking around the corner! I am hoping each of you got out to see the fall show that Colorado put on for us! **It was an absolutely amazing color year!** A great reminder of how lucky we are to call Colorado our home.

Another benefit is the outstanding Colorado Section of SRM of which



you are a member. You are a member....RIGHT? If not, or others in your profession are not, become one today and



encourage others to join! The Colorado Section of the SRM is stronger than ever. We had a fantastic summer tour at the Badder

ranch and we are planning a phenomenal winter meeting. We hope to see you all there! Keep reading for what's happening in your professional society.

**Comments requested!** Your Section president has been invited to attend a membership action forum hosted by the International Society for Range Management in Denver on November 10<sup>th</sup>. Lisa would like to hear any thoughts you have regarding membership. She wants to represent you, the members! So send her your thoughts, ideas, and concerns. Please email her at: [lvanamburg@fs.fed.us](mailto:lvanamburg@fs.fed.us)

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## Exploring Landscape Management — Summer Tour

A special THANK YOU goes out to Terry and Randy

Bader for hosting us at the Bader Ranch for the 2014 Summer Tour. Roy Roath and Ben Berlinger organized a fantastic tour on the ranch! Many Thanks.



There were 72 people who attended the tour and the burgers after were great!



There were many new faces and lots of great conversations.



## CSSRM Representatives

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## By Laws Updates:

The Colorado Section of the Society for Range Management Board of Directors (BOD) approved a resolution during the February 11, 2014 BOD meeting in Orlando Florida to put proposed bylaw changes to a vote of the membership. The proposed changes will address the following issues in the current bylaws:

1. update dated terminology to reflect advancing technologies,
2. separate the Secretary and Treasurer positions and edit language as needed to reflect respective duties,
3. modify Director term limits to read: "Directors may serve two 2-year terms then shall be eligible for reelection to the same office after at least one year after the end of their respective terms",
4. lower the existing nominating and election committee requirement to 2 members and, correct existing typographical errors.

**The proposed changes are available for viewing on the CSSRM web-site at: <http://www.cssrm.org>**

Most of the changes are obvious, but some clarification on others might be helpful. One of those is the separating of the treasurer and secretary positions. The need for this change came from those that have previously served in the current combined treasurer/secretary position. Separating these positions will make the duties of each position more clear and manageable for our working officers.

The requirements for the treasurer include becoming a signature at our bank and other security measures to allow this position to have spending authorities. Keeping this position from having frequent turnover is advantageous to the CSSRM.

By separating these positions, the treasurer duties are limited to those that are related to spending, reporting, tracking and tax requirements. While still critical to the success of the CSSRM, the secretary duties lend themselves to be more adaptable to a greater turnover because they do not require security measures.

Another may be the changes to the Director term limits. Due to ever increasing workloads at personal jobs, it has become increasingly difficult to recruit members to serve in officer positions. Therefore, if a current BOD member would like to run on the ballot for a second term, CSSRM would like to make it available for them to serve subsequent terms if the membership votes them to a second or subsequent term.

Current bylaws state that the voting for bylaw changes must be done with a mailed paper ballot. This is a proposed change in the bylaws to allow future voting to be done electronically. **However, we are giving members the opportunity to waive this in the upcoming election and select whether they would like to vote electronically or receive a paper ballot. You will be asked for either your email address or your physical address. Please VOTE! We must have at least a 2/3 vote to be able to affirm the bylaw changes.. More info on voting will be forthcoming.**

## RESPONDING TO DISTURBANCE: EFFECTIVE RESTORATION AND MONITORING

Colorado Section—Society for Range Management

Winter Meeting— December 3 to December 5, 2014

Submitted by: Julie Elliott



Photo courtesy of Wendy Ryan; [http://coflood2013.colostate.edu/poudre\\_pics.html](http://coflood2013.colostate.edu/poudre_pics.html)

Colorado is no stranger to ground disturbance. However, the last 24 months have brought a surplus of ground disturbing events to the state. From grass killing drought, to creek re-routing floods, to forest denuding fires, Mother Nature has assaulted the land from all sides.

In response, the Colorado Section of the Society for Range Management (CSSRM) is hosting “Responding to Disturbance: Effective Restoration and Monitoring”. The conference and workshop will be held December 3-5, 2014, at the Fort Collins Marriott on Horsetooth Road. It will run from 1 p.m. Wednesday afternoon, December 3, until 1 p.m. on Friday, December 5.

The meeting will look closely at the impacts of fire, flood, grazing/drought, and oil/gas development and restoration methods for each. A key component is a half-day “Practitioner Skills” Workshop on Friday morning. Workshop speakers will focus on reseeding and revegetation methods, mulch and monitoring techniques and adaptive management.

The keynote speaker will open Wednesday with a look back at the history of restoration. The remainder of the afternoon will focus on range recovery on the ranch. It will start with a look at the restoration challenges and opportunities on rangeland. Livestock operators will then learn how they can manage the ranch to soften the impacts of drought and overgrazing. Attendees will also hear about low cost yet highly effective methods to help riparian recovery. The closing ranch talk will look at the Coal Basin Cow Stomp.

Wednesday evening will feature the Colorado Section banquet and awards presentation. The mixer and cash bar will open at 6 p.m., and the banquet at 7 p.m. The Colorado Section of SRM awards ceremony will follow the meal.

Small acreage lots present unique challenges to widespread disasters. Thursday will open with a discussion about how to counter these challenges followed by a look at fire and flood repair.



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## Winter meeting information .. Continued

After the provided lunch, the focus will shift to energy industry disturbances and recovery/restoration practices. Noxious weed impact on restoration and information about efforts to build an 'ecoregional' seed network will close the day.

Friday will be the half-day "Practitioner Skills Workshop" co-hosted with the Society for Ecological Restoration Central Rockies Chapter. The workshop will address questions such as, "How do you identify problem areas and alter your strategy to improve restoration success?" Attendees will learn skills and techniques to help improve rangeland restoration success across habitats and disturbance types, from wetlands to energy lands to working prairies.

Registration for the full event includes breaks, the Wednesday evening banquet and Thursday lunch. SRM and SER members pay \$150. Non-member registration is \$165. The Wednesday and Friday half-day sessions is \$40 each (no meals) while Thursday is \$75 (includes lunch). After November 15, full registration increases \$15 and day registrations increase \$10. Student rates are available.

This meeting is for practitioners, landowners, contractors, city and county government employees. A complete agenda, registration and exhibitor information is available at the meeting website: <http://cssrm2014.eventbrite.com>



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## The Colorado State Range Ecology Club

The Colorado State University chapter of the Society for Range Management is an active group of undergraduates who learn and work with the principles of range management and knowledge of range ecosystems. The CSU chapter works closely with professionals at CSU to practice for plant i.d. competitions and the Undergraduate Range Management Exam at the annual Society for Range Management conference. The club promotes professional development for its members by providing interaction with professionals and peers across the natural resources spectrum, and hands on work with range management and monitoring. The annual fall picnic that the club hosts provides an opportunity to engage new student members and local professionals to provide an environment of enthusiasm for the range club's goals and purpose. This year's picnic took place on Wednesday October 8 and was a great success for a mingling of new student members and local professionals.

### An introduction to the club President...



My name is Gabina Lichtner and I am a senior at Colorado State University. I am a double major in Rangeland Ecology with a concentration in Range and Forest Management and Natural Resource Management as well as a double minor in Environmental Affairs and Global Environmental Sustainability. My goal is to attend Law School at Denver University for environmental law, with my ultimate career goal to bridge the gap between top-down and bottom-up approaches to environmental issues and policies. I joined the Rangeland Ecology Club my Sophomore year because of my interest in Plant ID and then became more involved with the Range Club and eventually added the Range major. The second year I was in the club I was vice president because I wanted to be more involved with the club and this year I was elected president. I hope that with this year I will be able to revive the club and foster more interest in the club and rangeland ecology as a whole.

### Scholarship Awardee Thank you Letter

Dear Colorado Section Society for Range Management,

Thank you all for awarding me with this year's Outstanding Freshman/Sophomore/Recent Transfer Rangeland Ecology Major Scholarship. Your generosity is very influential in my decision to continue studying Rangeland Ecology. I look forward to receiving this scholarship award at the WCNR Banquet along with the challenge of competing for the Outstanding Junior or Senior Rangeland Ecology Major Scholarship. While I have met only a couple of you, I hope to meet more of you in the future. I plan to become a member of the Range Club and, most importantly, continue to practice range management throughout my career.

Thanks again!

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