Grazing management, energy industry highlight upcoming forum for regional agricultural producers

ARDMORE, Okla. — The Society for Range Management will hold two Successful Ranching Producer Forum sessions on Tuesday, Feb. 5, in conjunction with their annual meeting at the Cox Convention Center in Oklahoma City.

The morning session will be from 8 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and will focus on grazing management. This session will feature ranchers from Oklahoma and Kansas who will speak on how their management and stewardship practices help make their ranches successful and sustainable. Speakers will cover rotational grazing, patch burn grazing, wildlife management and other management tools they use to be successful stewards of their range resources.

The afternoon session will be from 1:30 p.m. to 4 p.m. and will focus on coping with the energy industry. Many landowners must share their range resources with the energy industry and learn how to co-exist and be successful while coping with the effects. Producers will learn areas in which they can have success in mitigation of surface damages, ranch infrastructure development, water development and strategies to make the best out of an often tough situation.

“It is important that the rancher understand the limitations and demands of their range resources,” said James Rogers, assistant professor. “Ranchers should develop a grazing management system that works best to sustain and enhance those resources that lead to successful ranching rather than choosing a method of grazing off the shelf that may or may not fit their operation.”

For additional details, please visit the Society of Range Management website at www.rangelands.org.
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