



Wyoming Section Society for Range Management



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Message from the President

Happy Winter SRM Members!

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Hello range friends across Wyoming!

I am excited to be your President for 2017. First, I want to thank all of those who helped with and attended the 2016 Annual Meeting in Cody. It was great to interact with The Wildlife Society. The sessions were informative and we were lucky to have the banquet at Buffalo Bill Center of the West. Unfortunately the weather didn't cooperate with the Heart Mountain tour.

As we look forward into 2017, we see the SRM meeting in St. George quickly approaching. I will be there and will attend the Advisory Council meeting. If you have issues or suggestions that should be brought in front of that group, let me or Windy Kelley, who will also be at the meeting, know.

If you are looking for other ways to engage with WY-SRM:

- We will have a WY-SRM Council conference call on February 24 at 9am. The public is welcome to listen. Let me know if you'd like to join so I can send call info.
- If you know of workshops or trainings that would be of interest to SRM members, let us know so we can spread the word. Or- suggest a topic and we'll see if we can get a training organized.
- Engage in a committee. A list of committees is on our website: rangelands.org/wyoming
- Attend SRM events like WyRED, ESD workshop and the annual meeting.
- Nominate a professional or producer for an award.

I hope to see many of you in St. George or at some point this year. Please don't hesitate to contact me with ideas, suggestions or questions! maep@uwyo.edu

Mae Smith



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Results from the Annual Meeting in Cody

At Cody WY-SRM Plant Contest we had 15 students from 3 schools participate, plus 8 pros paired up with that many students in the ProAm division.

Top 3 Student Individual winners, all from UWyo were #1-Tevyn Baldwin, #2–Marie McClaren, #3–Tyler Therkildsen. Jordan Skovgard was top student from Sheridan College and Kristina Wood was top student from Southern Utah.

In the ProAm division top pairs were #1–Kristina Wood & Chuck Butterfield, #2–Tyler Therkildsen & Jake Powell, #3–Marie McClaren & Nick Prosser.

2017 Annual Meeting Presentations

Elizabeth Martinez, from Worland, Wyoming will be representing the Wyoming Section SRM at this year's High School Youth Forum in St. George, UT. Her presentation named "Ecological Site Description Changes in Wyoming" was well received at the annual meeting held in Cody last November. Elizabeth would love your support if you are able to attend her presentation in St. George. We are excited to see Elizabeth represent Wyoming!

For more information on the 2017 Meeting in St. George, Utah please visit:

<http://rangelands.org/srm17/>



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Grazing Permit Renewal Workshop February 15th in Worland, WY

Where: Worland Community Center

When: Wednesday, February 15th, 11am-5pm,
with a break for lunch

Who: Ranch owners and managers, federal
grazing permit holders, local policy makers

Cost: Free! Lunch and refreshments will be
provided.



This workshop will provide practical guidance for navigating the permit renewal process and understanding how you can be involved in it. Gain the tools to know what to do, and who you can call when you don't!

Speakers and Topics:

-Joe Budd (Wyoming Department of Agriculture), *Nuts and bolts of NEPA and permit renewal*

-Dick Loper (Policy Consultant), *Understanding the permit renewal process and how to participate*

-Producer Perspective, *Local producers explain what they have learned about how to get involved*

-Glenn Owings (UW Extension), *The role of cooperative permittee monitoring in permit renewal*

-Karen Budd-Falen (Budd-Falen Law Offices), *A legal overview of permit renewal*

-Mae Smith, moderator (UW Extension), *A multi-agency panel including the BLM, US Forest Service, WY Department of Agriculture, Washakie County Conservation District, and others*

Call the UW Extension Office at 307-765-2868 or e-mail maep@uwyo.edu to register and if you have questions about the program.



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**2016 WY SRM Annual Meeting Award
Recipients**

**Mandi Hirsch was the 2016 Outstanding
Woman of Range Award Recipient.**

Congrats Mandi!

ESD ECOLOGICAL SITE DESCRIPTION WORKSHOP

Tuesday, May 23, 2017 | 9 am to 4 pm
at the Albany County Extension Office
(3520 South 3rd Street, Laramie, WY)

Are you a

Range Specialist, Wildlife or Habitat Biologist, or other natural resource professional?

If you answer yes to any of the above questions then this one day workshop is for you.

We will interactively explore ecological site descriptions (ESDs) by starting in a classroom setting and transitioning into the field. Registration information and event details will be posted on the Wyoming Society for Range Management website at:

<http://rangelands.org/wyoming/> so stay tuned!



Questions: Contact Rex Lockman at rlockman@lccdnet.org or 307.772.2600



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