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NORTHERN GREAT PLAINS SECTION

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Message from the editor: Hello, I am Marshall Haferkamp. Some of you know me, but for those that do not; I worked as a range scientist at Fort Keogh from 1988 to 2006. Thus, I've lived and worked in the Northern Great Plains for more than 20 years, and I've been active in the Section in varying capacities since 1989.

Format preference varies by individual. Currently, the Plainsman will be published in single column format. Please feel free to suggest other formats that may be more pleasing to you, and I'll see what we can do.

I would appreciate receiving input for future editions of the Plainsman. I try to maintain a mix of Section and Chapter news with some technology transfer articles on subjects pertaining to the Northern Great Plains. You can all help by providing this information to me via email. I will be gathering some of this information from the Section and Chapter's Secretaries, Presidents, and Committee Chairs, but your input is always welcome.

We still have about 25 members that have not provided email addresses, so they receive their copies via snail mail. Thus we try to limit the Plainsman to 5 pages, printed on the front and back. Due to the page limitation, news articles may have to be held over from one issue to the next, but do let that stop you from sending in news worthy articles, meeting announcements, etc.

We hope to have the web page for the Section updated in the near future. Once that is done, it will contain copies of the Plainsman and notices of meetings. I will send an email to each of you once the page is updated, and hopefully you will use the site to check on future events and other information. Access to the Section web page can also be attained via the Society for Range Management web page. We would also appreciate any suggestions you might have for improving the usefulness of the web site. Currently, I cannot say for sure what we can or cannot do with the web site. That is my next project.

I hope that all of you have a safe and productive spring and summer. I am still optimistic that it will rain one of these days, and the ranges will be productive in 2012.

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Northern Great Plains Section Business Meeting Minutes

January 31st, 2012 - Spokane, WA

20 members present

4:00 pm President Lee Voigt called the meeting to order – Introductions of the members

Old Business

Meeting Minutes – Bob Patton moved and Mark Petersen 2nd to approve the minutes from the NGP section meeting on October 6th, 2011 in Bowman, ND. Motion passed.

Treasurer's report – Tammy DeCock moved to accept the treasurer's report, Darcy Henderson 2nd, motion passed.

President's Report – Lee Voigt

Jack Norland will finish Dean Dolatta's term as Director from North Dakota (through 2012). Dean moved to Utah in May of 2011. The section meeting in Bowman, ND went very well. We had a nice turnout for the business meeting and field tours the following day. A Tri-state conservation grazing workshop will be held in Hankinson, ND, August 21/22 at the Dakota Magic Casino. Additional information can be accessed on SRM's webpage.

Elected Officers for 2012

President Elect (Canada) – Darcy Henderson (2012)

Director (ND) – Jennifer Obrigewitch (2012-2013)

Director (MT) – Rebecca Wolenetz (2012-2013)

Committee Reports

Advisory Council Report – Lee Voigt, Mike Schellenberg, Mark Petersen

Each section is allowed 3 votes during the Advisory Council committee meetings that occur during the parent society annual meetings. SRM is in the process of revising the society's "Strategic Plan". A "Building Task Force" was appointed to determine what to do about the SRM headquarters building. It is in desperate need of repair and currently only houses one full time employee. The committee is moving towards selling the building and renting space in another building. Only 50% of members subscribe to Rangelands Magazine. The parent society is looking into why members are not subscribing to it. In 2013, the SRM meeting will be in Oklahoma City, OK, 2014 in Orlando, FL, 2015 in Sacramento, CA and 2016 in Corpus Christi, TX.

Nominations Committee –

Lee Voigt will be the incoming chair, Sandra Brown and Mike Schellenberg are the other members on the committee. The elected offices for 2013 will be President Elect from North Dakota and two directors from Prairie Parkland Chapter.

Certified Professional in Range Management – Mike Schellenberg, Carl Piper

There are currently 440 Certified Range Professionals. Information about CPRM will be more easily accessible on the SRM's website.

Membership Committee – Niki Dahl

Niki Dahl is our new membership chair for the section.

Student Activities – chair not present

The section did not sponsor a HSYF candidate this year. We did have a number of undergraduate and graduate students attend the meetings from the section.

Newsletter and Section Website - Marshall Haferkamp will be our new newsletter editor and will also update our section website.

Investment Committee – Keith Bartholomay, Carmen Drieling, Jen Muscha, Mike Schellenberg
We just received word from SRM's EVP Jess Peterson the week before the Spokane meetings that the section will be receiving \$20,000 from the parent society for hosting the Billings meetings in 2011. International Mountain received \$4,000 (20%) for assistance in hosting the meeting. Jen Muscha sent a check to their treasurer. The floor was opened for suggestions on how to use the money. It was brought up to buy a traveling display for the section, increase scholarship money to \$300, pay for a high quality speaker at a section meeting, and sponsor a student to attend the annual meetings.

Prairie Parkland Chapter – Darcy Henderson

The Prairie Parkland Chapter has their chapter meeting during their Native Prairie Appreciation Week (NPAW) in June. This year they had about 150 participants for field tours and evening talks in Maryfield, Saskatchewan. The Prairie Parkland Chapter sponsored the University of Saskatchewan Range Team at the Spokane Meetings.

North Dakota Chapter –

Ben Geaumont is the President Elect for the ND chapter.

New Business

Meeting was handed over to the incoming president Mark Petersen. Mark asked the members what their preference was for a section meeting this year. His suggestions were either a summer meeting or a focus on a "Professional Development" meeting held in the winter. It was decided against a summer meeting so it would not conflict with the Tri-state Conservation Grazing Workshop held August 21-22 in Hankinson, ND. Tammy Decock moved the section have a booth at the Tri-state Conservation Grazing Workshop (cost \$300), Mike Brand 2nd. Motion passed. We discussed having the "Rangelands West" bibliography available in the booth.

Tammy DeCock is working on planning an Ecological Site Description (ESD) workshop in Miles City, MT. She was hoping the parent society was planning to have one this summer. John Hendrickson made a motion that the section support hosting the ESD workshop in Miles City, Bob Patton 2nd, motion passed. Mike Brand moved that the Board of Directors determine the amount of money to spend on the workshop, Carl Piper 2nd, motion passed.

It was decided the section will plan on a winter meeting potentially in December. A "Visioning Program Committee" was formed to determine the theme of the meeting and solicit speakers; members are Kevin Sedivec, Mike Brand, and Mark Petersen. One suggestion for a theme was a focus on Energy Development.

Bret Olson moved to adjourn the meeting, Lee Voigt 2nd, motion passed.

NORTHERN GREAT PLAINS SECTION
Society for Range Management
1-31-11 to 1/31/12

Current Balances: Checking \$ 1839.49
 Money Mkt (SF) \$ 20,357.89 @ 0.50%
 Total **\$22,197.38**

1/31/11	Balance	\$21,289.70
	CD	\$ 9,279.83
	Working Balance	\$12,009.87
Income		
	Money Market Interest	\$ 157.74
	Dues Rebate	\$ 1149.00
	Donation (Ray Banister)	\$ 750.00
TOTAL INCOME		\$ 2056.74
Expenses		
	Incorporation Fee	\$ 15.00
	ND Range Camp	\$ 300.00
	MT Range Camp	\$ 100.00
	MT Range Days	\$ 125.00
	Scholarships (NDSU, MSU, USK)	\$ 600.00
TOTAL EXPENSES		\$ 1140.00
10/04/11		
Total Balance		\$22,197.38
	Working Balance	\$22,197.38

ENDOWMENT FUND BALANCE: 1/31/12 \$2,339.82

Paul and Anne Nyren's Retirements

Paul Nyren has retired after thirty years as director of the Central Grasslands Research Extension Center (CGREC) - NDSU. Not one to sit still, he will continue part-time as an accountable properties officer and a consulting range scientist for NDSU.

Anne Nyren has retired from her position as administration/operations officer at CGREC. She, too, will not sit idle, as she will be handling data processing and analysis for the Center from their home west of Garrison, North Dakota.

Best of luck to the Nyrens in their new ventures.

A detailed article about the Nyrens and the development of CGREC was written by Mikkel Pates for the January 9th edition of Agweek: (<http://www.agweek.com/event/article/id/19445/>).

Northern Great Plains Research Lab 100 years; USDA 150 year's celebration

The Public is invited to the Centennial celebration of the USDA-ARS Northern Great Plains Research Laboratory and commemoration of the USDA 150th anniversary at their annual Friends & Neighbors Day on July 19th.

In 1912 Congress established the facility as a “shelterbelt, fruit, and vegetable” research facility to support homesteaders in the northern Great Plains states. Through its history, the research facility has focused on diverse national and regional priorities; developing innovative practices to support family farmers and ranchers. Research today focuses on range improvement, reducing the expense of cow-calf production, biofuel forage development and testing, enhanced meat production, improved cropping systems, greenhouse gases, and remote sensing.

The enhanced annual “Friends & Neighbors Day” at the lab will be 1 PM – through the free evening barbecue and entertainment. There will be historical and current research tours, a Chautauqua of presentations on the beautiful 15-acre campus, children’s activities and horse-drawn wagon rides, and hot dogs, ice cream, and popcorn throughout the afternoon.

The USDA’s Chief Scientist, Dr. Catherine Woteki, Under Secretary for Research, Education, and Economics, will be attending the event sponsored by the Area 4 SCD Cooperative Research Farm and over eighty supportive organizations.

The Northern Great Plains Research Laboratory is located at 1701 10th Avenue SW, on ND Highway 6 in Mandan, ND. For more information go to www.mandan.ars.usda.gov or call 701.667.3018.

Gerald Sharpe Memorial Scholarship in Range Management University of Saskatchewan

Angela Japp has been selected as the 2011 recipient of the ***Gerald Sharp Memorial Scholarship in Range Management*** at the University of Saskatchewan. Ms. Japp was chosen as the recipient of this scholarship based on high academic performance in the Rangeland Resources: Ecology and Management course in the College of Agriculture and Bioresources at the University of Saskatchewan. The Northern Great Plains Section of the Society for Range Management annually presents the scholarship to an undergraduate or graduate student in the College of Agriculture and Bioresources at the University of Saskatchewan with high academic standing and a demonstrated a commitment to the profession of range management and the prudent use of rangeland resources. The Society for Range Management is an international organization of professionals and producers involved in range management.

Angela was reared on a grain farm near Eston, Saskatchewan. She is in her final year of study, majoring in Animal Science. Angela was a member of the University of Saskatchewan Range Team, and she participated in undergraduate range management exam at the 2011 SRM meeting in Billings. Upon graduating in the spring of 2012, Ms. Japp hopes to gain employment in an agriculture-related field.

Motivations and Opportunities: The Prairie Parkland Chapter Membership Committee

The Prairie Parkland Chapter Membership Committee uncovered many materials and opportunities for on going efforts to create awareness of the Society for Range Management and the Prairie Parkland Chapter. Some of these are available for use by any member. Articles and weblinks were created for promoting membership in newsletters and websites of the Saskatchewan and Manitoba Forage Councils, and the Saskatchewan Institute of Agrologists. Opportunities were discussed for presentations at universities, grazing club meetings and field days, and one was made at one of the U of S Range Team

meetings. The membership crew freshened up an existing pamphlet and had it included in conference packages for the Canadian Forage and Grassland Association conference and for the Native Prairie Restoration and Reclamation Workshop. The Chapter had created a display for tradeshow some years ago and we discussed that it would be easy to use it at various conferences in our region. We admitted that we could put a little more effort into promotion at, or development of, student events, both at the grade school and college levels.

The Committee developed a survey, targeting membership, to determine the motivations and limitations of members (a few non-members responded). Recruitment appears to have slowed considerably, as 2/3 of the 18 respondents have been members for over 10 years. Many respondents' most positive experiences with SRM and the Chapter have happened at conferences and field tours, especially the annual Native Prairie Appreciation Week Tour. At the local and parent society level, the SRM's culture of welcoming, respect, genuine interest, passion, and recognition has imprinted many members early in their careers, and continues to re-energize them at a variety of gatherings. Members value the advantages of networking, technical information, and professional affiliation, as well as the opportunity to support the discipline. Most find satisfactory value for membership cost in all three areas of networking, events, and written communications. To improve the Chapter, it needs to become more vibrant, visible and open. Respondents suggest hosting or sponsoring more formal and informal events for networking and continuing education, at all times of the year in various venues. Such events would have to align better with the broader range of members' interests, and sometimes be located outside of the major cities. Learning events outside of SRM already exist, and the Chapter should seek opportunities to be listed as a host or sponsor. It is well known among membership that there are many people working in range-related disciplines that could be members but are not. Some perceive that the lack of support by employers is a key factor. Youth and students need to be made aware of the discipline, and of SRM membership benefits. They need to be encouraged by free or discounted registration and travel cost to attend sponsored or hosted events. The younger generation is more likely to be accessed through social media, e-newsletters, exposure at all educational institutions, and appeals to their environmental conscience. There is a desire for members to contribute to Chapter leadership or events, but many members feel pressured and limited by other commitments, including some who already participate in leadership. Respondents suggest that cost, insufficient local relevance, busy schedules, and stagnating interests are potential threats to their SRM membership renewal.

Nadia Mori headed the membership committee and can be contacted at nadia.mori@gov.sk.ca for more information about promotional opportunities or about the membership survey.

Prairie Parkland Chapter Activities

On May 29-30th, 2012, the PPC and the Northwest Branch of the Saskatchewan Institute of Agrologists (SIA) will offer a "Back to the Field" workshop for professionals involved in land management to brush up on plant identification, rangeland and riparian health assessment techniques. This event counts as an SIA branch event for articling agrologists (A.Ag.) and as professional development credit for professional agrologists (P.Ag.). The event takes place at the Redberry Lake Biosphere Reserve Center, approximately 75 km (45 miles) north of Saskatoon, and features the amazing landscapes of the Redberry Lake area. For information and to register contact Nadia Mori (306-946-3219, nadia.mori@gov.sk.ca).

On June 20-21st, 2012, the PPC will host the 14th annual workshop and tour associated with Saskatchewan's Native Prairie Appreciation Week (June 17-23rd). This year the theme is "Where Range and City Meet". Wednesday June 20th will involve an afternoon technical tour of burning, grazing and revegetation projects on University of Saskatchewan and Meewasin Valley Conservation Authority lands, followed by an evening barbeque and PPC Annual Meeting at the Saskatoon Wildlife Federation Hall. Thursday June 21st will involve an all-day bus tour to the Beaver Creek Conservation Area, Rudy-Rosedale Community Pasture, a Nature Saskatchewan private land stewardship project, and Allen

Patkau's Ranch; bag lunch to be provided. For information and to register contact Nadia Mori (306-946-3219, nadia.mori@gov.sk.ca).

Starting again in September, 2012, the U of S Range Team will begin fundraising and studying for the Undergraduate Range Management Exam to be held at the SRM annual conference in Oklahoma City, February 2013. Several team members will be returning this year, and they are hoping to break away from ranking 6th to get back into top-5 placement like they did in 2008 and 2009. PPC members are encouraged to help the students with both fundraising and study sessions in the coming year. For information contact Darcy Henderson (306-975-4291, darcy.henderson@ec.gc.ca).

Canada's National Grasslands to be disposed by Canadian Federal Government

Announced in April of 2012, the Canadian Federal Government will discontinue the Community Pasture Program (CPP), operated by the Department of Agriculture and Agri-Food since 1937. These Community Pastures are similar to USFS National Grasslands or BLM Lands found throughout Eastern Montana and Western North Dakota, and comprise a total of 2 million acres of mostly native rangeland distributed across 85 pasture units in southern Saskatchewan and Manitoba.

The lands will be transferred from the Federal Government back to the Provinces and Municipal Governments, who originally handed over control to the Federal Government in the 1930s. Most of this land was homesteaded in the early 1900s, but economic depression and drought during the 1930s led to widespread land abandonment and tax arrears such that the private lands came back into local government hands. Unable to manage and reclaim this flood of tax recovery lands, usually with poor sandy, stony or salty soils, the federal Prairie Farm Rehabilitation Administration (PFRA) Act was modeled after the Taylor Grazing Act and Soil Conservation Acts in the U.S., to stop soil erosion on abandoned cultivated fields and begin controlling grazing on the remaining native prairie. The program has continued for more than 70 years, in part because it successfully operates on a cost-recovery basis through grazing fees, and it provides additional economic benefits to the public for other ecological goods and services like hunting, recreation, watershed protection, etc. In 2011, more than 3000 livestock owners sent more than 200,000 cattle to these Community Pastures to be pastured from June to October, where the animals were tended by pasture managers and seasonal pasture riders employed by the Federal Government. All of those employees, and associated administrative staff based in Regina, were put on notice that the CPP and their jobs will be discontinued over the next 6 years.

The Provincial and Municipal Governments in Saskatchewan have so far indicated they have no interest in managing the lands, and are actively encouraging private investors to purchase these public lands. In Manitoba, the Provincial Government is assimilating the information and has not made a final decision about how to proceed. There are hundreds of existing leases and permits on these lands for petroleum and gravel extraction, and seismic exploration for potash and other minerals. It is unknown how many pastures may eventually be sold into private hands, and how this will affect the other public uses of these lands for hunting, berry picking, bird-watching, hiking, or the public goods provided by protecting watersheds, sequestering carbon, and providing habitat for federally-listed Species At Risk.

Lost Resources

Charles Edward McGlothlin, age 78, of Billings, passed away at his home on Thursday, April 5, 2012. Chuck was born on Sept. 26, 1933, in Sheridan, Wyo., son of Clifford and Ruby (Connolly) McGlothlin. He attended grade school in Sheridan and received his GED while in the Navy. He attended Sheridan Junior College for two years, then transferred to Montana State University and graduated in 1960 with a BS in range management.

Chuck loved being in the mountains. While growing up, he and his family spent a lot of time hunting and fishing in the Bighorns. During his high school summers, he would help guide trail rides into the wilderness for groups including the Wilderness Society. On June 22, 1957, he married Laura Ruth Miller of Lodge Grass. Upon graduation from MSU in 1960, Chuck began his career with the Forest Service and

worked in Idaho, Montana and New Mexico until he retired from the Custer National Forest (Billings) in 1986. During these years the family grew to include two boys and two girls. After retirement he worked for Fiberglass Structures in Laurel, Mont., and formed his own company, MSST Water Service, in 1991. Chuck is survived by his wife of 54 years, Ruth, of Park City, Mont.; son Michael, of Anchorage, Alaska; two daughters, Shelley (Bill) Johnson, of Billings, and Shonna (Tom) Ulibarri, of Greeley, Colo.; four grandchildren, Nicholas, Carley, Chance and Cheyanna; one sister, Barbara (Bernard) Sare; two brothers, Richard (Carol) McGlothlin and Everett (Mary) McGlothlin; numerous nieces and nephews; and a large extended family, including an incredible group of friends who have become his family over the years. Chuck is now reunited in heaven with his youngest son, Tim, along with his sister Joanie, and brothers Jim, Robert, and Dennis, who preceded him.

Chuck was very involved with the Society of Range Management and had been a member since 1957. He was on the membership committee and endowment fund committee, awarded a fellow in 1999, and was the chairman of the 1989 Annual SRM Meeting in Billings. He was also in charge of the silent auction for the endowment committee. He participated in Montana Range Days and was involved with the Range Department at MSU where he helped set up the Fall Ag Appreciation Weekend Silent Auction. Chuck was recognized by MSU as one of the Outstanding Ag Leaders in 2004.

Chuck was also involved in his community, wherever he lived. He was a charter member of the Tobacco Root Federal Credit Union, a Boy Scout leader, as well as a 4-H leader. He was the American Legion post president in Jemez Springs, NM in 1978; a board member of the Billings Federal Credit Union from 1990-2006, board vice-chairman from 1992-1994, and board chairman from 1995-1999.

In lieu of flowers, donations made be made in Chuck's name to the following organizations: To help veterans travel to the Veteran's Memorial in D.C.: Big Sky Honor Flight PO Box 80201, Billings, MT 59108; or to the Payne, Ryerson, Taylor Range Scholarship, MSU College of Agriculture, PO Box 172860, Bozeman, MT 59717.

Russian Olive Survey

At USDA-ARS and CABI Europe-Switzerland, our research is guided by addressing stakeholder needs. We have been asked by some stakeholders to look for a classical (foreign) biocontrol agent(s) for Russian olive (*Elaeagnus angustifolia*). This tree has been labeled by several US states as a noxious weed, an invasive weed, or a regulated weed species. There are also several reasons why individuals favor this naturalized exotic tree species (e.g., shelterbelts, erosion control, and providing food for bird and mammalian wildlife important for hunting) and would not want to see it eliminated. As someone who might be interested in research/management of Russian olive, we hope you will provide your responses to a questionnaire that we have prepared on this subject. Only by gaining a sense of stakeholder needs concerning Russian olive can we try to address the varied issues associated with trying to manage and/or preserve this species in different parts of its naturalized range. We also hope that by engaging stakeholders and other interested parties early in the process, any future petition to USDA-APHIS for approval of releasing a classical biocontrol agent to target Russian olive will be based on a careful, science-based assessment of stakeholder needs and concerns.

New APHIS petitioning/permitting protocols for biological control agents are in place that require consideration of a potential new agent's environmental impact across the entire 48 U.S. continental states. If you know of any reason that a biocontrol agent for Russian olive may not be acceptable anywhere in the USA, we would like to know. We may be able to address research needs about, and anticipated problems that may arise from, biocontrol of Russian olive. However, this can only be done if such issues are brought to our attention with this questionnaire in the pre-petition research phase. To begin addressing some potential concerns, researchers at CABI Europe-Switzerland are currently studying two agents that would reduce flower/fruit/seed production, but not severely defoliate or kill Russian olive trees.

We foresee that the results of this questionnaire will be made available on a public access website. We also seek feedback from this questionnaire on whether there is sufficient interest to have a conference focusing on Russian olive management, and specifically covering issues about biological control.

Thank you very much for your time and willingness to fill out this questionnaire. Please use the following link to access the questionnaire: https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/RO_5

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Calendar of Events

May 29-30, 2012 - Back to the field: Essential plant skills - Redberry Lake Biosphere Reserve Center, Hafford, SK

May 30, 2012, 3:00pm - Turning cows into weed managers - 2012 Farm and Ranch Resource Night, Bowman Haley Marina, Bowman, ND www.livestockforlandscapes.com

June 20-21, 2012 - Prairie Parkland Chapter Annual Workshop and Tour, Saskatoon, SK - held in conjunction with Saskatchewan's 14th Annual Native Prairie Appreciation Week, June 17-23, 2012

July 19, 2012 - Northern Great Plains Research Lab 100 years; USDA 150 year's celebration, 1701 10th Avenue SW, on ND Highway 6 in Mandan, ND, www.mandan.ars.usda.gov

August 22, 2012 - Tri-State Conservation Grazing Workshop, Hankinson, ND, www.ag.ndsu.edu/2012conservationgrazingworkshop

December 2012 - Conference at Fort Keogh LARRL, Miles City, MT: More information at a later date