****NOTICE: Proposed Bylaw Change****

Existing Bylaws can be found at http://www.rangelands.org/pdf/Bylaws.pdf

*****PLEASE CIRCLE YOUR VOTE FOR EACH OF THE FOLLOWING 2 PROPOSED BYLAW AMENDMENTS*****

**ARTICLE III – Nominations and Election of the Second Vice President and Elective Members of the Board of Directors**

1. **PROPOSAL: CHANGE IN LENGTH OF VOTING PERIOD FOR SRM ELECTIONS**

   **JUSTIFICATION FOR PROPOSAL:** This proposed Bylaw change is needed to bring conformity in dates with Section 6 and to change the voting period from 60 days to 45 days. This has been the standard practice in the SRM Denver Office and this proposed Bylaw change brings conformity of practice and wording. The final sentence is intended to allow the Society to distribute electronic election ballots to individuals as the primary method. Should a valid email not be present on an individual's profile, a paper ballot will be distributed. Individuals can request in writing that their ballots be delivered in paper format. Both of these instances are examples of reasonable direction.

   Article III, SECTION 5 currently states:
   Not later than October 15 of each year the Executive Vice President shall mail and/or make available to all voting members of the Society a printed and/or electronic ballot showing the names of all candidates, and a photograph, biographical sketch and statement of each candidate. Prudent care will be taken to ensure each voting member shall only cast one vote per election.

   **PROPOSED CHANGE:**
   Article III, SECTION 5:
   Not later than September 1 of each year the Executive Vice President shall mail and/or make available to all voting members of the Society a printed and/or electronic ballot showing the names of all candidates, and a photograph, biographical sketch and statement of each candidate. Prudent care will be taken to ensure each voting member shall only cast one vote per election. Unless reasonably directed, the Society will distribute ballots by electronic means.

   YES or NO

**ARTICLE XIII – AMENDMENTS**

2. **PROPOSAL: Conformity of procedures for Election of Officers and Bylaw Amendments**

   **JUSTIFICATION FOR PROPOSAL:** This proposed Bylaws change is needed to bring conformity with Article III Sections 5 & 6 whereby electronic voting can occur for those Society members who have provided electronic contact information on their profile page. The final sentence is intended to allow the Society to distribute electronic amendment ballots to individuals as the primary method. Should a valid email not be present on an individual's profile, a paper ballot will be distributed. Individuals can request in writing that their ballots be delivered in paper format. Both of these instances are examples of reasonable direction.

   Article XIII, SECTION 3 currently states:
   Proposed amendments shall be printed and mailed to all voting members of the Society, together with a printed ballot indicating a “Yes” and a “No” for the proposed amendment. If the election is held during a regular annual election of the Society, the ballots received by the Election Committee on or before November 30 shall be counted. If a special election is held, a printed ballot shall show plainly the date by which it is returned to be eligible for counting, such specified date to be not less than 60 days from the date of mailing to the membership.

   **PROPOSED CHANGE:**
   Article XIII, SECTION 3:
   Proposed amendments shall be printed and mailed or sent electronically to all voting members of the Society, together with a printed and/or electronic ballot indicating a “Yes” and a “No” for the proposed amendment. Whether the amendment is proposed during a regular annual election of the Society, or if an amendment is proposed at any other time, a printed and/or electronic ballot shall show plainly the date by which it is returned (postmarked or time stamped) to be eligible for tabulation, such specified date to be not less than 45 days from the date of distribution of mailed or electronic ballots. Unless reasonably directed, the Society will distribute amendment ballots by electronic means.

   YES or NO

Please VOTE and return with your election ballot in the enclosed envelope by October 14, 2014.

Thank You!