MISSION:
Providing leadership for the Stewardship of Rangelands based on sound ecological principles.

VISION:
A well-trained and highly motivated group of professionals and rangeland users working with productive, sustainable rangeland ecosystems.

SRM DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION STATEMENT
The Society for Range Management (SRM) is a diverse body of members, employees, and representatives that are dedicated to leading the stewardship of rangelands based on sound ecological principles.

These principles have led us to understand that Humankind originated in rangelands, thus resulting in the present day global diversity of peoples, languages, cultures, and natural resource management and socio-economic systems.

SRM welcomes, encourages, affirms, and values the participation and inclusion of all individuals with an interest in rangelands regardless of race, color, religion, gender, age, sexual orientation, national origin, culture, educational status, disabilities, emerging ideas and perspectives, or socio-economic status. We vigorously strive to eliminate implicit bias and reject discrimination and stereotyping within the society by proactively fostering tolerance, mutual respect, and multicultural awareness and competency by actively promoting inclusion in membership, education & training, competition, leadership, committees, staff, and all other areas of SRM activity.
Administrative Reminders

KEEP US IN THE LOOP!

Are you involved in Section Leadership? Please send Leadership rosters and Section Meeting Dates to the SRM Headquarters so we can update the website.

Are you serving on a committee? Please let us know leadership positions and rosters.

Is your contact information up to date? Let us know if you’re not receiving SRM Communications— you may need to update your contact information! Reach out to SRM HQ!

Interested in a Donation? Consider contributions to the SRM Endowment Fund, which serves as a vital element in continuing to achieve the established goal and ideals of the Society. Have you heard of AmazonSmile? AmazonSmile is a website operated by Amazon with the same products, prices, and shopping features as Amazon.com. The difference is that when you shop on AmazonSmile, they will donate 0.5% of the purchase price of eligible products to the charitable organization of your choice— please select Society for Range Management!
Building on membership recruitment and fiscally strong Annual Meetings the Society reached a significant milestone in 2019. Through your contributions and service, we were able to transfer $250,000 into the Society's reserve account. In the not too distant past the Executive Vice President and Board were slashing budget lines and eliminating projects to keep the Society for Range Management solvent for one more day. Because of the improving financial position we enjoy SRM leadership has begun funding a variety of committee proposals. The new budget coming online with President Charlie Hart allocates the largest amount of support for committee action plans in the past two decades. This action will grow the benefits that each of us receive for being members of the Society for Range Management.

With freedom from monetary exigencies the Board of Directors has been able to focus more time and effort on recent reports from the Diversity and Ethics Task Force groups. Several Task Force recommendations have been moved forward as guidelines and others are awaiting further action. Attention to opportunities to make members feel welcome and to re-affirm professional standards continues to add value to membership in this organization. Another step forward and upward in 2019 was the formation of a new Task Force to review the Society's professional certification process. This group has been asked to consider possible revision of current certification criteria with a view towards expanding opportunities for Native American range managers and international members.

Through these efforts Sections should find one or more “recruiting” points to invite new members into the Society and an incentive or two to draw former members back into activity. I encourage Sections to work with the Advisory Council to develop joint Section meetings and generate recommendations for Board action in the upcoming years. This interaction will give new and returning members a reason to be active in the SRM.

Finally, it must be said that the BOD, committees and officer team would have struggled to make any of these advancements happen in 2019 without the dedicated and creative contributions of Vicky, MJ, Kelly, Lia and Jess. To draw a line from one of my grandchildren’s favorite movies the office staff and EVP team are the sticky, gooey stuff that holds us together. Through the selfless service of committee members, the Board and officer team and the EVP staff the SRM is poised to move into the 3rd decade of the 21st Century “bright-eyed and bushy tailed” ready to accomplish even greater heights in the conservation and management of rangelands throughout the world.

We Are Rangelands!!
Greetings from Texas!

As outlined by President Clayton Marlow, 2019 has been a busy year for SRM. Many things have been accomplished by many people. We have many, many to thank for all their dedicated work to SRM and rangelands. I’m always amazed at the dedication and commitment of our members. Mostly, a big thanks to Clayton for all the hard work, time and dedication to the Society. Our Society is in better financial shape than perhaps ever. As incoming President, fellow officers and board members, our pledge is to keep us on this upward path for long-term sustainability. We provided much of this year’s funding back to SRM committees and are looking forward to good things from it.

The last 2 years we have focused on the Year of the Member and the Year of the Section. I will continue along that theme of putting the membership first. It’s been a while since we have taken a hard look at how our various committees’ function and report. I plan on taking a much-needed look this year at how we can streamline things more within the Society. Quite surprising to me was the fact that when I came on board as 2nd VP, I never knew completely what all the responsibilities were. We are going to take some time this year and somewhat formalize and solidify the duties of the officers and board members. I’ve asked the Nominations Committee Chair to take a “outside the box” look at how we solicit nominations for officer and director positions and the process we use to review and interview those candidates. We need strong candidates from within our organization to step up and take the plate.

I’m also committed this year and looking forward to getting more involvement from the younger professionals within the Society. In my humble opinion, YPC (Young Professionals Conclave) is one of the best things that has happened within SRM in a while. That group is energetic and forward thinking. If we want SRM to be viable to the next generations of range managers, we need this group being active in committees and task forces within. The mentoring efforts they have done over the last several years has been fabulous, but what better way to mentor our young professionals along than to match them up seasoned veterans on committees and task forces.

Finally, please know that my phone line is always open (254.977.3489). Any ideas, concerns, criticism, encouragement or other is always welcome. If I can’t answer, please leave me a message and I will call you back. I want to hear from the membership. Here’s to 2020 and a productive year!
I would like to take this opportunity to thank each and every member of the Society for Range Management. On behalf of the SRM staff and leadership, we can never fully express just how much your involvement and contributions to the Society mean to us. As staff and board members we spend the year navigating the administrative, planning, and policy initiatives. However, the real action and activity is truly driven by you, the member, and the sections. We play a key role, but every time I look out over the membership, I see your role as so much greater. And for that, I want you to know we appreciate you and will continue to support your incredible work and contributions to rangelands.

On a personal note, the Denver Annual Meeting is a special event as it marks my first repeat annual meeting location. Several of you are repeating Denver a few times over; for me it was just over ten years ago that I was fortunate enough to be asked to play a staffing role in SRM.

In my decade plus of time and interaction at SRM a key element stands out. Typically, in the working world you will invariably find the set of individuals that see their profession as a simple job or perhaps a ladder climb valued solely on the size of their paycheck. Generally speaking, I don’t find anything wrong with that, it’s fine to set goals and expectations within a career-field. However, what stands out to me at SRM is that I have NEVER heard this conversation. Instead, I have heard and witnessed time and time again SRM members making a SIGNIFICANT IMPACT as it links to the world of rangelands. In the areas of rangelands research, education, and application I can’t count the number of instances where SRMers are making a SIGNIFICANT IMPACT. For some it’s studying a small plot of range for a long period of time, others it’s years of rangeland research that is presented and written about, and for others it’s applying rangelands principles from the Great Plains to Mongolia, El Salvador and everywhere in between. For students that are just getting their start, be inspired as you look out over SRM and see the SIGNIFICANT IMPACTS that YOU can make. For those of you that are at the high point of your careers – thank you for sharing so much passion and for leading the way towards those SIGNIFICANT IMPACTS. For the rangeland resources we have lost; often times we continue to reference their names listed in the peer reviewed literature guiding the path today and tomorrow...truly a SIGNIFICANT IMPACT in legacy for the past, future and present. Thank you SRM members for choosing to make a SIGNIFICANT IMPACT...Each step you take in the profession of rangelands has a greater meaning and purpose that far outweighs what any paycheck can reflect.
EVP ADDRESS

SRM EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT, JESS PETERSON

Each year I look back on working with the President. It's both a privilege and a challenge--Two people trying to provide leadership and vision while implementing board and membership directives. The year flies by and action items change in response to issues that arise. It's incredible and exhausting at the same time, but it's always the most rewarding and educational process.

As I look to my esteemed fellow Montanan and 2019 President, Clayton Marlow, I note several successes that occurred under his watch. His proclamation was “2019 – Year of the Section”. In doing so, he built on the vision of Past President Barry Irving and guided the path forward to better engagement within our organization. President Marlow set the direction to increase staffing support for sections and hosting annual meetings– the Boise and Albuquerque planning committees are off and running and because of his guidance, these meetings will enable a smaller group of volunteers to take on a large challenge by utilizing the larger SRM staff team. President Marlow originated a vision to coordinate closer ties with our partners and their multiple initiatives that align with SRM priorities and goals. During the 2019 SRM Summer DC Fly-In President Marlow, the SRM Fly-In Delegation and the Western Governors’ Association (WGA) met and outlined a vision to make this goal a reality. WGA is at the Denver meeting and projects will be finalized; key amongst these efforts will be incorporating SRM sections into the various endeavors. In short, the Year of the Section has only begun, and it is more aptly known moving forward as the ‘Years’ of the Section as we have a lot of exciting projects and coordinated efforts ahead.

In closing, each year I tend to pass well-deserved words of praise towards our SRM Presidents. However, I only touch on a few items and their positive contributions far exceed that. In the case of President Marlow, I have learned and admired an impressive trait. Often times we want to have our high-points and achievements be the focus of our tenure. However, President Marlow, like all of us, experienced moments where for a lack of a better phrase, he got ‘bucked off, drug along the trail, kicked in the teeth’... whatever analogy comes to mind. We have all been there and we all have plenty more of these moments ahead. I couldn’t even begin to recall or count all of mine. However, President Marlow stands out for each time he experienced these moments as he was always quick to take responsibility – even when it might not have solely been his burden to bear. He never hesitated, played the blame game or engaged in finger pointing. He simply apologized, leaned forward in the harness and asked for direction and recommendations for how to turn the negative into a positive. He would make the calls, write the notes, and consistently was able to find the positive path forward. Michael Martin Murphy noted in a well-known song, Cowboy Logic...If it's a horse, ride it, if it hurts, hide it...dust yourself off and get back on again... It is this most commendable trait that I leave this year with true respect and humble admiration for our outgoing President.

My thanks to President Marlow and outgoing board members Karen Hickman and Jeff Goodwin. The Society has been made better because of your service. 2019 was a hugely successful year because of the SRM membership and the SECTIONS...we thank you and we go forth with enthusiasm and optimism in 2020. The future is looking bright!
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OUR STAFF.

The SRM staff, based across the West and in Washington DC, communicate regularly via video conference to make sure we’re meeting the needs of our members and the initiatives set by our Board of Directors.
A big thank you for the dedication and drive of the Denver Planning Committee. We’re looking forward to what Boise has in store for us!

~SRM Deputy Director of Operations, Kelly Fogarty

Questions? Contact Kelly Fogarty at kelly@wssdc.com.

**ANNUAL MEETINGS**

**SEE YOU NEXT YEAR:**

*Boise, ID*

*2021 ANNUAL MEETING; FEBRUARY 7-11*

**FUTURE MEETINGS:**

2022: Albuquerque, New Mexico; February 5-10th

**PLANNING UPDATE:**

The SRM Parent Society is introducing an annual meeting staffing support system for Sections in 2021 and 2022. The format will provide Sections with additional staffing responsibilities from the Parent Society in regards to meeting planning. This new option was developed to encourage hosting, while taking some of the work load off of our members and volunteers. The structure does result in a modified return pay scale to the Sections, depending on the level of support received in order to cover staffing and additional output from the Society. Sections are still welcome to take on the meeting planning with assistance of the Society's staff, or they can pursue this new model.

“Society for Range Management

RANGELANDS Without Borders ★ SRM 2021

February 7-11, 2021 | Boise, Idaho
2019 OFFICIAL LETTERS & COMMUNICATIONS

- SRM Joins Organizations in Support of Increased Agricultural Research Funding
- SRM Letter to Superintendent Sholly Regarding Invitation to Participate in AM20
- SRM Sends Letter to Secretary Perdue and Secretary Bernhardt Requesting Proactive Approach to Developing & Refining ESDs
- SRM Attends Western Governors’ Association Working Lands RoundTable
- SRM joins with USGS Coalition Members in Letter Outlining Concerns of New Policy Limiting Conference Travel for Federal Employees
- SRM & 39 Others Request Increased Funding for the USGS’s 3D Elevation Program
- SRM and the Friends of Agricultural Statistics & Analysis Urge Federal Investment to Advance Agricultural Statistics & Research
- SRM joins 60 Organizations in Support of Ag Research Funding in Fiscal Year 2020 Appropriations
- SRM Joins 200+ Organizations Urging Increased Support of USDA Wildlife Services
- SRM Letter to Congressional Leaders on Shutdown

DID YOU KNOW?

NOMINATIONS FOR THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
The SRM Nominating Committee annually receives nominations for the office of 2nd Vice President and Board of Directors from qualified voting members of SRM or from any SRM Section. After reviewing the submitted nomination packets and interviewing nominees at the annual meeting, the Nominating Committee selects 2 candidates for 2nd Vice President, and 4 candidates for Board of Directors and presents the list of candidates for the SRM election ballot to the Executive Vice President prior to the end of each annual meeting for approval. Reach out and put forward a nomination!

We’re always happy to help lend clarification on any of the functions of SRM and how we can better serve our members. Reach out!
SRM Office Services Manager, Vicky Trujillo
CELEBRATING 2019
YEAR OF THE SECTION
This past year, SRM President Clayton Marlow designated 2019 as “Year of the Section”, recognizing a key element of our foundation that drives our boots on the ground initiatives and is the true lifeblood of our Society— **SRM Sections.**

*For some, this meant celebrating their passion for the society and the role their section plays in it....*

*For others it meant putting thought to vision and goals to set the stage for upcoming years....*

*And for others, it meant going straight to action on initiatives...*

The Year of the Section brought us the ability to appreciate and highlight the invaluable efforts that sections put forth, as well as understand where we can set goals in the future to support section growth and vision.

**Thank you to our Section Leaders...**

We would be remiss if we didn't share a few of the examples that have been brought to our attention and which have reinforced our sincere gratitude for the leadership our Sections consistently demonstrate—

Case in point, the Nevada Section set a goal of engaging more producers and recently informed us they have involved almost 30 additional producers this past year. Similarly, the Arizona Section has appointed a liaison to their state Cattlegrower’s Association, and hosts a well attended workshop and booth at their CA Annual Convention for multiple years running. The PNW Section introduced a Young Professionals Conclave Liaison to the Parent Society Conclave, and also hosted a member of the Parent Society YPC at the Section’s Annual Meeting this year. Both the Idaho and New Mexico Sections have begun the dedicated process of planning Annual Meetings, while several other sections are either deep in the throws of planning or basking in the success of having recently completed one. And finally, the Nevada, Utah, and Wyoming Sections hosted a very successful joint “Free-Roaming Equids Summit” in conjunction with multiple partners that demonstrated the true meaning of collaboration and solution-oriented thinking with diverse stakeholders.

We are beyond grateful to individuals in each section that have stepped up into section leadership roles— your dedication to this organization is invaluable. We thank each and every SRM Section for continuing to demonstrate your commitment and passion for SRM in every unique and profound way that you do.
PUBLICATIONS REM is critical to the mission of the Society for Range Management (SRM), and has had increasing scientific impact and management relevance in recent years. In 2019, we continued working toward several goals for REM to maintain momentum for continued improvements in both the scientific quality and professional value of the Journal into the future. We continue to work with the AEs to strengthened and provide a more respectful and constructive discussion between blind reviewers and authors.

The AEs have been crafted to represent the highest quality scientists in our profession and include a wider diversity of research and management topics than in the recent past. We have also broadened the diversity of topics included in the Journal to facilitate stronger discussion of the wide array of ecological factors that drive the dynamics of rangelands ecosystems around the world.

REM is excited to announce that we have completed the transition to the Editorial Manager systems for peer-reviewing and processing manuscripts. This system is a well-packaged and designed system that is very user-friendly. Our AEs and authors seem to have no trouble navigating the submission and review processes. We are working on several overall goals. We have focused efforts of putting together an Editorial Board with wider representation from count other Countries to help our Journal become stronger internationally. We also are working on getting papers published faster, and we have just decided to move toward a more systems that allow each accepted manuscript to be published as it is accepted. These papers will be published on-line just as soon as the galley-proofs are returned to the publisher. This should reduce the overall time to publication by almost 2 months.

REM strived to better inform academics, ecosystem managers and policy makers of science-based information to promote sound rangeland stewardship. In 2019, we continued to work to help authors make their manuscripts the best and most useful scientific contribution possible. Along with ensuring sound-science, we worked with authors to clarify the broader implications of their scientific research by focusing on better understanding the underlying principles that can be used more broadly by our international audience.

REM is read worldwide by scientists, researchers, practitioners, managers, and policymakers interested in using the most up-to-date knowledge in their research and decision-making process. The SRM Editorial Board has been actively implementing a user-friendly process that helps authors create higher quality manuscripts that have clear implications for management. Our goals include: enhancing the scientific quality and Journal impact; fostering a positive author experience; and expanding and broadening authorship and readership. BUILDING OUR LEGACY
Topics covered in 2019 articles included: Conservation Effects Assessment Project Issue; Northern Great Plains issue; Using WebGIS to Develop a Spatial Bibliography for Organizing, Mapping, and Disseminating Research Information; Significance of Seed Caching by Rodents for Key Plants in Natural Resource Management; Old School and High Tech: A Comparison of Methods to Quantify Ashe Juniper Biomass as Fuel or Forage; Listen, Learn, Liaise: Taking the Species Out of Species-At-Risk Through Engagement Immersive Co-production to Inform Ranch Management in Gunnison, Colorado, USA; A Rebuttal to “Reinterpreting the 1882 Bison Population Collapse”; Plant Phenology: Taking the Pulse of Rangelands; Trophic Ecology Warrants Multispecies Management in a Grassland Setting: Proposed Species Interactions on Black-tailed Prairie Dog Colonies; An Assessment of Riparian Shrub Browsing; On Conflict and Conflict of Interest; Linking Landscapes and People -- Projecting the Future of the Great Plains; Survivability of Wyoming Big Sagebrush Transplants Contemporary Livestock–Predator Themes Identified Through a Wyoming, USA Rancher Survey; History of Grass Breeding for Grazing Lands in the Northern Great Plains of the USA and Canada; A Tool for Projecting Rangeland Vegetation Response to Management and Climate; Are Landowners, Managers, and Range Management Academics on the Same Page About Conservation? The REM Editor’s Choice column by Roger Sheley, gives an in-depth review of one paper of interest from each issue of REM. The Browsing the Literature column, authored by Matt Germino of USGS, was also featured in issues this year.

Looking forward, we continue to build on our goals of: 1) working with the Editorial Board and Steering Committee to solicit 1) new Sponsored Issue proposals, increase Rangelands submissions, and decrease the time from submission to publication; 2) work with the Steering Committee and the SRM Committees to recruit members of a Rangelands Editorial Board; 3) build on new content types for research and partnership highlights and article rebuttals/responses; and 4) continue refining the instructions for authors to reflect the new content types, clarify peer review and revision process, amend word and citation limits for content types.

INTERESTED IN A SUBSCRIPTION TO OUR JOURNALS?
Reach out to us at the SRM Office! (303) 986-3309
Details also listed on the SRM website, www.rangelands.org
With our full-time presence in Washington DC, SRM staff continually carries on conversations that affect rangeland management every day. As mentioned, we've made large strides in coming to a solution on the overpopulation of wild horses and burros.

In addition, we were pleased with report language in FY18 Appropriations that confirmed Congress' support of professional society-related activities and requested that this continue to be demonstrated within the agency, with a greater emphasis placed on the importance of federal employee involvement in professional societies to foster professional development and growth.

SRM also provided public comments to Deputy Under Secretary Scott Hutchins of the Research, Education, and Economics (REE) mission area. Several members of SRM's Policy and Public Affairs Committee and Board of Directors worked expeditiously to pull our collective thoughts and comments into one cohesive document.

Each year, the Society makes the trip to Washington, DC to build and maintain working relationships with key decision-makers on Capitol Hill. The SRM Officers, Young Professionals Conclave President, and staff began this year's “fly-in” with a briefing from Congress appropriators. This conversation gave us a great starting point for our meeting with the Office of Management and Budget to examine funding opportunities for agency employee travel to and participation in SRM annual meetings.

Mid-day, we hosted a "Partners Lunch" with leadership from our sister societies to discuss areas where we can better coordinate and collaborate. We were happy to host the National Association of Conservation Districts, the Society of American Foresters, the Ecological Society of America, the Public Lands Council, and the National Cattlemen's Beef Association.

The afternoon was dedicated to back-to-back meetings on Capitol Hill with both the Senate and House Interior Appropriations Subcommittees, the Senate Agriculture Committee's Majority and Minority staff, and Senators Jon Tester and Steve Daines of Montana.

We capped the first day off by hosting a dinner with the Western Governors' Association to discuss how our two organizations can work together on shared priorities, including the management of invasive species and working lands initiatives.

"Through the Society, rangelands have a voice on Capitol Hill. Our policy committee members ensure Congressional members and staff have access to the latest science and data regarding land use and management, which better informs decisions made in Washington, D.C."

~ SRM Washington DC Coordinator, Lia Biondo
On Day Two, we hosted the Inter-Agency Range Meeting at the U.S. Forest Service headquarters. In attendance were representatives and agency leaders from the U.S. Forest Service, the Bureau of Land Management, the USDA Natural Resource Conservation Service, the Agricultural Research Service, the Bureau of Indian Affairs, the National Park Service, and the Department of State.

The inter-agency meeting was started by the Society for Range Management about 5 years ago. The purpose is to bring together range leads across the different agencies and departments to facilitate conversation and discussion on how SRM can best serve as a conduit for rangeland management and expertise within Administration decisions and policy making.

Discussions centered around our letter to the Secretary of Interior and the Secretary of Agriculture on Ecological Site Descriptions, how we can continue building collaboration across agencies, SRM’s training agreements and partnerships with the agencies, and federal employee attendance at our annual meeting.

To see a complete list of efforts we’ve supported in 2019, please visit: https://rangelands.org/about/official-communications-letters/.

We’re engaging on multiple levels within the Society--- bringing valuable information to policy-makers, driving impactful initiatives, building on our collaborations and putting our boots-on-the-ground leadership to work.

~ SRM Executive Vice President, Jess Peterson
WASHINGTON DC FLY-IN RECAP

Topics Covered:
- Need to complete and update Ecological Site Descriptions
- Appropriations: wild horses and burros
- Professional society support
- Training agreements and work with agencies
- OMB: Administration support for federal agency employee attendance at professional meetings
- Professional Certification: SRM's role and programs
- Administration goals and initiatives & how SRM can provide science and information to the issues at hand
- Inter-Agency Meeting: Encourage communication on common goals and initiatives

Meetings Included:
- Office of Management and Budget
- Senate Interior Appropriations Subcommittee
- House Interior Appropriations Subcommittee
- Senate Agriculture Committee’s Majority and Minority staff
- Senator Jon Tester of Montana
- Senator Steve Daines of Montana

Partners Meeting:
- National Association of Conservation Districts
- Society of American Foresters
- Ecological Society of America
- Public Lands Council
- National Cattlemen’s Beef Association
- Western Governors’ Association

Inter-Agency Meeting:
- U.S. Forest Service
- Bureau of Land Management
- USDA Natural Resource Conservation Service
- Agricultural Research Service
- Bureau of Indian Affairs
- National Park Service
- Department of State
2018 FARM BILL

One of our main accomplishments in 2018 was securing Farm Bill language which supports Certified Professionals in Range Management (CPRM). In follow-up, this year, a USDA listening session was held serving as an opportunity for organizations to provide commentary on how the Department should move forward with new provisions outlined in the 2018 Farm Bill. Here, SRM maintained that outcomes-based policies are where agencies truly realize the return on investment of conservation dollars. We also offered suggestions on the implementation of the Conservation Planning Assessment, which may now be performed by a certified rangeland professional.

For background, SRM worked diligently with the National Association of Conservation Districts (NACD) and other leading conservation groups to create a ‘conservation planning assessment’ within Title II of this Farm Bill. This involves NRCS, the Districts and SRM Certified Professionals in Range Management (CPRM) assessing grazing lands and recommending conservation activities to enhance the economic and ecological management of that land along with potentially incorporating it into various Title II programs. This accomplishment serves to reinvigorate our CPRM program, which has also added an Associate Professional in Range Management (APRM) in an effort to create a development program into becoming a CPRM.

Ensuring a role for Certified Professionals in Range Management (CPRMs) will not only provide career opportunities for our current range students, but also assist land management agencies with implementing boots-on-the-ground conservation work at a time when it is most needed. As a member of SRM-- this is critically important to our profession--- reach out the the CPRM committee and find out more!

Background on CPRM: To certify individuals who have the professional credentials required to plan and implement sound management of rangelands as a means of improving the standards of professional expertise used in managing public and private rangelands. Granting of the status of “Certified Professionals in Rangeland Management” by the Society for Range Management signifies that the individual so designated has met the basic qualifications to do professional work in this field and has not been found to engage in unprofessional conduct. For more information, or to obtain application materials, please contact SRM Headquarters @ 303-986-3309 or email at vtrujillo@rangelands.org

INTERESTED IN THE BECOMING A CPRM, APRM, OR CRMC?

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WILD HORSE AND BURRO UPDATE

In 2019, the Society signed on to a collaborative solution for the overpopulation of wild horses and burros with the American Farm Bureau Federation, National Cattlemen's Beef Association, the Humane Society of the United States, and others. The Path Forward for Management of BLM's Wild Horses and Burros calls for a four-prong management approach, focusing on increased removals and application of proven growth suppression strategies.

In December 2019, we scored a historic win with Congress appropriating $101,555,000 to the BLM Wild Horse and Burro Program, a programmatic increase of $21 million over FY19 enacted levels to implement the proposal. SRM will continue to work with the Department of the Interior to identify and deploy that funding to the areas that need it most.

In July 2019, the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee held a hearing to examine long-term management options for the Bureau of Land Management's Wild Horse and Burro Program - the first time the subcommittee held a hearing on the topic since 2002. SRM Utah Section President Eric Thacker provided testimony alongside Nevada State Veterinarian JJ Goicoechea, Nancy Perry of the ASPCA, Public Lands Council's Ethan Lane, and BLM's Steve Tryon.

WANT TO KNOW MORE? MAKE SURE YOU'RE SUBSCRIBED TO OUR SRM COMMUNICATIONS!
Reach out to us at the SRM Office! (303) 986-3309
Details also listed on the SRM website, www.rangelands.org
SCIENTIFIC OUTREACH AND APPLIED MANAGEMENT SYNTHESIS

The research that the USDA Agricultural Research Service (ARS) has provided to the scientific community is of immense value and importance. Their research builds on a deeper knowledge of natural resources and sustainable, forward thinking. It is of equal importance to bridge the gap between scientific research and making it applicable to management and the public. SRM is working directly with the USDA Climate Hubs and ARS to amplify and highlight ARS research that appeals to extended audiences within and beyond the scientific community, demonstrating the science in an applicable management setting. Look for highlights of this partnership in SRM communications and journals!

SRM is delivering on multiple fronts--and we'll look to continue to build on these collaborations with agencies and other partners moving forward.

SRM Deputy Director of Operations, Kelly Fogarty

ART OF RANGE PODCAST

The Art of Range podcast is produced by Washington State University Extension in cooperation with the Society for Range Management. Hosted by SRM member Tip Hudson, the podcast provides education through conversation with some of the brightest minds in rangeland management. Interviews are with researchers, ranchers, and resource professionals to bring you extended discussion on topics that are of interest to all. New episodes are released every two weeks, with several episodes on a general topic area. As Tip described in an interview with the Lewistown Tribune, “Healthy land, healthy animals and healthy communities are inextricably linked. “My goal with this podcast is to help people produce food and fiber on naturally-occurring plant communities in ways that promote sound ecology and economy.”

This podcasting project is funded by a grant from the Western Center for Risk Management and has specific learning objectives which will drive the topics list.

If you are a Certified Professional in Range Management through the SRM, you may claim continuing education units for these episodes (.5 or 1 CEU per episode) by following the instructions at the conclusion of the survey.
PARTNERSHIPS & AGREEMENTS

We value our partnerships within SRM and fostering collaboration and communication through all channels of rangeland management. Each year, the SRM hosts a Partners Meeting during our DC Fly-In, as well as during our Annual Meeting to continue building on synergy throughout the rangeland community.

In our outreach, we coordinate regularly with partners, looking for opportunities to amplify efforts and discuss current initiatives, needs, and possible collaborations. You’ll often see SRM at Partner events strengthening those relationships.

In addition, SRM continues its work with the federal agencies in facilitating and leading on training and outreach efforts on rangelands. SRM works both at the Parent Society level, as well as with Sections to broaden the scope of these efforts and reach regional targets and issues each year.

SRM has recently or continues to administers and oversee work on agreements focused on the following:

• “Training the Trainers”: training program developed for tribal regions
• Ecological Assessment of the Northern Yellowstone Range: Recently published in the December issue of Rangelands, this project delved into ecological conditions of Yellowstone.
• Continuing Education: SRM is working with the NRCS to develop interactive online continuing education for conservation planners in the topics of Vegetation Monitoring and Data Interpretation and Grazing Land Economics.
• Communication of Science: SRM has worked with the ARS to develop outreach tools to best communicate rangeland science and best management practices to practitioners, land users, decision makers, and the public.
• Work continues with USFS to develop needed workshops and tools to address communication and community between the agency, land users, and the public, as well as develop trainings in rangeland monitoring.

Partnerships such as these have the ability to create greater collaboration and synergy through all facets of the Rangeland community, and thus a greater impact.

~Outreach & Membership Coordinator, Mary Jo Foley-Birrenkott
Online courses are currently being hosted through the Oregon State University PACE Program, and to date, 118 Students from 34 different tribes have enrolled. Students are also able to register for Continuing Education Units through Salish Kootenai College. We are also developing tailored classes to address specific organizational needs, such as conservation planning and bison management, and are in discussion with the Bureau of Indian Affairs to assist them with range-related training needs. This summer, we will begin conducting regional field workshops for tribes whose staff have completed the online courses. In February, we are hosting a working group with the American Indian Higher Education Council to assess the feasibility of accredited online range and soil ecology courses. Although the Native American Rangeland Training Initiative has encountered many problem-solving challenges as a pilot project, navigating through such a complex system of tribal-federal-academic-cultural relationships has helped to highlight specific disconnects, catalyze partnerships to address those needs, and reshape an effective and consistent model for the future.

The objectives of the Native American Rangeland Training Initiative include the implementation of rangeland training courses and field workshops tailored for tribal/regional needs; the development of management tool-kits for outreach in both Native American and Hispano land-based communities; the launch of an inter-tribal informational website on rangeland management; and the evaluation for an accredited online soil and rangeland ecology course for tribal students. This past year, we implemented the Native American Rangelands Partnership with the Intertribal Agriculture Council, the Native Fish & Wildlife Society, the Intertribal Timber Council, the US Department of Interior’s Bureau of Indian Affairs, and the USDA Climate Hubs and launched the website http://www.nativeamericanrangelands.org. The site continues to progress and will be used as a communication hub for range-related topics in Indian Country, such as course enrollment, training tools, outreach toolkits, a job board, inter-tribal calendar, student information, and a resource library. We continue to look for partnerships to take advantage of existing training programs and management resources that will help strengthen overall efforts to our tribal stakeholders.
ROOTED IN RANGELANDS

CALLING ALL PRODUCERS!

SRM is committed to highlighting the value of the land stewardship that ranchers provide to rangelands. Know a producer that should be involved in SRM and/or be recognized for their efforts? See below.

EXCELLENCE IN RANGE MANAGEMENT AWARD

Do you have a land manager in your Section that exemplifies the science and art of range management? These landowners who are actively managing our rangelands are the heart of the Society. Now is your chance to recognize them for their conservation efforts by inviting them to submit an Excellence in Rangeland Management Poster.

The objective of the Excellence in Rangeland Management Award is to demonstrate to the public and other rangeland managers, outstanding examples of rangeland management which result in long-term health and sustainability of the range resource while providing efficient production of livestock, wood products, water, wildlife, aesthetic values, recreation, and other non-commodity values.

REDD FUND

The Redd Fund, a joint venture of the Charles Redd Foundation and SRM, offers a cost-share opportunity in an effort to 1) recruit ranchers to SRM by helping them attend SRM annual meetings, and 2) to increase the visibility of SRM to other organizations. Submit nominations today!

Want to know more? Contact us at the SRM office or reach out to Mary Jo at srmoutreach@rangelands.org
SHOUT OUT TO YOUNG PROFESSIONALS!

Watch out SRM, the next generation of range managers are taking the world by storm! Whether it’s the High School Youth Forum, SRM Student Conclave, SRM Young Professional’s Conclave or the large array of student and early career professional involvement within the Society, we’re seeing new leaders emerge every year!

SRM has pledged a lot of support to these up-and-comers and we’re eager to see continued involvement. Thank you to the invaluable mentorship that you have shown to these individuals as they grow into the leaders of tomorrow.

Want to know more? Here’s a start, but reach out!

**Student Conclave:** All students that attend the Annual SRM meeting belong to the Student Conclave. Students are encouraged to attend associated socials, tours, business meetings, and a luncheon. Officers are elected annually to serve in leadership roles. The Student Conclave President attends the SRM Summer Board Meeting each year.

**Young Professional’s Conclave:** YPC is a group for individuals that are in the senior year of an undergraduate program, graduate program and/or in their first 5 years in the job field that will assist in retaining membership of the student and apprentice members in SRM. It provides opportunities to help build relationships between students, graduate students, young professionals and long-time members. It is the initial liaison for undergraduate students, graduate students and young professionals seeking an active role and participation in SRM. The Young Professional’s Conclave President attends the Washington DC Fly-in each year.

Interested in becoming a YPC officer? We’d love to have you as part of our team! Reach out to us at: ypc.srm@gmail.com
LEWIS MENDIVE- YOUNG PROFESSIONALS CONCLAVE SCHOLARSHIP

Lewis Mendive is a Rangeland Conservationist with Resource Concepts, Inc. in Carson City, Nevada where he has worked since his graduation from the University of Nevada Reno in 2018. Mr. Mendive received his degree from UNR in Rangeland Ecology and Management. He has been an active participant in the Society for Range Management since 2016, and was honored to serve as the Student Conclave President from 2017 to 2018. Mr. Mendive is particularly drawn to learning more about livestock management and how he can help producers in Nevada. He fondly remembers growing up and helping friends during branding and haying seasons, as well as camping trips with his family on northern Nevada’s public rangelands. He believes that it’s important for public land to be maintained in a way that is positive and viable for everyone. Mr. Mendive values the networking and knowledge that he has received through the SRM over the years, and looks forward to many more conferences.

KATLYN UHART- YOUNG PROFESSIONALS CONCLAVE SCHOLARSHIP

Katlyn Uhart is a recent graduate from Utah State University with a degree in Agricultural Communication and Journalism. Her passion for rangelands stems from her background in cattle ranching with her family, a lifestyle that she is proud of and feels blessed to have grown up in. Ms. Uhart is newly employed as a Range/Resource Technician with Resource Concepts, Inc. where she enjoys learning and growing every day. She is proud to be part of such a wonderful team and is excited to see where her career takes her! Ms. Uhart has been involved with the Society of Range Management since she was a senior in high school, when she participated in the High School Youth Forum and took first place in the public speaking competition. She was also an active member in the SRM Student Conclave and had the honor of being elected the 2017-2018 Public Relations Officer. Now, as a young professional, Ms. Uhart is thrilled to take an active roll in the Young Professionals Conclave. She is thankful for all of the opportunities and connections she has made through the SRM and appreciates the continued support and encouragement of everyone she meets through the society.

BILL WELLS- YOUNG PROFESSIONALS CONCLAVE SCHOLARSHIP

Bill grew up in North Carolina and moved to Wyoming after high school to work on ranches and has remained in the state ever since. He’s now been in Wyoming for seven years, working on a variety of ranches across the state and graduated from the University of Wyoming with a degree in Agricultural Business. After graduation he started to come to the growing realization that what he loved most was the interaction of the land and the cattle. This growing passion has driven him to try to learn everything that he can about rangeland grazing and seek to be an active member of SRM. He wants to make a difference in ranching by helping strike a balance between cattle and the land by becoming a consultant. He is currently job searching and hoping to get into grad school in the near future to further his understanding of the underlying science.
SELBY BOERMAN - 2020 YPC YOUNG PRODUCER SCHOLARSHIP
I graduated from Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo where I received a bachelor’s degree in Animal Science and minor in Rangeland Resources. Involvement there included Young Cattlemen’s Committee, the mule packing team, and the animal science academic quadrathlon team.

My love for livestock was initiated in high school when I began working on a friend’s cattle ranch near Montague, CA. I started my own herd by buying a bottle calf from them and currently have 15 head of commercial Hereford/Angus cattle with goals to expand the herd into a more viable operation. In college, I lived at the beef unit where I gained experience with every aspect of the production cycle from breeding cows to fabricating beef at the meat processing center. My interest in rangeland management began while I was working on the Cal Poly ranches and saw the positive impact that grazing management had on the annual grasslands. This led to my second career goal of becoming involved with applied research to benefit producers and help them efficiently manage their natural resources, potentially as a university extension advisor. I recently finished an internship with UC Cooperative Extension and plan to take an internship with UNL extension at the Gudmundsen Sandhills Laboratory.

This is my first year getting into SRM and YPC, and through involvement I look forward to making connections with resources that will enhance success in my career endeavors. I also hope to network with other young professionals and become more involved with SRM in the future.

SADIE LEYBA - ANNUAL MEETING INTERN
I recently graduated from Southern Utah University with a Bachelor of Agriculture Science and Industries with an emphasis in range management. I had the opportunity to take a wide range of other courses. A few that pertain to this position are communications, professional writing, and photography. It was through my time with the SUU agriculture program that I was first introduced to not only range management, but also your organization. As a member of the SUU Range Management club, I had the opportunity to compete in plant identification and URME exam competitions at the state and national SRM meetings.

I am interested in being an intern at the annual SRM meeting because it would be a great opportunity to network with new people, and to gain valuable experience communicating and sharing information in a professional setting. The networking connections and experience would aid my career goal of becoming a range management specialist for the Bureau of Land Management. This position would also give me the opportunity to stay involved with the SRM while transitioning from a student member to a professional member.

KAELIE PENA - ANNUAL MEETING YPC INTERN
I grew up in Susanville, CA where I was heavily involved in 4-H and FFA and family activities included hunting, fishing, hiking, and off-roading. After receiving my A.S. in Fire Technology, I knew I wanted to continue my education in agriculture or natural resources, but was unsure of which to choose. Luckily, I didn't have to choose when I found the perfect combination of the two in the field of rangeland management. I attended Humboldt State University and received by B.S. in Rangeland Resource Science with minors in Fire Ecology and Ecological Restoration. While at Humboldt, I was heavily involved in the Range and Soils Club and a member of the Range Plant I.D. Team. I've been involved with SRM since 2015, having attended several Annual Meetings, competing in the Plant Identification Contest, the URME, and the university club booth, and served as Student Conclave Secretary for the St. George, UT meeting. Through SRM, I was lucky enough to be selected for a Pathways position during a Forest Service Direct Hire event. I interned during the summers of 2016 and 2017 and started my full time position with the Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest on the Bridgeport Ranger District in January of 2018. After serving as the YPC Secretary in 2018, I knew I wanted to stay involved and am grateful to be able to serve Young Professionals as the 2019 Vice President and 2020 President.
The Society for Range Management awards are designed to recognize members and nonmembers who have made outstanding contributions to the science and art of rangeland resource management.

Nominations are due by June 1st (subject to change).

AWARD CATEGORIES

(Top Honor Awards)

The **FREDERIC G. RENNER AWARD** is the most prestigious award bestowed by the Society for Range Management. The primary criterion for selection of a recipient for this award is sustained outstanding accomplishment(s) in, or continuing contribution(s) to, any aspect of range science and range management by an active and contributing member of the Society. One award can be given annually.

**W. R. CHAPLINE LAND STEWARDSHIP AWARD** gives special recognition to members of the Society for exceptional accomplishments and contributions in the application of the art and science of range management to specific rangeland entities such as wildlife and domestic livestock use on such lands. One award can be given annually.

**W. R. CHAPLINE RESEARCH AWARD** gives special recognition to members of the Society for exceptional and sustained research accomplishments in range science and associated disciplines. One award can be given annually.

If you have questions about how to nominate, please visit our website (the awards Committee page) or reach out to Vicky at the SRM office vtrujillo@rangelands.org / phone: 303-986-3309
NOMINATE FOR AWARDS!

AWARD CATEGORIES Cont.

**SUSTAINED LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD** is presented by the Society to members for long-term contributions to the art and science of range management and to the Society for Range Management. More than one award can be given annually.

**OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT AWARD** is presented by the Society for outstanding achievement for eminently note-worthy contributions to the range profession to members and other qualified individuals and groups working with rangelands. This award is given in Stewardship and Academic streams. Several awards can be given annually.

**OUTSTANDING YOUNG RANGE PROFESSIONAL AWARD** is presented by the Society to an individual member who has demonstrated extraordinary potential and promise as a range management professional. This award is presented as an encouragement for outstanding performance by young men and women entering the profession of range management. The nominee shall not have reached his or her 40th birthday by January 1st of the year the award is to be conferred. More than 1 award can be given annually.

The title of **FELLOW** is conferred upon members of the Society in recognition of exceptional service to the Society and its programs in advancing the science and art of range-related resource management. This high honor is granted in the belief that special recognition should be given for exceptional and dedicated service to the Society.

The **YPC OUTSTANDING EARLY CAREER AWARD** is presented by the Society to an individual member who has shown outstanding dedication to the Society within the first five (5) years of their career. This award is meant as an encouragement for young professionals that make the difficult transition from SRM student member, to fully-engaged professional members of the society.

If you have questions about how to nominate, please visit our website (the Awards Committee Page) or reach out to Vicky at the SRM Office VTRUJILLO@RANGELANDS.ORG / PHONE: 303-986-3309
### SRM COMMITTEES

**GET INVOLVED! JOIN AN SRM COMMITTEE!**
For more information on SRM Committees, visit [www.rangelands.org](http://www.rangelands.org)

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GET INVOLVED

SRM is built on the involvement, dedication and leadership of its members. Together, we have contributed to the growth and development of rangeland management through discovering ways to share science through practical application. SRM and Rangelands need you more than ever--when colleagues like you are with us, we build our strength; not only as a society, but also as a voice in the rangeland community. Interested in how to get involved?

Join a Committee! SRM Committees work diligently to contribute to the growth and direction of SRM. They advise the Board on specific topics, as well as collaborate on events, publications, workshops, etc. They are open to all members and welcome involvement on all levels. Not sure how to join? Reach out! Committee leadership info is listed on our website, or feel free to reach out to us at the SRM Office for further connection.

Get involved in your Section! SRM Sections are the lifeblood of our Society and provide a regional focus that builds our connections on a local level. Not sure who to talk to? SRM Section leaders are listed on our website!

Nominate! We're always looking to recognize the outstanding accomplishment of individuals tied to rangelands. Nominate someone for an SRM Award! Know someone that could contribute a strong voice in SRM Leadership? Nominate them for the Board of Directors!

Are you an Early Career Professional or working on your undergrad? Young Professional’s Conclave and Student Conclave are a great place to start!

Submitted by SRM YPC Officer, John McQuaig
OUR LATEST NUMBERS

MEMBERSHIP

SRM continues to develop and expand on effective ways to emphasize recruitment of new members, retention of current members and reinstatement of lapsed at both the international, national, and local level. We’ve put emphasis on updating the presentation and timing of renewal communications, concentrated efforts of SRM promotion, built on opportunities for outreach and provided stronger support to our sections, committees and individuals who are leading the charge on recruitment and retention of SRM members.

Though we had been on a slow and steady incline in membership the past three years, we did drop by approximately 100 members in 2019. However, the outlook for 2020 renewals is looking encouraging as we’re ahead of the curve from last year, but we still have work to do to remind members to submit their renewals. **Remember, your membership will always expire Dec. 31st!**

It’s been a team effort to stabilize our membership numbers and we appreciate the numerous efforts to get us here. With SRM President Marlow’s designation as 2019 “The Year of the Section”, we dialed into empowering SRM sections to take on grassroots initiatives, determine goals/objectives and cue into ways the Parent Society can lend support. We continue to see backing of the “We Are Rangelands” campaign and other strong pushes in membership though out the countryside. This was in no way done solely at the Parent Society level---we owe a big thank you to our sections for pushing membership from the regional level. Let’s keep it up moving forward!

Interested in providing input to building SRM’s membership? Join the Membership Team! See more information on the SRM Website (Membership Committee page) or reach out to Outreach & Membership Coordinator, Mary Jo Foley-Birrenkott at srmoutreach@rangelands.org.
2019 Highlights:

*Rangeland Ecology and Management* continues to grow under Dr Roger Sheley’s leadership as Editor in Chief. We now receive about 250 submissions per year, and accept about 47%. An extensive team of Associate Editors handles the peer review and editorial oversight of the papers. In 2019 REM published 136 articles, a big jump over the previous years’ publications, and over 10% of which were published Open Access and immediately available for all to read.

In 2019 the Impact Factor – a widely used metric that uses citations to a journal’s article as a yardstick of its research quality- went up again, to 1.95. This increase was fueled in large part by the hugely impactful Sage Grouse special issue that published in 2017 (70/1).

*Rangelands*, led by Dr. Jason Karl, continues to provide a great home for articles on the art and science of rangeland management, synthesizing the latest research for managers, policymakers, educators, and landowners. Papers that are published Open Access in Rangelands have a very broad reach, therefore we have introduced new article types at lower APCs (fee for publishing OA). Our short article types- Research Notes, Technical Notes, Research & Partnership Highlights- have an OA APC of just $400 for SRM members ($500 for non-members). We look forward to your submissions to highlight your research and implementation insights to a wider community!

The most-read articles of all time of Rangelands is “Reinterpreting the 1882 Bison Population Collapse”, by Sierra Dawn Stoneberg Holt, followed by “Native Science: Understanding and Respecting Other Ways of Thinking” and “Impacts of Wild Horses, Cattle, and Wildlife on Riparian Areas in Idaho”- a wide variety of topics representing the interdisciplinary research to foster a holistic understanding of range management.

**Industry Developments**

As the Society of Range Management’s publishing partner, Elsevier is committed to helping the society navigate the changing landscape of research publishing as increased demand for Open Access publications grow. We are in favor of open access and Elsevier is the world’s largest publisher of OA, and we are also committed to protecting the revenue streams of our society partners like the SRM that allow them to best serve their communities. Currently, Gold Open Access publications in 2019 represent slightly more than a quarter of Rangelands publications and 14% of REM publications.
SRM HASHTAGS

- #RespectOnTheRange
- #RootedInRangelands
- #WeAreRangelands

FACEBOOK ENGAGEMENT STATISTICS

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- @RANGELANDS

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Society for Range Management

Providing leadership for the Stewardship of Rangelands based on sound ecological principles.

Networking & career opportunities
Voice in Rangeland-related policy
Collaborative partnerships & efforts
Outlet to current science & technology, including 2 journals
Local to international meetings, forums, workshops & field tours

SRM is the leading professional society committed to sustainability through science-based rangeland stewardship.
## Fiscal Year Ending July 31, 2019

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- **Carryover from AM**: 100,000 | 100,000
- **Contributions**: 3,475 | 3,475
- **Life Membership**: 13,500 | 13,500
- **Endowment**: 28,542 | 28,542

- **Total Transfers**: 145,518 | 145,518

- **Net Income (inclusive of transfers and prior yr annual meeting profit)**: 987,469 | 789,545 | 197,924 | 1,016,272 | 986,287 | 29,985

- **Transfer to Rebuild Building Reserve Fund**: 29,985

- **Net Income After Transfer to Reserves**: 0

- **Prior Yr Transfers into Building Reserves**:
  1. **Transfer from Operating to Building Reserves**: 1231.18 | 75,000
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### FISCAL YEAR ENDING JULY 31, 2020

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#### Total Net Operating Income and Expense (not inclusive of transfers)

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#### Net Income (inclusive of transfers and prior yr annual meeting profit)

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#### Transfer to Rebuild Building Reserve Fund

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<td>Net Income After Transfer to Reserves</td>
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