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ECOLOGICAL RESTORATION IS THE PROCESS OF REPAIRING DAMAGE CAUSED BY HUMANS TO THE DIVERSITY AND DYNAMICS OF INDIGENOUS ECOSYSTEMS. — THE SOCIETY FOR ECOLOGICAL RESTORATION

CERSER MISSION STATEMENT: TO FOSTER ECOLOGICAL RESTORATION AWARENESS, UNDERSTANDING, AND ACTIVITIES AMONG A BROAD SPECTRUM OF PARTICIPANTS.

IN THIS ISSUE

By Chris Rutledge

Hello from the Central Rockies Chapter for the Society of Ecological Restoration (CeRSER). We have a number of exciting things to announce in this issue, including: an election to bring new leadership to the chapter; opportunities to team with other restoration-minded organizations in the Central Rocky Mountain Region, including a conference; a great deal to join or renew your membership with SER and CeRSER; and information on upcoming local restoration related conferences.

OFFICER ELECTION

CeRSER is currently accepting nominations for three officer positions: President, Vice President, and Treasurer. Positions are also open on the CeRSER Board and Committees. If you or someone you know is interested in one of these positions, please send your nomination and a brief biography to Chris Rutledge (crutledge@arcadis-us.com) by July 30, 2010. We will hold elections in August. More information on each position is provided below.

Overview of Chapter Positions and Responsibilities

MISSION STATEMENT - The mission of the Chapter shall be to foster ecological restoration awareness, understanding, and activities among a broad spectrum of participants.

Overview of volunteer positions responsibilities

The by-laws contain specific information about all volunteer positions and potential initiatives of the organization.

Board of Directors

Consists of chapter officers, committee chairs and leaders in the field of restoration ecology. Responsibilities include attending one annual meeting to discuss chapter business and long term strategic planning. Attendance may be by conference call, although the by-laws do not specifically address this option.

Officers – Three Officer positions are currently open for this election. Brief descriptions are provided for the President, Vice-President, and Secretary/Treasury positions.

President – currently Chris Rutledge
The President should provide overall leadership and direction of the Chapter and preside as chair at all meetings of the Board of Directors.

Vice-President – currently empty
The Vice President shall assume the duties of the President in the absence or upon the inability of the President to serve, and shall perform any duties assigned by the President.

Secretary/Treasurer – currently Thomas A. Grant III
The Secretary/Treasurer shall be responsible for recording the minutes of all meetings and the issuance of meeting minutes and of the maintenance of the membership records. The Secretary/Treasurer shall be responsible for the receipt and disbursement of funds of the Chapter and shall submit quarterly financial reports to the Board of Directors and an annual financial report at the Annual Meeting.

Standing Committees (All chairperson positions are currently empty)

In general committee chairs initiate, organize and coordinate specific projects of the chapter. Committees include:

- Elections Committee
- Membership Committee
- Outreach Committee
- Programs Committee
- Publication Committee
- Volunteer Projects Committee

SPECIAL MEMBERSHIP OFFER

Now's a Great Time to Join or Renew Your Membership with SER and CeRSER!

Get involved with SER's Central Rockies Chapter and be a part of restoration efforts in your region. For a limited time only, you can join SER with a \$45 full membership and receive benefits worth more than \$100:

- Free affiliation with your local Central Rockies Chapter
- Free online subscription to Restoration Ecology
- RESTORE Weekly E-Newsletter
- 25% off Island Press Ecological Restoration book series
- SER conference discounts
- Free access to Restoration Marketplace, Showcase, and the Global Restoration Network

Already a SER Central Rockies member? This offer applies to you too!

Renew your membership with SER today for \$45 and receive an additional year of SER membership, free Central Rockies affiliation, and a free subscription to Restoration Ecology.

Take an active step in promoting ecological restoration efforts.

Visit the CeRSER website (<http://www.ser.org/cerser/membership.asp>) to take advantage of this offer and help us restore nature!

Founded in 1988, the Society for Ecological Restoration (SER) and its chapters have established a network of individuals and organizations around the world that facilitate dialogue, encourage research, connect, and raise awareness to advance the field of ecological restoration in a world whose future hinges on its findings and implications. We are scientists, planners, administrators, ecological consultants, first peoples, landscape architects, philosophers, teachers, engineers, natural areas managers, writers, growers, community activists, volunteers, and others, who are all working for our world and our future.

HAR COMMITTEE COLLABORATION

For over 30 years, the High Altitude Revegetation (HAR) Committee has promoted an understanding of rehabilitation procedures and materials, natural resource values and potentials when fragile high-elevation ecosystems are to be modified by human activities and this information is also applicable to lower elevations. HAR supports a free annual Summer Tour and the biennial, late winter Workshop.

CeRSER is currently exploring ways in which the two organizations can work together. Both groups share a common interest in ecological restoration in the Central Rocky Mountain Region. Rather than "compete" with one another, some ideas that are being explored are ways in which the two groups can work together to organize and support the Annual Summer Tour, Biennial Winter Workshop, and other potential events.

UPCOMING CONFERENCES – SHORT COURSES

2010 High Altitude Revegetation Summer Field Tour – August 5 and 6, 2010

The High Altitude Revegetation Committee, through Colorado State University, is hosting the 36th Annual High Altitude Revegetation Summer Field Tour. This free tour will visit various types of disturbed areas and view reclamation activities in the Salt Lake City area. To RSVP – please email Lynn Kunzler at lynnkunzler@utah.gov and for more information, go to: <http://www.highaltitudereveg.org/>

Restoration of Disturbed Sagebrush Steppe – September 8-9, 2010

Starting in 1976, a large interdisciplinary research project was initiated in the Piceance Basin to evaluate reclamation of areas that were disturbed in a manner similar to the disturbance associated with oil shale extraction. Over this two day symposium at Colorado State University, researchers will present results and share insights from the last 35 years of studies. For more information, go to: <http://www.ieca.org/coursepdf/co090810.pdf>

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Wildlands Restoration Volunteers

Formed in 2001, Wildlands Restoration Volunteers (WRV) is a non-profit organization that provides an opportunity for people to come together, learn about their natural environment, and take direct action to restore and care for the land.

WRV is always looking for qualified restoration experts and those interested in gaining restoration related experience. To find out more about volunteer opportunities with WRV, go to: <http://www.wlrv.org/>