

IYRP North America Update, 22 September 2023



IYRP NORTH AMERICA
INTERNATIONAL YEAR OF RANGELANDS AND PASTORALISTS



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NA IYRP wrap-up meeting on August 21st

- *An attendant of 80 persons*
- *Update partners*
- *Engage those that are not aware*
- *Look for new partners*

IYRP USA Update

IYRP voice prominent in SRM recommendations for re-draft of National Farm Bill Legislation (2023-2028), May 2023 (*Briske et al.*)

- *Policies to elevate range profile, conservation, education, federal agency updates, working landscapes, climate*

IYRP USA list serves updated July-August 2023

- *Now with 110 individual stakeholders and 95 organizational stakeholders*

The SRM has approved an IAC proposal to provide hundreds of complimentary international online registrations for IYRP persons wanting to attend the 2024 SRM gathering at Sparks (Reno) Nevada in February 2024.

The SRM has also said it will provide US \$5,000 in support for an IYRP documentary film for the USA

IYRP USA Update

IYRP proposal concept note submitted to USDA/NIFA, August 2023; Possible multi-million \$\$ budget for 4 years (2024-2028) (*Coppock et al.*)

- *Focus on use of mass communication to create action impacts on rangelands—experimentally assessed before/after 2026*
- *If favorably reviewed, new multi-disciplinary team would be recruited to create a proposal*

IYRP WSARE grant proposal underway to develop diverse public communication materials (*Bramwell et al.*)

- *Exhibits for airports, libraries, museums; readings, etc.*

IYRP National Geographic proposal underway focused on outreach to non-rangeland audiences (*Svejcar et al.*)

IYRP Canada Update

- Canadian co-chairs are apparent
Amanda Muller (Saskatchewan)
Barry Adams (Alberta)
Amanda Miller (British Columbia)
- 3 Universities
U of Alberta, Saskatchewan, Thompson Rivers
- 3 Society for Range Management Sections
BC chapter (PNW Section), Prairie Parkland Chapter
(NGP Section), Alberta side of IM Section

Potpourri of Canada

- Engagement with Indigenous groups.
Blood and Piikani (Blackfoot Confederacy)
- NGO's committed
Canadian Cattle Association, Public Pastures – Public Interest, Nature Conservancy, Ducks Unlimited, Canadian Forage and Grassland, Manitoba Forage and Grassland, ALUS Canada, Prairie Conservation Action Plan partners, Nature Saskatchewan, Transboundary Grassland Partnership, Alberta Wilderness Association, and....

IYRP Mexico Update

- SADER (Minister of Agriculture), they are aware of this initiative. Cattle and Climate Change Forum (Sep 20th), GEF project for arid and semiarid grasslands.
- SADER (Secretaria de Agricultura), están conscientes de esta iniciativa. Foro de Ganadería Bovina y Cambio Climático (Sep 20). GEF para pastizales aridos y semiaridos.
- National Grassland Congress in Durango 2023. IYRP Workshop
- Congreso de Pastizales en Durango 2023. Taller AIPP

IYRP Mexico Update

- Grassroots partners, that can keep pushing the IYRP. MRR (Regenerative Ranching Management Association), 400 ranchers.
- Socios que estén haciendo acciones en terreno y que ayuden a diseminar la iniciativa en sus comunidades. MRR Manejo Regenerativo de Ranchos



This year the XII Mexico International Grassland Management Congress was held in Durango, Dgo. Mexico, from September 27th to 30th. This congress is co-organized by the Mexican Grassland Management Society A.C. (SOMMAP), the Juárez University of the State of Durango (UJED) and the State Government of Durango. The theme of the congress was around the ecosystem services of grasslands and sustainable livestock farming. Topics of soil, water, carbon, production, economy, use of new technologies, among many more, were addressed. There was the participation of internationally and nationally renowned speakers with master conferences on carbon market, profitability in pastures and livestock, feeding in rangelands, grazing schemes, as well as a series of short presentations and posters, in addition to various workshops and roundtables. This event was attended by more than 600 people, including researchers, technicians, students and a large participation of Durango ranchers. During this congress, the “Workshop for the development of the action plan for Mexico for the International Year of Rangelands and Pastoralists 2026” was held, this workshop had the objective of establishing actions to disseminate the importance of grasslands among the Mexican population. The actions to be carried out were established jointly by technicians, researchers and producers together, through group dynamics. The congress served as a space to facilitate the exchange of information and experiences, for a better understanding of the challenges and opportunities in grassland management.