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**Session Submission Form**

Submit to: [specialsessions@rangelands.org](mailto:specialsessions@rangelands.org)

*\*\*All sessions must be submitted by* ***July 18, 2025*** *for consideration.\*\**

1. **Session Title (Maximum 20 words):**IYRP 2026 Stakeholder Action-Planning for North America
2. **Session Contact (must include Name and Email):**Layne Coppock (Layne.Coppock@usu.edu)
3. **Session Sponsors (if applicable). Sponsors can provide financial aide for attending speakers, dissemination of session material, or become a general sponsor for the general meeting.**Not applicable
4. **Description (This will be included in the meeting program) Maximum 100 words:**

This gathering will follow up on four previous SRM workshops held at Albuquerque, Boise, Sparks, and Spokane. The focus will be to refine a North American Action Plan for the 2026 International Year of Rangelands and Pastoralists (IYRP). Presentations will include project updates for the USA, Mexico, and Canada. Overall, the workshop will focus on how best to increase public awareness about rangelands and empower stakeholders to generate on-the-ground impacts for rangeland systems.

1. **Session Type (Symposium, Workshop, Ignite, Campfire)**

Workshop

1. **Requested Length of Session (this cannot be guaranteed, but will be taken into consideration); the 2026 program is set-up to provide for 1 hour 40 minute time blocks; 3-session blocks each day (10:20am-noon; 1:20pm-3pm; 3:20pm-5pm); please indicate if “one” time block is needed, or multiple (i.e: half day or full day session):**

We request three consecutive blocks of time on the same day. We also request that the day is Monday because that maximizes the availability of our speakers.

1. **Target Audience: Who is your session geared toward? (Producers, Young Professionals, Federal Agency employees, etc.):**

The target audience is primarily comprised of outreach practitioners, applied researchers, and policy makers.

1. **Expected Room/Audience size: While we know it is difficult to predict session attendance; please indicate here your best estimate for your room size needs: Large room (150+); Medium room (100); small room (50); the planning committee will do our best to plan for all space needs and requests:**

The attendance will most likely be 50 people or less.

1. **Proposed/Draft list of Speakers (if applicable) and titles for individual presentations. Final session agendas, including speaker names, time slots and presentation titles, must be submitted by September 12, 2025 (a template to submit this information will be provided once your session is confirmed).**

Layne Coppock et al., Welcome: Update on the IYRP and the Action Plan for North America

Barb Hutchinson et al., Update on an IYRP rangeland documentary film and Arizona activities

Stephen Bramwell et al., Update on an IYRP Western SARE regional outreach/public art project

Javier Ochoa-Espinoza et al., Update on IYRP activities for northern Mexico

Bob Broweleit et al, Update on IYRP activities for the SRM Nebraska section

Barry Irving et al., Update on IYRP activities for Canada

Mark Thorne et al., Update on IYRP proclamation and resolution activities

Flavie Audoin et al., Update on IYRP social media and the FIFA World Cup

Layne Coppock et al., Update and discussion—engaging SRM sections in the IYRP

Layne Coppock et al., Wrapping up and discussion of key challenges that remain

1. **Requested Room Set-Up (this cannot be guaranteed, but will be taken into consideration, options are: theater or workshop/classroom seating (round tables are not available)); all rooms will be set Theater style, unless otherwise communicated:**

We can deal with either the theater style or the workshop/classroom style. We prefer a format that is best for the audience and speakers to engage with each other.

1. **AV & Technical: Select sessions will be live-streamed and recorded at the 2026 meeting; not all sessions will be set-up for this function. This capacity will be determined by the planning committee and communicated to organizers upon acceptance. At that time, we will ask you to finalize any moderators needed.**

*Symposia sessions will be live-streamed and recorded at the 2026 meeting. If you* ***DO NOT*** *wish to have your session live-streamed and recorded, please indicate that below.*

*Workshops and Ignite: Organizers must request to be live streamed; otherwise, workshops and ignite sessions will not be set-up to do so. Please indicate below.*

*Campfire sessions will not be live streamed.*

**Please indicate your AV preference here:**

*Yes, we ask that our workshop sessions be live-streamed and recorded. We hope that IYRP stakeholders*

*around the world can access the material, during and after the event. Otherwise, we will need a projector*

*to show power point slides. We also want a mobile, hand-held microphone to enable speakers to circulate*

*around the room.*

*While we hope that all speakers can attend Monterey 2026 in person, travel uncertainties are a reality. We must be prepared that some speakers may need to participate via Zoom or a similar online platform. Our room must be equipped accordingly.*

1. **Justification. Please provide any additional information you deem important (use the review criteria in the Call for Proposals as a guide). Maximum 300 words.**

The International Year of Rangelands and Pastoralists (IYRP) 2026 has been embraced by SRM for several

years. Workshops, symposia, comp online registrations for IYRP network members, and translation of

some conference events into major foreign languages are examples of what SRM has supported. This all

represents a stepwise process. Ultimately, the IYRP 2026 aspires to make progress by increasing

awareness about rangelands locally, nationally, and globally. Improved awareness about the value of

rangelands among the public and decision-makers should result in better efforts to promote sustainable

use of range systems for future generations. Monterey 2026 is another important step in this process as

we approach 2026. Previous efforts to brainstorm ideas and seek major funding are just now beginning to

bear fruit in the form of actionable projects. Support for this proposal helps us meet our long-term goals.