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# NEWSLETTER

## President's Message

Kevin Guinn

### Lessons from the Trail

Recently my partners & I hiked on the Pacific Crest Trail (PCT) from McKenzie Pass to the Cascade Locks in northern Oregon. Our annual death march was 165 miles in 8 days. Along the trail I learned a lot & was reminded of more!

1. No matter how you look at it, 165 miles is a long way on foot! No one can hike that far. But you can hike 5 miles to the next lake, 3 miles to a pass, and 4 miles to a lunch stop. Before you know it, you've walked 20+ miles each day. *The fastest way to move cows is slowly. Resource improvement often happens one incremental step at a time.*
2. The trail is not always well marked. One day while hiking in the clouds we took a 45-minute detour (each way) from the PCT. *Monitoring is critical. Where have we been? Where are we now? Where are we headed?*
3. The trail brings a few obstacles. Three days of rain & fog prevented a view of Mt. Washington. We had several 1500-foot vertical climbs. A tarp keeps out the rain but provides safe haven for mosquitoes! *Range management has challenges – drought, endangered species & conflicting interests, declining budgets & staff.*
4. On the trail, life is stripped to the necessities – water, food, shelter. We carried our shelter & several days supply of food, but were forever concerned about our next good water. We passed many stagnant ponds. Our best source of water? Any water we did not have to purify was a treat. Little Crater Lake, an artesian spring, was a spiritual experience. *From snowfields to rivers the Cascades show the value of hydrologic function & a healthy range ecosystem.*
5. Don't walk past the gems. The PCT took us through stands of old growth cedar, hemlock, Douglas fir. This gave us a point of reference for the stands that had been logged or for stands that had recently burned. *Rangeland has areas (some grazed, some not) and ecological site descriptions that provide the reference point in making range health assessments.*
6. Each spring 200 or so thru-hikers leave the Mexican border on the PCT headed for Canada. We talked with several. They have their own sense of community though they are strung out over 150 miles or more. Each thru-hiker's ear tag is a nickname & they seem to know each other. *In the PNW Section, though strung out across two states & a province, we know each other. We are friends.*

Thanks to John Tanaka & Will Keller for starting the First Response Team. Someone had an idea & our communication links have enlarged. See Will's article on page 3.

Like thru-hikers & cattle, the SRM gathers at the water. Pincher Creek in Alberta is our next water hole. My year as president is coming to an end. Thanks to some awful good partners, this year was an easy hike in the woods. See ya'll in October!

*Kevin*

## PNW “Family” News

Thanks to Norm McClure, WA, (Chuck Perry, Kevin Guinn & others, too) who knew that kudos were due, and did something about it. Read about Senator Scott Barr in the Ephrata Summer Workshop review on page 3.

“Give a hug” to the ’06 Committee! Won’t name names, because sure as shootin’, we’d leave someone out. But, those folks are moving! And dozens of B.C. folks are putting hours, days, weeks(!) into this. ’06 will be great!!

**Hot off the Press!! Fred Hall’s latest publication** – “Emigrant Creek Cattle Allotment: Lessons from 30 Years of Photomonitoring”. From 1975 – 2005, Fred had his camera in the field. The photos tell the story. The script is Fred. On p. 11, he writes, “*Lower Emigrant pasture became a study in frustration and learning. The original camera location had to be moved in 1985 and again in 1998 because willows obstructed the view.*” Reading it, you do hear Fred! It is an exciting publication to see and “hear”. To request your copy of PNW-GTR-639, call the USDA Forest Service, Pacific Northwest Research Station, 503-808-2138 or e-mail [pnw\\_pnwpubs@fs.fed.us](mailto:pnw_pnwpubs@fs.fed.us)

**Keep Poraths in your thoughts & prayers.** All of you at the October ’04 PNW Section gathering in Ontario, OR, remember **Marni Porath**, OSU Extension Agent & co-chair of the event. Her husband Cody & his Nyssa High School FFA “kids” did the evening BBQ for us. The Porath twins, due August 10, were born early – May 3. It has been a tough go for the babies; exhausting & frightening for Mom & Dad. Conner came home August 7; Haille is still in a Boise, ID hospital. A card saying “I care”, would brighten their day. You may write them at 28721 Rocky Road, Parma, ID 83660

**Remember June ’04 when PNW met in Merritt, B.C.?** You wrote a “Happy Card” to **Bill Anderson** who would celebrate his 90th birthday on July 26. Just shy of a year later, July 14, Lois Anderson died. Lois and Bill had been married 65 years, through World War II, the raising of daughters Christy & Elizabeth, a career in SCS, SRM Charter Member, President, & Renner Award winner. Lois was a quiet power and full-fledged partner behind Bill’s accomplishments. Her eyes twinkled – and when Bill was losing his eyesight, Lois became his eyes. You can write to Bill and his daughters! E.W. Anderson, 3800 Carmen Dr., Lake Oswego, OR 97034

**Hats off to the PNW!! Bob Ehrhart** has returned to his cabin in the Bitterroot Valley of Montana – but not without a word for PNW members. “*I don’t do goodbyes very well. I should have commented (at a local surprise party) that I have been a member of SRM since 1988, but I never really “belonged” until I got involved with the C.O. Chapter and the PNW Section. . . My deepest thanks to everyone. When I become a recluse, I’ll have great friends to remember! Meantime, we’ll plan on a good visit in Vancouver in ’06. Yours, Ehrrs*”

**Jim Brunner has a couple of great offers! 1.** Can you, a library, or university use SRM’s Rangelands? Jim has 1994-2004 copies to give. In good condition, they await new readers. **2.** He writes, “*I’d like to let chapters know that they can raise funds by selling my books, Tall Texas Tales and Good Times and Bad. Chapters can retail them at whatever price works for them. They can be sold to local libraries, other people and given as gifts. I’ll sell each to chapters for \$2 for TTT and \$3 for GT&B. Libraries usually get a 40% discount from the price listed on the back of the book. (\$8.95 on TTT and \$14.95 for GT&B)* Jim: [jimbrunner1@hotmail.com](mailto:jimbrunner1@hotmail.com)

*Congratulations Mr. & Mrs. Kendall Derby!!!  
PNWers Kendall and Amy were married July 1, 2005.*

**Welcome to the newest members of PNW Section! If we missed YOU, please let us know!**

Patrick Beres, Goldendale, WA  
Jonathan Boudin, La Grande, OR  
James Briggs, Portland, OR  
Kristin Coons, Corvallis, OR  
Debra Couche, Sandy, OR  
Dustin Counts, La Grande, OR  
Rolando Gaecia-Daguer, Merritt, BC

Griff Gilbert, Corvallis, OR  
Tina Gomez, Lakeside, OR  
Barbara Grub, Seattle, WA  
Jeremy James, Burns, OR  
Tory Kurtz, Prineville, OR  
Kirstin Mehl, Montana State Univ.  
Jefferey Meyer, Issaquah, WA

Stephen Munson, Bend, OR  
Morgan Nelson, La Grande, OR  
Terry Sodorff, Lakeview, OR  
Anthony Sunseri, Baker City, OR  
Anna Swanson, Prineville, OR  
Barbara Walker, Enterprise, OR  
Brandon Zahn, Ellensburg, WA

## PNW Section Headlines

### Ephrata Summer Meeting & Field Workshop

Another highlight for us all! If you missed it in June, be aware the next time you are invited by the Washington Chapter to walk the Moses Coulee. Don't miss it again! The Coulee traces its ancestry to the Ice Age, a "blown plug", and the \*Missoula Floods. Water and ice roaring over the land moved soil, carried boulders and cut coulees. Moses Coulee shows 7 different floods, lasting 3 days to 2 weeks. Today, it is believed the Missoula Floods were over 100 floods! We saw the "world's largest point bar" and a buffalo jump! **Thanks to Bob Leonard (& Nancy), Sarah Troutman, Kevin Guinn, Richard Fleenor, Chuck Warner, Dana Peterson,** and others for introducing topics from weeds to shrub steppe, watersheds to water quality, grazing to pygmy rabbits & sage grouse, . . . Cowboy Camp to Don's Restaurant.

At Cowboy Camp, we met **Senator Scott Barr** - gentleman, statesman, rancher. The Washington water situation had been "chaos because of the one-size-fits-all" thinking. He worked to abate chaos, and from those efforts came Watershed Councils - local citizens making local decisions. At Don's Restaurant that evening, we gave a standing ovation to Senator Barr when PNW Section recognized him with the "**Champion of Rangeland Management**" special award. **Norm McClure** and **Chuck Perry** noted that "*Senator Barr is still active at almost 90, and was an innovative producer who emphasized that he was not a cattle rancher, but a grass producer that raised cattle.*" While in the legislature, he was instrumental in causing a major step forward for sustainable management of State Lands, HB 1039. That led to "Ecosystem Standards", Coordinated Resource Management, and a plan to involve lessees. This applied to WA Dept. of NR, Fish & Wildlife and later urged that agencies consider CRM.

\*(Thanks to **Brian Haddow**, BC., you can "peek" at the Missoula Floods during a Vancouver'06 Symposium)

### PNW Board of Director Actions, Summer '05

1. **Chapter structure & activation** – Nothing is "in stone", but the Section will move forward to have 6 active chapters, Washington one, British Columbia one, & Oregon five. Bob Drinkwater will write to representatives in each area, asking them to select a representative to participate in the October Advisory meeting in Alberta.
2. **Section display board** available for use by any PNW Chapter, will be "housed" with Fred Hall, who lives on a Columbia River houseboat at Portland/Vancouver WA. Use it! Contact Fred at **fred\_c\_hall@plantecolnw.com**
3. **High School Forum at V'06** – Section can send 3 students, one from each locale. Leads: Lavona Liggins & Darren Bruhjell, BC; Lynne Breese & Nancy Phelps, WA; Darren Mitchell & Andrea Mann, WA.
4. **Future Section meeting proposals:** Summer '06, Burns OR, possibly invite California, Idaho & Nevada to join. Fall '06, Washington at Mt. St. Helens. Summer '07, BC. Fall '07, Corvallis OR.

### First Response Team

*By Will Keller, PNW Section Past President. Contact him at [will.keller@wa.usda.gov](mailto:will.keller@wa.usda.gov)*

Working behind the scenes, our Board of Directors has endorsed another tool for PNW members to use. We have created a way that members can avail themselves of the years of experience from our fellow PNW members. Pretty exciting! This work began two or three years ago when one of our members was having a tough time with a group that spewed out "science" that was just not true. The question became, "how can we draw on our collective wisdom to meet the challenge?" The First Response Team is our answer. What do you think? Give us your ideas for improving communication amongst ourselves.

Here's what we propose: A PNW member needs ideas on a technical or controversial topic and wishes to draw on the expertise of the Team. This person would send a paragraph or two to the immediate past PNW president, who would be responsible for coordinating with the Team upon determining that the topic merits calling the Team to action. The email alerting the Team and the member will include a link to an electronic discussion board off of our PNW SRM Homepage. Members of the Team will include, but not be limited to, past PNW Section presidents, Trail Boss and Exemplary Service recipients, and others who have an interest in sharing their expertise. Participation is voluntary and based on an individual's expertise and time available for responding. There will be ups & downs before we iron out the wrinkles in the system, but, as the saying goes, "Stay Tuned!"

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now for  
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## A View from the Fence Post

*Ed. note: Let's try a new column! It will be dependent on YOU, the members of PNW SRM Section. What have you observed? What has caught your attention? What has captured your curiosity? Jot your thoughts and send them to your newsletter editors. Editors do reserve the obligation to edit for space, readability and responsibility. See back cover for our addresses. Thanks to Jim White and Hugh Barrett for getting the column going!*

### **Conversations & Observations**

*By Hugh Barrett, owner and operator of CSR Natural Resources Consulting Services in Vancouver, WA, 360-256-6930 or hughbarrett@hotmail.com*

I've had the opportunity, in the last few months, to meet several landowners who've done juniper treatment projects on their lands. We've walked the treatment areas, talked about the methods of treatment and their observations of change in the landscape and its function. Let me share some conversations and observations:

After noticing a small wet patch in a draw below the confluence of two dry drainages, one landowner removed juniper in a 40-acre triangle bounded by the two drainages. He did this during our current drought. Today, a spring at that confluence yields a 15-20 gallon/minute perennial flow – and, supports a population of planted rainbow trout in a pond constructed just below the spring!

Dropping the juniper and removing only the tree boles, leaving the slash unburned and on site, another landowner has seen herbaceous production (native grasses and forbs) quadruple from about 300 pounds per acre to nearly 1200 pounds per acre in three years! Rest, followed by careful grazing management has been integral to this response.

Forage quality testing on one ranch shows twice the protein content of forages growing in the treated areas as the untreated areas! Is this the result of plant composition differences or soil/site factors??

Stock water ponds that normally fill with water from overland flow out of juniper stands, may dry up after juniper removal. Downed wood, slash and regenerating plant cover can detain overland flow, increasing the time available for infiltration and significantly reducing that flow.

I sure see my fair share of mountain quail in the juniper treatments I've visited!

In Central Oregon, I don't see a lack of habitat for juniper-dependent species being an issue. Perhaps a

lack of habitat for grassland and/or grass/shrub dependent species should be of greater concern?!

Fire control efforts in suburbanizing juniper stands looks more and more like post-facto subsidizing of the real estate/land development industry!

One rancher spreads bitterbrush seeds on a cookie sheet and puts them in a 400 ° oven for five minutes. This substantially improves germination rates!

But remember, don't expect these results every time in every place. Every site is unique. Learn to carry and use a shovel! The KEY to understanding lies under the soil surface.

### **Holism...with or without people**

*By Jim White, Rangelands Management Consultant, Knutsford, B.C.*

We use the term 'holistic' a lot. Holistic medicine, holistic diets, holistic views on various issues; 'holistic resource management' became a term popularized by Allan Savory. A recent visit with the Central Oregon SRM family put holism into a new perspective for me; a process that started with my last visit 2 years ago.

Some of us were educated back in the days when education was technical knowledge, with little attention to the reality that most range managers work through people. Technical competence is important - none of us would deny that - but without an ability to connect with people it makes little improvement to what is happening on the land. It contributes little to the people connected to the land.

At breakfast for a 'Nan's Weekend' at John & Lynne Breese' ranch, Marilyn and I experienced technical competence, but in the context of our humanness. Each of the 60 people was valued for being there. The importance of connection through conversation and working together was emphasized. The tasks to be done were presented in the context of the opportunity to make new friends. We ate together - always a symbol of safety and trust. Those who have passed on were honoured by being remembered, with prayer for the family of one recently lost, and another battling

leukemia. At a previous gathering there was a celebration for a wedding landmark. Students were valued, as a group of 6 contributed an informative session on the life cycle of juniper. And I was beginning to redefine holism...

One leaves these gatherings with greater technical competence, but much more. That additional dimension

involves being touched in most all areas of one's life. There is a warmth, a sense of well being, a reality - that a 'technical meeting' lacks. Maybe that's what holism can be in the SRM. Maybe that's what each of needs to try to bring to our own chapter and section gatherings. Maybe that's what will make the real difference on the land, and to those connected to the land.

## Vancouver 2006 – 59th Annual Meeting of the Society for Range Management

*By John Buckhouse and Bob France, General Co-Chairs, Vancouver 2006*

Excitement is building! Committees are working! It is coming together on schedule! Go to SRM's web page and click on the link to the Annual Meeting. **Ann Tanaka** is keeping this page updated, interesting and vibrant! There are links to publicity, coordinated by **Greg Tegart**, which appears in both Rangelands and the Member Resource News (newsletter). There are links to updates which include travel tips, hotel registration, technical & social tours, costs, passport and customs information, and more!

The symposia, thanks to **Joe Wagner** are on par with previous years, with 25 on tap. Technical papers have been accepted and **Bill Krueger** and **Rick Miller** say the system worked.

**Mike Borman, Wendy Gardner, Cindy Meays** and their crews have put together tours, teas, pub crawls, Daily Trail Boss news logistics, video & projection needs, trade show, special sponsorship, special activities (such as the Wild Women of Range), room assignments, agenda & schedules, food & entertainment contracts, socials, . . . .

This has been done with the enthusiastic help from a lot of people.

**Mike McInnis and Wendy Gardner** have college and high school student activities on schedule for their papers, meetings, luncheons, gatherings, tours and socials.

**Rex Harder** and **Bob Leonard** are keeping track of contracts and money (thank goodness someone is!) and we are within budget. **Sue Wilke** is maintaining "kickstart", a time flow chart, so it is updated and functional.

**Sandy Wyman** is coordinating the volunteer activities such as traffic control, bag stuffing, projector operation, and errand running. If you haven't already, please contact her now to say you will help! Sandra.Wyman@or.blm.gov

**Tim Deboodt** and **Sherry Beck** are ramrodding the Pre-Convention Trail Boss publication. Committee chairs met their deadlines. The Pre-Convention Trail Boss will reach you in October! Watch for it and use it!

And, just to whet your appetite, here are a few of the topics which **Joe Wagner** and others have lined up for the Symposia/Workshops: grazing systems, hands-on monitoring, water quality, seeding equipment and native plant materials, wildlife habitat analysis, collaborative resource stewardship, prescribed grazing to enhance habitat, rangeland weed management,

effects of economic growth rates on rangelands, future of rangeland management on public lands, fire ecology, tectonics, ice ages & floods . . . There are 25 in all! How are you going to do it???



# PNW Section Elections 2005

## Vice President Nominees – Vote for one (1) by October 7

Nominees are Craig Madsen and Karen Raven

### Karen Raven, Pritchard, B.C.

I am honoured to be a nominee for 2nd VP of the PNW Section. It is an organization worth joining and has been a rewarding experience for me.

I was raised on a B.C. ranch where I grew up thinking rattlesnakes, changing pipe and hauling bales were a normal part of life. I believed that the beauty around me was a gift to be treasured and cared for. This led to a career in agriculture and rangeland management.

My education: a Diploma in Agronomy, a B.S in Natural Resource Science and an M.S. in Rangeland Resources. I have worked with some incredible organizations: manager for an Alberta Forage Association; assistant agricultural field-man for the M.D. of Wainwright (focus on soil conservation), and ag. field-person for Ducks Unlimited before returning to B.C. to work in the ginseng industry as a plant health supervisor. I then returned to university as a “mature” student and pursued research based employment on forest soils in B.C. and in rangelands with OSU. Today, I manage Wolf Ranch, with emphasis on ranching in harmony with nature.

Future of PNW Section? I want to see continued emphasis on professional training. I envision that both public and private land managers would see SRM as “the” place to gather the latest in scientific and applied information on rangeland management in the PNW. I will do my part to ensure that PNW will continue to be the warm, welcoming and diverse group of professional and fun loving people that it is. A key issue is the social impact land management decisions have on the public; we must hone our skills to deal with the variety of perceived and actual impacts on our fellow citizens. We must convey in an informed, non-defensive way the importance of rangeland management. We must look for creative ways to engage the public, as the ramifications of not doing so will adversely affect this land that we love.

A plant and soils geek, I enjoy camping, catching kokanee, making wine and sewing for my niece.

### Craig Madsen, Edwall, WA

Here’s the story of how I arrived where I am today and why I am interested in serving as PNW 2nd VP. My wife and I live in eastern Washington. I raise goats for vegetation management and meat.

While working for NRCS as a range management specialist (14 years), I participated in a WSU-Kellogg Foundation professional development project. In the 2-year program, I received training in Allan Savory’s Holistic Management (HM) system, Steven Covey’s time management concepts and Bob Chadwick’s consensus process. Deciding to become a Certified Educator in HM, I completed more courses and an individual learning contract. HM requires an individual/family to develop a Holistic Goal. This requires reflection on Quality of Life and what one is willing to do to accomplish that. As we worked through the process of developing our Holistic Goal as a family, I determined that working for NRCS was not moving me towards our desired quality of life. To make a long story short, I resigned from NRCS in 2001 and started Healing Hooves LLC, to provide vegetation management services using goat browsing as a tool. I also provide consulting services in range and pasture management.

I joined SRM in 1984 and served as a PNW director. SRM has been important in my professional growth, with excellent tours and interaction with fellow members. I believe our key role is educating the public and ourselves about resource management issues. SRM should be a source of reliable scientific information on resource management. As SRM members, we should develop relationships with state, federal and provincial representatives so they will know whom to turn to for resource management information. I want to be involved in the leadership of PNW and would appreciate your vote.

I enjoy the outdoors and learning about plant/animal interactions. I enjoy traveling; we will visit our new grandchild in Guam where our son-in-law is based with the USAF, and take a side trip to Japan!

*More elections on next page ⇨ ⇨ ⇨ ⇨*

## **Board of Director Nominees– Vote for two (2) by October 7**

Meet the nominees: Lavona Liggins, Darren Brumback, Diane McKeel, Tip Hudson ⇨ ⇨ ⇨

### **Tip Hudson, Ellensburg, WA**

In my native Arkansas Ozarks, range refers to the distance between here and your target; “farm” to a piece of land that you live, hunt, fish, run a few cows, cut firewood, and occasionally cut hay. Our farm, in the family since the Civil War, has at times had significant cattle numbers.

I came to the U. of Idaho to study wildlife biology – then discovered “range management” – the integration of soils, wildlife biology, plant ecology, animal science and sociology. I changed majors! After my B.S., and a Masters of Natural Resources, I became the EVP of Washington Cattlemen’s Association. Influencing public policy on behalf of producers was a far cry from reading Daubenmire plots! Political success was tied to demonstrating success in land (& cattle) management. That was an opportunity. Today I am a Rangeland & Livestock Management educator for WSU. Since ’03, I have worked to educate producers and new/small landowners about rangeland health, and the tie between ecosystem health, water quality and sustainable animal management.

I am impressed by the expertise & energy in the PNW SRM. Public attitudes and perceptions toward range management are taking a positive turn. I want to be part of encouraging & steering this trend. . . . and I once shook Bill Clinton’s hand at a sesqui-centennial celebration in my home town of 500. . .

### **Lavona Liggins, Kamloops, B.C.**

In 1999, surviving my M.Sc. defence at UBC, I arrived in Kamloops to work as research technician with Agriculture & Agri-Food Canada’s Range Research unit. I worked on riparian issues, animal behaviour, wildlife damage, and other range management areas. This summer, I started the next chapter in my professional life as range management biologist with AAFC. Give me a few months before you ask exactly what I do – by then I may have sorted out the many hats I will be wearing. I look forward to pursuing my interest in multiple use issues & stewardship.

Serving B.C. Chapter as Secretary/Treasurer the last few years has provided me with good entertainment, opportunities to know many of you, excellent professional development, and occasion to learn what is involved in putting on a successful extension event. I hope that as a Section, we avoid post-2006 burnout and continue to be active as individuals and as a group. I would like the Section to create opportunities to educate, not just ourselves, but the public at large, especially those with little understanding or appreciation of range systems. Public opinion affects public policy. Wouldn’t it be great if we could help keep those opinions informed?

When I find spare time, I work on photography skills, pursue my goal of being the next Bonnie Raitt (not likely) and try new outdoor activities: next up, kayaking!

**Diane McKeel, Naches, WA** My path has taken me from a remote Montana ranch to Washington. After working for Tree Top, Inc. in AZ, my interests were still with range. So, at age 40, I entered U. of Idaho and graduated in 1995 with a Range Science Degree. I worked for Colville Reservation and the Bureau of Indian Affairs. There was little documentation of the 900,000 acres of rangeland. I designed & implemented a daily field and End of Season documentation. Daily monitoring records and photo points & records for 7 ½ years will show the way for future range workers.

My triumphs: getting my degree and winning my battle against cancer. This December will be 10 years with no evidence of disease. During my fight from effects of chemotherapy and depression, I bought a 2-year-old horse and thought, “what am I doing? I am 48 years old!” She led me through streams, brush and field, saving my heart & soul, and making me smile again. We have spent the summer with a Natural Horsemanship trainer. My goal now is to teach Natural Horsemanship.

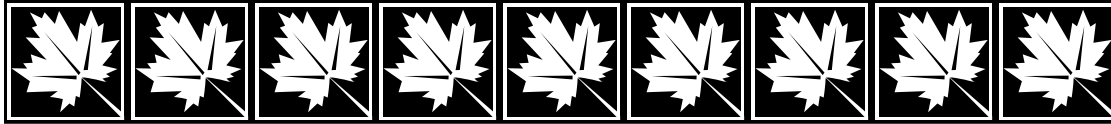
My dream for PNW SRM? Provide more “customer service” and communicating. Many friends still do not know what rangelands contribute to their quality of life. Public forums, media – SRM needs to be there. Invite local political representatives & school officials to PNW field days to learn what we teach on the ground.

### **Darren Brumback, Hines, OR**

I am a Certified Fisheries Professional and the Burns BLM lead for the Soil/Water/Air, Riparian, Fisheries, Wildlife & Special Status Species programs. I serve on the local Watershed Council & Oregon Riparian Team. My professional experience includes the National Marine Fisheries Service – an agency that I am sure many of you have come to appreciate! With that, do you wonder why someone would nominate me for the PNW Board? Me too!!

Opportunities to work with other land management professionals (public and private) and SRM have made me realize that regardless of personal value(s) associated with rangelands, objectives are generally the same: sustainable water, soil and vegetation. Rangeland management integrates the knowledge and experience of many; SRM is the network to get us out of our individual bubbles of perceived comfort and belief. I joined SRM because I saw on-the-ground activities of the chapter. People with “mixed values” were sharing, demonstrating, teaching, learning – and having fun – together! From an agency perspective, I see professionals moving into the depths of the office-bound darkness (other than the computer generated glow) – myself included. SRM provides continuing education for ALL of us. I like that.

I also like to fish, hunt and make wine!



## Upcoming Events

- October 14-15, 2005 **PNW Section Annual Meeting & Workshop**, Pincher Creek, Alberta  
February 12-17, 2006 **SRM International Meeting**, Vancouver, BC - hosted by PNW Section  
Summer 2006 **PNW Section Field Workshop**, Burns OR  
Fall 2006 **PNW Section Annual Meeting & Workshop**, Mt. St. Helens, WA  
February 11-16, 2007 **SRM International Meeting**, Reno, Nevada  
Summer 2007 **PNW Section Field Workshop**, British Columbia  
Fall 2007 **PNW Section Annual Meeting & Workshop**, Corvallis, OR

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