

# SRM

## SOCIETY FOR RANGE MANAGEMENT New Mexico Section

The mission of the Society for Range Management is to promote and enhance the stewardship of rangelands to meet human needs based on science and sound policy.



### History of High School Youth Forum (HSYF)

In 1966, SRM recognized the need to involve youth with range-related activities and education, and since that time has provided educational opportunities for young people considering further study or careers in range-related fields (e.g., agriculture, ecology, biology, botany, natural resources, wildlife). Thus, the HSYF was initiated and has become a highlight of SRM ever since. The goals of the HSYF include providing students opportunities: to learn about range management, ecology, natural resources, and future careers in these fields; to encourage thinking and enhancement of communicative skills; and to meet SRM members, learn about SRM's function, and foster camaraderie and lasting friendships.

### NM SRM High School Youth Forum

*David Graham Memorial*

SRM's High School Youth Forum is a contest that is open to any high school student. The first step for a participant begins by picking a topic. Students may focus on any topic as long as it has some connection to rangelands: natural resources ecology, wildlife, habitat conservation, range plants, livestock management are just a sample of range related subjects that are suitable. From this point the participant will prepare a written paper and then present the important facts of their findings in a 6 to 8 minute oral presentation. Most contestants use PowerPoint or slides for their presentations.

Contest papers are due by October 20<sup>th</sup> of the year and presentations are made at the High School Youth Forum contest held the first of November. Date and locations are set closer to that time and based on contestants entering. Check out the NM SRM website (<http://nmsrm.nmsu.edu>) for more information about the NM Society for Range Management.

### Goals of the SRM High School Youth Forum

- ◆ Provide insight for these students concerning the function and workings of the Society for Range management
- ◆ Provide opportunities to meet Society for Range Management members from around the world
- ◆ Provide a format that encourages creative thinking and enhancement of communication skills
- ◆ Provide an opportunity to learn about rangeland ecosystems, colleges and universities, and career opportunities through interaction with SRM professionals and college students
- ◆ Provide an opportunity to learn about the ecology and natural resources of the Annual Meeting site
- ◆ Provide an atmosphere that fosters camaraderie, friendship and lasting relationships with other from across North America