



February 2020 SER-Rocky Mountain Chapter Member Newsletter

Call For SER-RM Board Nominations!

Open now through March 20, 2020

It's that time of year again! The SER-Rocky Mountains Chapter would like to announce our 2020 call for Board of Director and Committee Chair nominations.

We are currently soliciting nominations for **four open positions**: 1) Vice President, 2) Membership Committee Chair, 3) Scientific Meeting Committee Chair, and 4) Communications Committee Chair.

Please consider nominating yourself or a fellow member for one of these important positions—yes, you may nominate yourself and are encouraged to do so! We need to assemble a slate of candidates before Friday, March 20th and hold an election by email the first week of April. If you have questions, feel free to contact any of the current SER-RM Board of Directors for more info about [duties and responsibilities](#). Please send nominations to Megan Bowes ([bowesm at bouldercolorado.gov](mailto:bowesm@bouldercolorado.gov)).

Upcoming Pub Talk in Denver

Carbon is Not the Enemy: Ecological Restoration through the Carbon Soil Sponge

March 4, 2020, 6PM - 8PM

Where? [there... Denver](#) (3254 Navajo St, Denver, CO 80211)

Brittney Clements, co-founder of Carbon Culture Mushrooms, will discuss the soil carbon sponge and regenerative land management practices as a solution to ecological restoration. This talk is free, open to the public, and aims to encourage community member involvement as citizen scientists.

Check our [website](#) or [Facebook](#) for updates and more information.

food, fun, and ecological restoration

High Altitude Revegetation Committee is sponsoring new

Student Travel Awards

The High Altitude Revegetation (HAR) Committee promotes understanding of revegetation procedures when fragile high elevation and high plains ecosystems are disturbed by human activities. The committee is a grassroots group interested in the revegetation and restoration of plant communities and ecosystems.

The High Altitude Revegetation Committee (HAR) announces the availability of Student travel grants (\$1000) for students presenting a technical paper or poster at a national or regional land reclamation or ecosystem restoration conference in 2020. Three student travel awards will be presented this year. Applications due by 30 April 2020.

Visit the [HAR website](#) for information on how to apply

Seeking a Program and Outreach Intern to support

SER's Certified Ecological Restoration Practitioner program and Restoration Resource Center

Applications due February 28, 2020

SER is seeking a Program and Outreach Intern to support SER's Certified Ecological Restoration Practitioner (CERP) program and Restoration Resource Center (RRC). The intern will also assist with general outreach and communications to the Society's members and followers, including via social media. You can find the full announcement [here](#).

SER's **Certified Ecological Restoration Practitioner (CERP) program** is designed to encourage a high professional standard for those who design, implement, oversee, and monitor restoration projects throughout the world. More information [here](#).

SER's **Restoration Resource Center (RRC)** is an online clearinghouse for information and tools to support the work of restoration practitioners, researchers, educators, students, and anyone else interested in restoration. The RRC features a database of restoration projects and restoration-related resources from around the world. More information [here](#).

This 10-week internship provides an opportunity to build your knowledge about ecological restoration practices and trends, strengthen your project management skills, and gain experience developing science communication materials targeted to an international community of restoration practitioners.

To apply, please send a cover letter and resume to [humanresources at ser.org](mailto:humanresources@ser.org). Applications will be reviewed on a rolling basis, with the final submission deadline being February 28th.

CSU SER Student Chapter Reminder

Restoration Professionals:

Your friendly CSU students are looking for professionals willing to connect with the SER student chapter

We are hoping to help our members gain experience and connections to professionals in the restoration/related field

A friendly reminder to keep the student chapter in mind with any volunteer opportunities

Please email csuserclub@gmail.com to express interest!

Come connect with the student chapter!

Pictured: First annual Waverly Dayz 2019

Colorado Plateau Native Plant Program

2020 Annual Meeting

February 25 - 27, 2020, Vernal, UT



Anyone involved or interested in native plant materials development and/or use in reclamation and restoration is invited to attend. Proposals and abstracts for oral and poster presentations, sessions, breakouts or working groups are currently being accepted.

For more information, visit the meeting website:

<http://www.landscape.org/CPNPP/meetings/AnnualMeeting2020/>

Breakout sessions will include:

- Reclamation & Restoration Drive the Demand
- Sources Available; Sources Needed
- Seed Suppliers: How They Work, Who They Sell To, What they Want
- Seed Certification and Seed Testing: What You Need to Know
- Seed Purchasing: Who, What, Where Why.... Tracking and Did it Work?
- New Seed Source Development: Old School, Genetics, Traits, Common

Gardens and Combinations

- Optional Well Pad Reclamation and Research field trip

Southwest Ecological Restoration Institutes Cross-Boundary Landscape Restoration Workshop

March 2–4, 2020, Albuquerque, New Mexico

SWERI Workshop

The 2020 Cross-Boundary Landscape Restoration Workshop will bring together land and fire managers, researchers and stakeholders to develop strategies that apply evidence-based collaborative management of forest landscapes in the Intermountain West. The Southwest Ecological Restoration Institutes (SWERI) invite partners to share lessons learned from your engagement in local, regional, and national collaborative forest and fire restoration processes on federal and non-federal lands.

Workshop topics and themes:

- Strategies for managing large, fire-adapted landscapes
- Planning and implementation
- Biomass utilization
- Social and economic outcomes
- Monitoring & adaptive management
- Collaboration
- Forest science

Upcoming registration info and workshop agenda at

<https://sweri.eri.nau.edu/cross-boundary-landscape-restoration-workshop/>

SER's North American Continental Conference Québec RE3 Conference: Reclaim Restore Rewild

June 7th - 11th, 2020,

Quebec, Canada

Québec RE3 website.



Jointly hosted by the Canadian Land Reclamation Association (CLRA), the Society for Ecological Restoration (SER) and the Society of Wetland Scientists (SWS), the theme of the conference is “From Reclaiming to Restoring and Rewilding”.

Abstracts are being accepted until January 30, 2020. Visit the conference website to register for the conference or submit an abstract: <http://www.re3-quebec2020.org>

American Society for Mining and Reclamation

Annual Meeting

Transforming Pits and Piles into Lakes and Landscapes

June 7 - 11, 2020, in Duluth, MN

This conference will focus on the research, technical, and regulatory issues associated with the land and water implications of anthropogenic land disturbances. It will provide a forum for the dissemination of information through presentation of research findings, field tours, and open discussion of public policy relating to the applied science of reclamation, rehabilitation, remediation, and restoration of areas disturbed by mining, oil and gas, conventional and alternative energy production, contaminated sites, agriculture, road construction, large-scale commercial development, and other disturbances to land and water resources.

Researchers, practitioners, regulators, industry professionals, consulting firms, and others are invited to present research findings, case studies, demonstration projects, and regulatory or policy studies. For more information, see the [ASMR website](#).



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