

New Mexico Section Society for Range Management

NM Section SRM Annual Winter Meeting

Title: Meeting Energy Challenges for the New Century: Implications for Range Management

Where: Albuquerque, NM (Fairfield Inn, Corner of Menaul and University next to Hilton 505-889-4000)

When: January 8-9, 2008

Draft Agenda

Wednesday, January 7

- 2:00 – 5:00 2009 National SRM Convention Executive Planning Committee Meeting (Albuquerque Convention Center)
- 5:00 – 7:00 NM SRM Board Meeting (Albuquerque Convention Center)

Thursday, January 8

- 7:00 – 11:30 Registration & depart for tour of National Solar Thermal Test Facility, Dr. Tom Mancini, Sandia National Laboratory – **ADVANCE REGISTRATION AND BACKGROUND CHECK REQUIRED.** Each individual must provide the following information to Summer Eaton (575-646-2362) by **December 19** in order for SNL to process the necessary paperwork to grant clearance: 1) full name; 2) date of birth; 3) social security number; 4) name of company you work for; 5) job title; 6) U.S. citizen (yes or no). **Limited to 25 people.**
- 12:00 – 1:00 Lunch on your own
- 1:00 – 2:20 Presentations (20 min each including Q & A)

✓ **Key Issues in Energy and Natural Resources.** Terry Brunner, State Director to U.S. Senator Jeff Bingaman

✓ State Forestry speaker invited (New PJ Commercial Species Forestry Regulations)

✓ **Energy Applications and Harvesting of Woody Biomass from Rangelands.** Dr. Brent Racher, Restoration Solutions, LLC

✓ Matt Allen (Mt. Taylor Millworks pellet production from Woody Rangeland Plants)

2:20 – 2:50 Break (Sponsored by NMCGA – contact Jim Thorpe)

2:50 – 4:10 Presentations (20 min each including Q & A)

✓ Dr. Wayne Van Voorhies (Algal Production for BioFuel)

✓ Steve Henke (BLM Farmington Oil and Gas Fields Exploration Impacts and Rehabilitation)

✓ **Wind Energy Development on New Mexico Rangelands: a Rancher's Perspective.** Barbara Sultemeier, Corona, NM

✓ Dr. Abbas Ghessimi (Geothermal Energy Options for New Mexico)

4:10 – 5:30 Panel discussion with afternoon speakers.

6:00 – 8:00 Social (hors d'oeuvres and no host bar)

Friday, January 9

8:00 – 10:00 Volunteer Presentations (20 min each including Q & A)

✓ Dr. Tom Bartlett, Bob Alexander – 2009 National Meeting Planning Chair Update

✓ Nick Ashcroft, NMSU Ph.D. Candidate, “Biological Landscape Enhancement in Natural Resource Development”

✓ Dr. Manny Encinias (Camelina and other crops for biofuel)

- ✓ Ciara Cusack, NMSU MS Student, “Supporting riparian habitat with acequia irrigation systems”
- ✓ Barbara Witmore, NMSU MS Student, “Potential for supplements to increase livestock consumption of honey mesquite leaves”
- ✓ Additional Speaker

10:00 – 10:30 Break (Sponsored by Dow-Elanco – contact John Tunberg)

10:30 – 11:30 NM High School Youth Forum paper presentations

“Growth of Blue Grama on New Mexico Rangelands: Impact of Precipitation on Forage Production and Quality” – Kristen Medina, FFA member, Clayton High School

“Monitoring....A Noun or A Verb” – Jenna Gilbert, FFA member, Des Moines High School

“Range Caterpillar – The Bane to the Range” – Lyndi Owensby, FFA member, Des Moines High School

11:30 – 2:00 Awards Luncheon

2:00 Adjourn