



## March 2020 SER-Rocky Mountain Chapter Member Newsletter

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### 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.

**You have a few more days to 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)).

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## Save the Thought: Upcoming SER-RM Pub Talk

Speaker, Exact Date and Location To Be Determined

April, 2020, 6PM - 8PM

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

*food, fun, and ecological restoration*



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### SER-Rocky Mountains

## Professional Development Grant Call for Applications

Visit our website for eligibility information and application instructions:  
<https://chapter.ser.org/rockymountains/grants/>

**Recent Awardee:** Garrett Stephens is a recent recipient of SERRM's professional development grant to attend the *Cross-Boundary Landscape Restoration Workshop* in Albuquerque, New Mexico (March 2-4, 2020). This workshop was organized by the Southwest Ecological Restoration Institutes (SWERI), which are Colorado Forest Restoration Institute (at Colorado State University), Ecological Restoration Institute (at Northern Arizona University), and New Mexico Forest & Watershed Restoration Institute (at New Mexico highlands University).

Said Stephens, “This event really focused on putting the work back in workshop, which is one element I really enjoyed. Breakout sessions were very helpful for having smaller group discussions so that everyone had a chance to share and ask questions. The workshop was well attended by a diversity of researchers and practitioners, so it was a great opportunity to learn about the successes and challenges of forest restoration collaboratives around the Southwest. We all seem to be facing a lot of the same challenges, although the collaborative I represent on the Colorado Front Range, the Upper South Platte Partnership, is focused on non-federal lands while most other attendees belonged to USFS-focused partnerships from the national Collaborative Forest Landscape Restoration Program; clearly non-federal lands have fewer restrictions and red tape, and present neat opportunities for adaptive management.”

“One of my primary take-aways, from more seasoned collaborators, was to ensure that collaboratives create solid foundational documents, which will maintain the vision and focus that can easily be lost as partners come and go and new ideas arise. I also came away with a sense of accomplishment, in that our collaborative has made great progress despite past and present difficulties. Thank you to SERRM, for helping me attend a very relevant and worthwhile workshop.”

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## **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.

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## **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>

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## **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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## Save the Thought: Pollinator Habitat Restoration Workshop

Date and Location To Be Determined

June, 2020



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