SRM Section News

SRM Wildlife Habitat Committee

During the past year the SRM Wildlife Habitat Committee (WHC) has produced 3 newsletter issues. These and past issues are now available on the web (thanks to help from Ann Tanaka) at www.rangelands.org/wildlifehabitat/ (click on “newsletters”).

For the 2004 SRM Annual Meeting in Salt Lake City, Utah, 3 symposia were planned, developed, and chaired on the following topics:

- Home on the range: aquatic conservation on working rangelands
- Invasives in riparian systems
- Managing landscapes to meet wildlife needs

At the 2005 SRM Annual Meeting in Fort Worth, Texas, 3 symposia were planned, developed, and chaired on the following topics:

- Using the farm bill for wildlife
- Energy development impacts on wildlife
- Safe harbor: helping landowners help endangered species

Over the past few years the WHC has been instrumental in generating ideas that led to 3 publications in 2004:

- VERMEIRE, L. T., R. K. HEIDTSCHMIDT, P. S. JOHNSON, AND B.K. SOWELL. 2004. The prairie dog story: do we have it right? *Bioscience* 54:689–695.

- CRAWFORD, J. A., R. A. OLSON, N. E. WEST, J. C. MOSLEY, M. A. SCHROEDER, T. D. WHITSON, R. F. MILLER, M. A. GREGG, AND C. S. BOYD. 2004. Synthesis paper—ecology and management of sage grouse and sage grouse habitat. *Journal of Range Management* 57(1):2–19.
- MCADOO, J. K., L. T. VERMEIRE, AND W. GILGERT. 2004. The other grazers—the interactions of “non-charismatic microfauna” in rangelands. *Rangelands* 26(3):30–37.

We would like to thank the entire WHC, but especially the following, for all their hard work in 2004: Terry Bidwell, Chad Boyd, Wendell Gilgert, Roy Roath, Ted Toombs, and Dale Weisbrot. The WHC remains very active, with plans to develop several symposia for the upcoming annual meetings in Vancouver and Reno. We welcome participation by any and all that would like to help!

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