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MEMORANDUM

TO: SRM Watershed/Riparian Task Group
FROM: Fred Gifford, Chairman *FG*
SUBJECT: Minutes, Corpus Christi, TX

Attached find a copy of the minutes from our first meeting held in Corpus Christi. The minutes, compiled by Clayton Marlow, are for your review and comment.

I have requested a half-day symposium slot at the annual meeting scheduled for Reno in 1990 (as per item A-#1 in the minutes), and we should have a decision the first part of May.

As I indicated in Corpus Christi, none of us need the "honor" of being on another committee unless we can undertake some long- or short-term activities that will have a significant impact on, in this case, the image of SRM. Our task group can be a significant part of SRM, but I need your help and ideas. Please take some time out from your busy schedules to let me know your thoughts. Thanks.

FG/jf

GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

Watershed/Riparian Task Group
Society for Range Management

Preliminary Draft

23 February 1988, Corpus Christi, TX

After initial discussion, members of the Task Group agreed that the Society is suffering from an image crisis to some extent within, but most importantly, in the eyes of nonmember natural resource managers and users. Essentially, the "SRM" is viewed as a livestock organization rather than a professional organization dedicated to wise natural resource stewardship. Although the organization of the Annual Meetings provides a forum to dispel this concern, we usually accomplish little more than talking to ourselves. Consequently, a goal of all SRM members and committees is to make nonmembers more aware of the SRM's involvement in natural resource conservation. The specific goal of the Watershed/Riparian Task Group is to enhance the Society's overall image by publicizing our efforts to encourage the protection and improvement of rangeland watersheds and riparian zones. To accomplish the Task Group's goal, we propose the following:

- A. The Society for Range Management will sponsor a symposium during the concurrent technical sessions at the Annual Meeting in Reno, Nevada, 1990.
 1. Participants would be invited from
 - a. The National Wildlife Federation
 - b. The Audubon Society
 - c. Soil and Water Conservation Society
 - d. Ducks Unlimited
 - e. Society for Range Management
 - f. Trout Unlimited
 2. Each participant would be asked to present a paper addressing how healthy, self-perpetuating riparian zones and intact watersheds are

important components of a quality environment. How would each group maintain or improve the ecological condition of watershed/riparian zones?

3. The invited papers will be included in a symposium proceedings which will be printed and distributed at the Annual Meeting.
 - a. Funding to publish the proceedings will be sought from:
 - The National Wildlife Federation
 - The National Science Foundation
 - The Audubon Society
 - Trout Unlimited
4. Participants will also be invited to be part of a panel for questions and comments following the presentation of papers. Questions will be directed towards the respective position papers.
5. A summary of the papers and the answers/comments from the panel would be prepared by the Task Group for publication in the JRM and the monthly publications of the invited interest groups.

NOTE: It may be useful to pre-sample the participants and a subsample of SRM membership regarding the SRM's role in watershed/riparian conservation management and then resample the respondents after the symposium.

The symposium should provide the SRM with an opportunity to introduce more natural resource interest groups to its position on watershed and riparian zone conservation and make the Society more aware of other views.