

Soreano is PNW Delegate to National Forum

Denver, CO—The stunning vistas of the Front Range were the backdrop for the 63rd Society for Range Management Annual Meetings and the SRM High School Youth Forum. Blake Soreano, Chelan High School Junior, was selected as the PNW Section of the SRM delegate in the High School Youth Forum. As a delegate he participated in range industry tours, one on one interviews with industry professionals, the Range Industry



Trade Show, the SRM Student Conclave, Riparian Area Management Workshop, and a range research presentation of their own. The HSYF was started in 1966 to involve high school students the range industry and provide interaction with industry professionals. The SRM Annual Meetings brought together 2300 plus scientists, technicians, agency personnel, ranchers, and entrepreneurs all interested in the conservation and maintenance of the 770,000,000 million acres of grasslands in America and the millions of hectares of grassland around the world. Professionals were present from not only the US but Canada, Mexico, Australia, Argentina, Europe, the Middle East, and Africa.

Blake was chosen from high school students in Oregon, Washington, Idaho, and British Columbia after submitting a synopsis of his research project in October. His presentation was entitled **Keeping CRP Ground Productive and Profitable—the future of CRP Acreage in Douglas County.** In his research he consulted with professionals from the Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS), Farm Services Agency (FSA), and Washington State University Department of Agriculture Economics.. In addition, he interviewed Douglas County farmers, ranchers, and landowners.