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- News from the SD Section of the Society for Range Management

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SDSU URME Team

South Dakota State University participated in the 73rd Annual Society for Range Management Meetings in Denver, CO Feb 16-19. The Range team participated in the Undergraduate Range Management Exam (URME) and placed 16th out of 25 teams. Undergraduate student Alyssa Vachino and graduate students Robby Schaefer and Abby Blanchard gave poster presentations. Dr. Sandy Smart and Dr. Jamie Brennen also gave presentations.

Pictured left to right are Nate DeJong, Blaze Jones, Ann Sells, Jamie Theisen, Alyssa Vachino, Dr. Sandy Smart (Range Club Advisor).



High School Youth Forum (HSYF)

Matae Gordon, from Sturgis South Dakota, won the High School Youth Forum public speaking contest at the 73rd SRM Meeting. Matae will give her speech to the entire SRM at the awards ceremony next year at the 74th Annual Meeting in Boise, ID.

Pictured Matae Gordon, second from left, with SRM HSYF advisors and President Clayton Marlow, far right). Photo by S. Smart.



Mitch Faulkner Receives NRCS

Mitch Faulkner, range specialist with NRCS, was awarded the 2019 Rangeland Conservationist of the Year Award by the USDA-NRCS at their annual NRCS Family Meeting at SRM. Congratulations on your award, South Dakota is lucky to have you!

Pictured left to right are Emily Helms, Mitch Faulkner, and Tate Lantz.

