



2011 Annual Meeting Agenda

Western Rangelands Partnership

Montana State University – Bozeman, MT

May 22-24, 2011

SUNDAY, May 22: Best Western Gran Tree Inn (Hyalite Room)

6:00-8:00 pm Opening Reception with Refreshments

Welcome from Dr. Doug Steele, Director of Extension, Montana State University

MONDAY, May 23: Montana State University, Animal BioSciences Building (ABB 134)

8:30 am WRP Chair Welcome and Overview of Rangelands West 2011 Meeting
[Amy Shannon, Nevada]

8:40 am Montana Welcome & Introductions
[Rachel Frost, Montana]

- Special Welcome: Dr. Glenn Duff, Department Head, Animal and Range Sciences, Montana State University

Meeting Logistics [Rachel Frost]

Attendee Quick Self -Introductions (~< 1 minute each)

9:30 am Reports from 2011 SRM Annual Meeting

- Highlights of symposium “Foraging for Rangeland Information in an Unfamiliar Virtual World” [Rachel Frost, Montana]
- Discussions with Allen Press, Jornada LTER, and focus groups [Barb Hutchinson, Arizona]
- SRM Outreach and Communications Committee [Merrita Fraker-Marble, Montana]
 - Redesign of SRM website
 - Development of Public Outreach resource (available on R.W.)
- Plans for hands-on session at 2012 SRM Annual to include R.W. and eXtension Rangelands [Barb Hutchinson, Arizona]

10:00 am Morning Break (ABB Atrium)

10:30 am WRP Year in Review - Project Reports:

- eXtension Rangelands update and overview [John Tanaka, Wyoming]
- RSIS (Merrita Fraker-Marble, Montana)
- HEC teaching tools project [Karen Launchbaugh, Idaho]

- ISE Global Rangelands
 - Overview: "new" Rangelands West/Global Rangelands sites [Barb Hutchinson, Arizona]
 - Video projects [Mel George, California]
 - Australia Rangelands video [John Taylor, Australia and Mel George, California]
 - Outreach for Development [George Ruyle, Arizona]
 - Allen Press Journals [Jeanne Pfander, Arizona]

12:00 pm

LUNCH: Montana State University (ABB Atrium)

Following lunch (~12:45 pm) - Tour of Gus Hormay Collection (Renne Library, Montana State University)

1:30 pm

International Presentation(s) [Barb Hutchinson, Facilitator]

- Australia [John Taylor]
- Others (TBA)

2:00 pm

State updates [Amy Shannon, Facilitator]

Virtual/Online presentations:

Colorado - Allison Level
 Nebraska – Dana Boden
 New Mexico – Cindy Watkins
 Washington – Tip Hudson

Live presentations:

Alaska – Norm Harris
 Arizona – Jeanne Pfander
 California – Mel George
 Hawaii – Mark Thorne
 Idaho – Karen Launchbaugh
 Kansas – Livia Olsen and Walt Fick
 Montana – Rachel Frost
 Nevada – Amy Shannon
 North Dakota – Amy Ganguli
 Oklahoma - Barb Hutchinson on behalf of Karen Hickman
 Oregon – Barb Hutchinson on behalf of Mike Borman
 South Dakota – Pat Johnson
 Texas – (TBA)
 Utah - Beth Burritt
 Wyoming – Rachel Meador and Dave Krueger

3:00 pm

Afternoon Break (ABB Atrium)

3:30 pm

State Sites (continued)

- Maintenance and Support Options for State Sites [Amy Shannon, Facilitator]
 - Sites hosted by AZ [Sheila Merrigan]

- Static sites [Sheila Merrigan]
- Sites moving to other content management systems, i.e. LibGuides [Amy Shannon]
- Benefits of Range Scientist / Librarian collaboration

5:00 pm Adjourn for the day

6:30 pm **MONDAY EVENING SUPPER: The Woodlands**

Leave hotel by 6:00. The Woodlands is 10 miles south of Bozeman on Cottonwood Canyon Road.

Guest Presentations:

- Rick Kuntz, Cowboy Poet
- Jim Stone, Chair of the Blackfoot Challenge and owner operator of the Rolling Stone Ranch

Presentation of the 2011 WRP Trailblazer Award

TUESDAY, May 23 Montana State University (ABB 134)

8:30 am Welcome back, and logistics for the day [Rachel Frost]

8:45 am WRP Business Meeting [Amy Shannon, Facilitator]

- Chair and Vice Chair report [Amy Shannon and Mark Thorne]
- Treasurer / SRM liaison report [Karen Launchbaugh]
- Secretary report [Jeanne Pfander]
- Election of new secretary [Amy Shannon]
- Update on WERA [Colin Kaltenbach, University of Arizona]
- Location for 2012 and 2013 WRP meetings [Amy Shannon]
- Other business?
- Orientation for afternoon brainstorming session [Jeanne Pfander]

9:45 am Morning Break (ABB Atrium)

10:00 am Hands-on Workshop (& Webinar): Trying out the new Rangelands West search and data entry system (to gain your feedback before going live!) – Matt Rahr and the Arizona Team, University of Arizona (ABB 234)

12:00 pm **TUESDAY LUNCH (ABB Atrium)**

Building Virtual Herbaria: The Rocky Mountain Digital Herbarium.
Speaker: Larry Schmidt, Science Reference Librarian, University of Wyoming

- 1:30 pm Brainstorming Session [Jeanne Pfander, Facilitator]
Possible topics include: communications; marketing; sponsorships; participation; reaching out to potential members; funding opportunities, assessment; website enhancements, etc.
- Brainstorming (10-15 minutes)
 - Groups form around topics and discuss brainstorm ideas (15 minutes)
 - Review, add, summarize ideas for reporting
 - Group reports (30 minutes)
- 2:30 pm New proposal/project and funding opportunities [Karen Launchbaugh, Lovina Roselle, Barb Hutchinson]
- 3:00 pm Afternoon Break (ABB Atrium)
- 3:30 pm Action Planning (turning ideas into next steps) [Mark Thorne, Facilitator]
- 4:30 pm Closing Session / Wrap-up [Mark Thorne, 2011/2012 WRP Chair]
- 5:00 pm Adjourn
- 6:00 pm **TUESDAY EVENING SUPPER**
Dinner on your own or as group, to be determined at meeting.