

## **UNR RANGE CLUB**

The University of Nevada, Reno Range Club has had a very exciting year so far! We've visited the Gund Ranch that lies outside of Austin, NV gaining great experience learning about the operations of a working ranch. We were given a fantastic tour and great explanations to all of our questions by the ranch manager John Wilkes. The club learned about the grazing systems and reasons behind them used on the property, ongoing experiments there, and much more; including getting to attend a local branding and being able to use a rangeland seeder to seed one of the pastures. The club also just recently participated in hosting the Nevada California joint Cattleman's Convention held at the Nugget in Reno. We assisted the Nevada chapter of the Society for Range Management to man their booth during the event and raffled off tickets for a Winchester .30-30 rifle to raise funds for our club; the rifle will also be raffled at the SRM Winter Meeting that will take place at UNR. The club will host a talk by Will Rogers Peterson, one of the managers of Burning Man City, on February 20 at UNR regarding their "Leave No Trace" work and its importance to the event. Perhaps our biggest event is our participation in a symposium at the field research station in Burns, OR in mid-April. It will be a collaboration of many different colleges in the region for us to spend about a week there gaining firsthand knowledge of the many subjects they have to offer. Until these upcoming events, the club's main priorities are to raise enough funds to support them, spread the word about our club and what we do on campus and around our community, and come up with many more exciting and rewarding events to participate in.