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# TEXAS SECTION

## *Society for Range Management*

*To Foster Advancement in the Science and Art of Grazing Land Management*

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The Texas Section Society for Range Management (TSSRM) will be holding their annual meeting on October 13-15, 2010 in Odessa, Texas at the MCM Fun Dome Hotel and Conference Center.

TSSRM is a professional organization composed of individuals with a common interest in the study, management, and rational use of rangelands and related ecosystems.

This year's meeting theme, "Opportunities under the Western Sky: Planning, Persistence and Profitability" will offer a variety of education and outreach for all of those with an avid interest in Texas rangelands. Texas is host to some of the most diverse land regions and operation conditions and the management needs of rangelands are as diverse as the state.

Innovative approaches for good management, water quantity/quality, chemical/mechanical rangeland improvements and the overall importance of Texas rangeland are just a few of the topics on this year's agenda.

A ranch tour of the West Texas Railway Ranch will take place on October 14 and will showcase various conservation efforts and practices. The tour will present different treatment methods on Creosote, Tarbush and African Rue that have been completed on the ranch. There will be onsite demonstrations on "Wildlife Habitat Management" by Dale Rollins, "Pipeline Safety" by Bill Lewis and "Geology Descriptions" by Dan Womochel. Each participant on the tour will

receive a range stick from the Grazing Lands Conservation Initiative (GLCI) and Natural Resources Conservation Service Rangeland Management Specialist, Mark Mosley, will demonstrate its uses.

Members of TSSRM feel that youth education is one of their most important duties. This year's meeting will offer presentations for career opportunities and career advancement in the public and private sector. At the conclusion of the presentations, young professionals will have the opportunity to interview with agency officials on-site.

Results for this year's photo contest will be on display throughout the meeting and for those interested a plant identification contest will take place. The meeting will come to a close with an awards banquet and dance. For more information about TSSRM and this year's meeting log onto [www.rangelands.org/texas](http://www.rangelands.org/texas) or contact one of the event co-chairs: Steve Hartmann at 432-684-4404 or Ray Schimcek at 432-684-8722 ext. 3.

Make plans to attend the 2011 meeting in San Angelo, Texas.