PUBLICATIONS
Recent departmental publications include:


TRAVELS
Tim Ross will be escorting students to Belize City, Belize on March 20-28 to Study wildlife conservation.

SRM AWARDS
At the annual Society for Range Management meeting held in Orlando, Florida on February 10-13, Laurie Abbott received the Range Science Education Council’s “Outstanding Undergraduate Teaching Award.” Laura Goodman earned First Place honors for her poster, “Effects of applying Picloram and Aminopyralid with 2,4-D on white locoweed in northern New Mexico” in the PhD category, while the NMSU Range Club placed 3rd in the Student Chapter Display Contest.

SRM PRESENTATIONS
Papers and posters presented at the SRM Meeting in Orlando,
Florida by departmental faculty and students include:

“ESDs: Tools for Teaching, Tools for Learning”, Laurie Abbott

“Association patterns of visually-observed and GPS-tracked cattle in the Western United States,” Mitch Stephenson and Derek Bailey

“A case study evaluating pastoral plans in the Southwestern Alps: Continuous versus rotational grazing,” Massimiliano Probo, Michele Lonati, Marco Pittarello, Derek Bailey, Matteo Garbarino

“Hydrologic interactions in Piñon-Juniper woodlands,” Carlos Ochoa, Sam Fernald, Doug Cram, Yasser Almalki

“Phenological changes in nutritive value of honey mesquite leaves, pods, and flowers,” Piedad E. Mayagoitia, Derek Bailey, Rick Estell

“Association of high density genetic markers and terrain use in beef cows,” Derek Bailey, Milt Thomas, Juan Medrano, Angela Canovas, Gonzalo Rincon

“Large herbivore use of riparian areas within BLM wild horse management areas (HMAs) in Central Wyoming,” Michele Teter, Kristie Olmer, Scott Fluer (undergraduate paper)

“Animal-driven rotational grazing patterns in a seasonally grazed New Mexico rangeland pasture,” Mohammed Sawalhah, Andrés Cibils, Chuan Hu, Huipeing Cao, Jerry Holechek

“Targeted cattle grazing with low-moisture block protein supplement and herding in the Southwest USA,” Mitch Stephenson, Derek Bailey, Retta Buegger, Larry Howery

“Strategically placed mineral mix supplements and traditional salt placement on grazing distribution in Italian Alps,” Marco Pittarello, Massimiliano Probo, Derek Bailey, Michele Lonati, Giampiero Lomardi

“Innovative products for promoting undergraduate rangeland education,” Karen Hickman, Laurie Abbott, Chris Call, Susan Edinger-Marshall, Mel George

“Redefining core competencies for future rangeland managers,” Laurie Abbott, Chris Call, Susan Edinger-Marshall, Mel George, Karen Hickman

“Use of modis-derived vegetation green-up parameters to predict reproductive performance of sheep on rangeland,” Ana Gabriela Colodner, Andrés Cibils, Dawn VanLeeuwen, Michaela Buenemann, Tim Ross

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“Use of Picloram and Aminopyralid with 2,4-D on white locoweed in northern New Mexico,” Laura Goodman, Andrés Cibils, Kirk McDaniel, Robert Steiner, John D. Graham


RESEARCH RALLY

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WOOL JUDGING TEAM

The NMSU Wool Judging Team competed at the San Antonio Livestock Show on February 7. Their next competition will be at the
Houston Livestock Show on March 13-18. Team members are Tiffany Fowler, Dallas Dooley, Adriana Sanchez, Kristen Creighton, Kinsey Fisher, Daniel Fellwock, Ashley Gilpin, Marcus Krohn, and Larisa Estrada. Team coach is Whit Stewart. Judging team coordinator, John Campbell, accompanied the team to San Antonio.

The Wool Team visited the Alamo while in San Antonio.

**ACADEMIC QUADRATHLON**

Six teams competed in this year’s Academic Quadrathlon for the right to represent NMSU at the WSASAS meeting in San Angelo, Texas in June. First place went to the “Right Meow” team of Consuelo Gurule, Nicole Rodriguez, Naomi Ortiz, and Frankie Melgar.

Other teams participating were:

“Swiss Level Landers” (2nd) – Joslyn Beard, Taylor Calloway, Troy Mitchell, Lyndi Owensby

“The Primes” (3rd) – Nizhoni LaFrance, Madeline Voldahl, Cameron Leopold, Justin Dearing

“Team Ramrod” (4th) – Alyssa Hackett, Lauren Aguirre, Kaitlyn Myers, Stefan Perez

“The Outsiders” (5th) – Enoc Mascorro, Josiah Brooks, Matthew Crouse


Sergio Soto serves as advisor of the Academic Quadrathlon and was assisted by Megan Coleson. Thanks to all the faculty and graduate students who also helped conduct the contest.

**ETC.**

Sympathy is expressed to Jamie and Laura White on the death of his grandmother in late January in South Carolina.

Sympathy is expressed to Whit and Lindsay Stewart on the death of her father in Lehigh, Utah on February 7.

Congratulations to Ely Camacho, who has been selected to be recognized in the 2014 Western Section Young Scholar Recognition Program, the first at the PhD level. Ely received her M.S. degree in animal science from NMSU in 2009 with Dennis Hallford, and completed her PhD at North Dakota State University in 2013.