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Dear Superintendent Sholly,

The Society for Range Management (SRM) would like to once again thank you and your staff for meeting with our members and staff this past month regarding rangelands management within Yellowstone Park. As discussed, the SRM would like to continue to find opportunities to exchange information to help advance science and management of rangelands throughout the Greater Yellowstone Ecosystem. As a follow-up to our meeting, we would like to organize a symposium at the upcoming Society for Range Management annual meeting where Yellowstone National Park Service scientists and staff can present ecological research and case studies. Our upcoming annual meeting in Denver, CO Feb 16 – 20, 2020 would be an opportune occasion to present this exchange, with opportunities for further follow-up at our 2021 meeting in Boise, ID.

For the upcoming 2020 Denver meeting, there are two session formats that we would propose as conducive to greater dialogue, including:

- **Symposium: Innovative and captivating speakers organized around emerging themes** in rangeland ecology and management knowledge. Symposia are the core scientific aspect of the SRM program. Each session will synthesize a topic that makes significant contributions to the art and science of rangeland management and ecology through novel collaborations, methods, or interdisciplinary approaches. Three (3) speakers will each have 20 minutes to speak and five minutes for questions, with remaining time for questions and discussion. Topics should have broad appeal and applicability to the SRM audience, and offer benefits to rangeland ecosystems and human communities. Symposia are explicitly integrated and provide a synthesis of key conceptual advancements.
- **Ignite-style Sessions: “Enlighten us, but make it quick!”** Between six (6) and ten (10) five (5) minute talks organized around a conceptual theme that stimulates an exchange of new ideas in rangeland ecology and management. Each talk will feature 20 slides that advance automatically every 15 seconds (see <http://www.ignitetalks.io/>). The time remaining after all the speakers in the session will be reserved for panel discussion, and question and answer periods. The short format is intended to inspire a conversational and storytelling experience, and to challenge presenters to communicate key ideas succinctly.

Following the symposia or presentation, speakers, co-authors, and session participants can join in a discussion of possible future collaborations and expansions of the work presented. The annual meeting provides a unique format to encourage and establish partnerships and interactions among our scientists and managers. Following the annual meeting, leaders from both the park and SRM can collaboratively synthesize the information into a paper or a series of papers to be submitted to either of our publications, *Rangelands* or *Rangeland Ecology and Management*.

We hope you will consider joining us in Denver, CO or Boise, ID in order to continue these important discussions. SRM continues to serve as a facilitator for discussions regarding rangelands and we look forward to continuing our conversation on this important topic.

We look forward to hearing back from you on these opportunities, as well as any further feedback you may have. Thank you for your time and dedication to furthering this conversation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Clayton Marlow". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Clayton Marlow
President, Society for Range Management