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]
  o Redesign of SRM website
  o 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]
o ISE Global Rangelands
  o Overview: "new" Rangelands West/Global Rangelands sites [Barb Hutchinson, Arizona]
  o Video projects [Mel George, California]
  o Australia Rangelands video [John Taylor, Australia and Mel George, California]
  o Outreach for Development [George Ruyle, Arizona]
  o 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]
  o Australia [John Taylor]
  o 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 Mealor and Dave Krueger

3:00 pm  Afternoon Break (ABB Atrium)

3:30 pm  State Sites (continued)
  o Maintenance and Support Options for State Sites [Amy Shannon, Facilitator]
    o Sites hosted by AZ [Sheila Merrigan]
o Static sites [Sheila Merrigan]
o Sites moving to other content management systems, i.e. LibGuides [Amy Shannon]

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

o 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.
  o  Brainstorming (10-15 minutes)
  o  Groups form around topics and discuss brainstorm ideas (15 minutes)
    o  Review, add, summarize ideas for reporting
    o  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.