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Frasier's Philosophy

The start of a new year is always an exciting time. Mistakes of the past can be left behind and plans for the future implemented. For *Rangelands* the coming year is exciting. We have a number of themes and special topics that we hope will provide something for all readers. There will be a set of papers from the King Ranch Rancher's Symposium. These papers are from some of the most knowledgeable people in the field of ranch and range management. We will have a group of papers on global climate change. These papers will address the "state of knowledge" of the future role of rangelands and global climate change. We will have all the SRM Honor Award winners as well as the winners of the various youth activities from the SRM Annual Meeting. These two groups are important to SRM. The Honor Awards recognize the individuals that have made a difference in range management and SRM. The Youth Awards recognize the people who will be our future leaders in range management.

I would encourage each member to go back and read the results of the survey published in the December 2007 issue. This survey provided excellent feedback as to what you as a member expect from SRM. I am happy to be able to say that many of the items identified in the survey are being implemented by the SRM staff and officers. Remember, the Society for Range Management is your organization. If you have some suggestions, they are of no use unless you tell someone. Every SRM staff member or officer will listen to your comments and take them into consideration. I remember when I was going to school and would have a question or comment. As a shy person I was reluctant to raise the point. I have since learned that if I have a question, all too frequently there are others in the room with the same question. Raise the question. The odds are that there are others with the same concern. The SRM officers and staff represent you and your ideas. Let them be known. ♦