

The Rangeland Ecology Section of ESA has worked on the development of 2 web sites:

1) The Section's main web site is: <http://www.ag.unr.edu/esa/> Please visit the web site, and provide your comments (positive or negative) back to us. We'd like to make the site as useful to you and other rangeland professionals as possible, but we'll need your help. Please pay particular attention to the following sections:

- "Employment Opportunities" – We are happy to post job announcements at any level, but we need your help in sending a copy of the announcement or a web page that has the information.
- "Education" – We've tried to provide links to as many rangeland programs that we could think of. If we are missing any, please send us the web site. As you can see, the list is heavily centered on US institutions, and any international programs would be greatly appreciated. Also, if you maintain a web site for your courses and would like other professionals to have access to them, please send information on the courses.
- "Links" – We've placed links to web sites that we use frequently on the web page. If you have web sites that you find especially useful, please pass that information along and we'll add it to the web site. If you have other categories you'd like added, please let us know.

We plan to migrate the web site to ESA's server in the next few months, after we feel that the current site is operating properly and is as developed as we'd like it to be.

2) The Section has also begun development of a 2nd "listserve" and web site. This 2nd listserve/site, called "RangeTalk" is meant to be an informal forum for range managers and scientist to describe and discuss observations, data, and results. All too often we see something in the field that is interesting or have some data/results that are important but may not be publishable on their own. Rather than have this information stay in your notebook, the Section would like to provide a means to get that information out; perhaps others may find the information relevant to their situation, or maybe others may have similar information that can be combined with your's to make a substantive paper. The concept is that people would submit information (i.e. observations, data, or results), then a basic description of the information would be distributed to members of the listserve along with an invitation to comments on the information. The information and comments would be available from the web site, and the intent is for the Section simply to house the information and comments.

We have drafted out a few opening pages that users to the web site would interface with. These are drafts, and your comments and thoughts are needed before we proceed much further. The pages are not yet automated (we need to get the code written that will automatically step users through the process), and we need to add some more query pages to build a database about the information being submitted. We have not added the automated link from our main web page yet, but we invite you to examine the current drafts and provide us with your thoughts. The pages are accessible from: <http://www.ag.unr.edu/esa/RangeTalk/>. Please pay particular attention to:

- The 1st page – do we need to add or change any text?
- Should we only accept information that was collected by the person submitting it, or is an expression of "permission" acceptable?
- What other categories of data would be useful?
- What other types of information would be useful to you as an end-user? For example, would you be satisfied with knowing the state (or country) that the data was collecting in, or would you want to know latitude/longitude/elevation information?

We hope that you find these web sites useful.
Bob, Sam, Linda, & Jeff