



36th Annual Old West Regional Range Judging Contest Rapid City, South Dakota October 7th and 8th, 2011



The Old West Regional Range Judging Contest is open to youth and adults from Wyoming, Montana, North Dakota, South Dakota and Nebraska. The contest rotates among the five states and this year is sponsored by the South Dakota Section - Society for Range Management in cooperation with South Dakota State University Cooperative Extension and USDA - Natural Resources Conservation Service.

Registration will be at the SDSU West River Ag Center (see attached map). Registration on Friday, October 7th will be from 9:30 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. MDT. Maps to the practice site will be available at the registration area. Those who pre-register by faxing their individual and team entries can pay the \$10 per person entry fee at the WRAC registration. Those who have not pre-registered (at least by fax) on or before October 5th will be asked to pay \$15 for each person that is registered after that deadline.

A final registration period before the contest will be from 7:00-7:30 a.m. on Saturday, October 8th. All participants must be at the Registration site on Saturday morning by 8:00. After contest instructions are given, participants' vehicles will be led to the contest site. The contest is expected to begin by 8:30 a.m. and conclude before 11:00 a.m. MDT.

All meals will be "on your own." Driving directions to eating establishments will be available at registrations. Practice and contest sites are within easy access to many restaurants. **The awards ceremony will be held at the West River Ag Center beginning about 1:00 p.m.**, but that depends on the number of contestants and volunteers available to score.

Divisions

Teams: A team can consist of 3 or 4 members. The 3 highest individual scores will be combined for the team score. A contestant may compete in only one Team Division.

Individuals: Team members automatically compete as individuals, though individuals do not have to compete in the Team Division.

FFA Teams: Any FFA/Voc-Ag Chapter can enter as many teams as desired as long as all members are presently enrolled in the program.

4-H Teams: Teams can be made up of enrolled members from the same club, county or state, with no limit on number of teams. Team members cannot already be graduated from high school.

Senior Division: Students currently enrolled in the 11th or 12th grade.

Junior Division: Students currently enrolled in the 10th grade or a lower grade.

Open Division: This is the "Adult" division for those beyond high school. Individuals who have not competed as an adult or have not previously won state, regional or national contests as an adult. They compete only as individuals and not in teams.

Professional: This is the "Adult" division for those beyond high school and Individuals who have won state, regional or national contests as an adult. They compete only as individuals and not in teams.

Awards

One team plaque and trophies for each member will be given for first place in both Junior and Senior Team Divisions of 4-H, as well as for the the overall FFA Team.

Contest Guide

The contest will consist of 20 plants and 2 ecological sites. Judging South Dakota Rangelands <http://aged.sdstate.edu/Resources/RangeBookMay2009.pdf> is the primary resource to use for contest preparation.

Practice Site

The site to help prepare for the contest will be available from 10:30 am until 4:00 pm on Friday October 7. To get a map to the site, come to the registration area at the SDSU West River Ag Center that day starting anytime after 9:30 am.

Volunteers

Those coming to the contest but not competing can volunteer their services to help the contest take place more efficiently. If you can volunteer, please contact us using the information at the bottom of this page.

Lodging and Touring

There are many accommodations in the Rapid City area. For a list of them, please visit the following link found on the Rapid City Chamber of Commerce website <http://www.rapidcitychamber.com/chamber/directories/>

Contact Information For more information about the contest, contact the SDSU West River Ag Center (605-394-2236); SDSU.wradmin@sdstate.edu;

FAX registration to SDSU @ 605-394-6607.

Registration Form
Old West Regional Range Judging Contest
October 7-8, 2011
Rapid City, South Dakota

Please Return by: 10/5/2011

You can pay the \$10 entry fees on site if you fax in sheet(s) by the October 5th deadline

Please Return to: SDSU West River Ag Center

1905 N Plaza Blvd.

Rapid City, SD 57702

Phone: 605/394-2236

OR... FAX: 605/394-6607

Name of Chapter or Club: _____

Youth Division Teams and/or Individuals

Name **Senior Div. Junior Div.**

Team A

1. _____	_____	_____
2. _____	_____	_____
3. _____	_____	_____
4. _____	_____	_____

Team B

1. _____	_____	_____
2. _____	_____	_____
3. _____	_____	_____
4. _____	_____	_____

Team C

1. _____	_____	_____
2. _____	_____	_____
3. _____	_____	_____
4. _____	_____	_____

Professional / Adult Division

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____

(Use more copies of this sheet, as needed)

Junior Participants _____
Senior Participants _____
Adult (Pro) Participants _____
Total Number _____

Registration

Fax by 10/5 (& pay on site) or mail w/check to arrive in Rapid City, SD by Oct 5th ...
_____x \$10 = \$_____

Late registration (entire registration process occurs on site) _____x \$15 = \$_____

Please Make Checks Payable to “SDSU West River Ag Center” if mailing payment or paying on site.

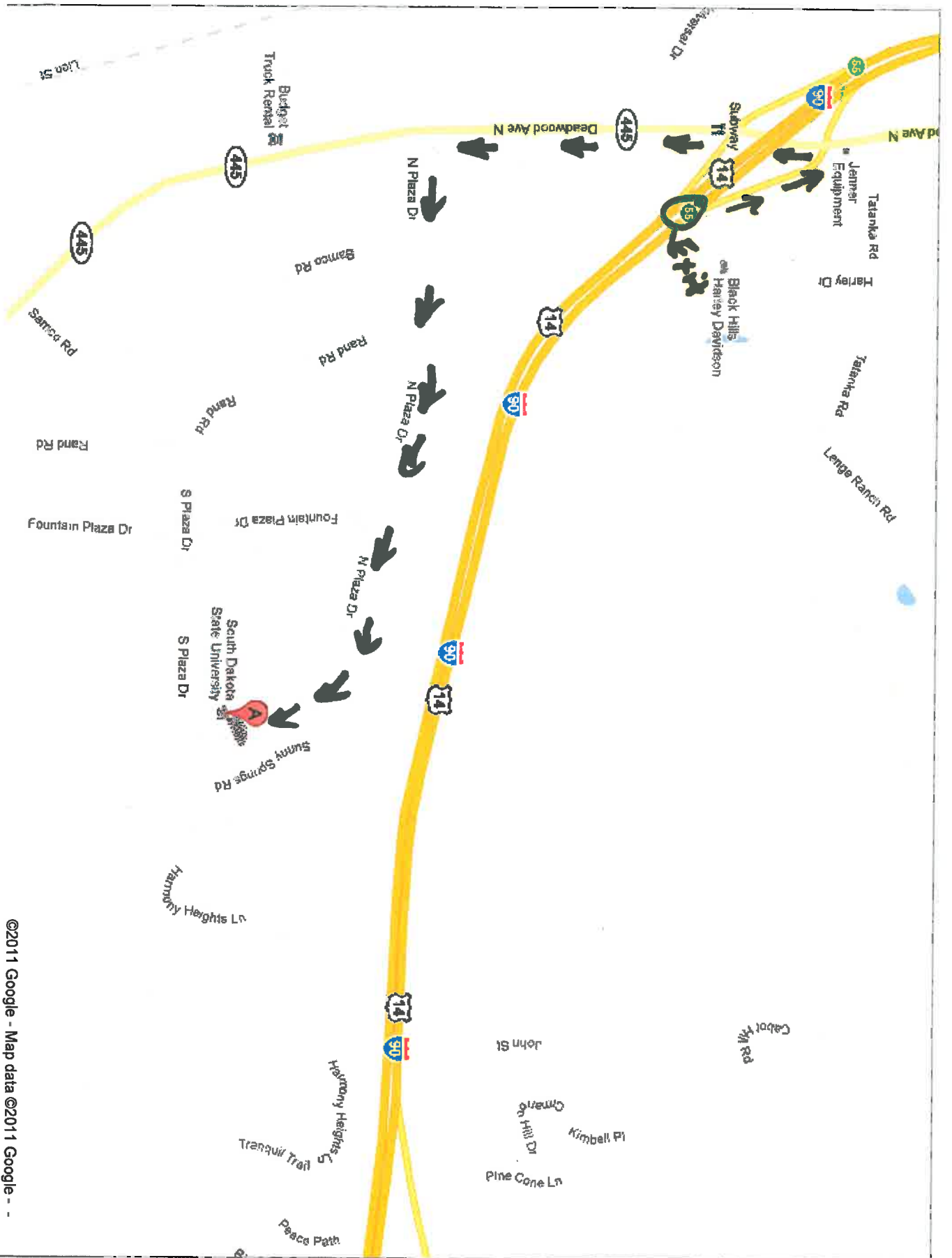
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Schedule of Events

<i>Friday, October 7</i>		
9:30 AM - 2:00 PM	Registration	WRAC
10:30 AM – 4:00 PM	Practice site open to participants.	Practice Site
Lunch on your own	Informal instruction in the areas of Plant ID, Plant Anatomy, Range Sites, Range Inventory (Similarity Index/Range Trend), Stocking Rates, Utilization, Range Planning.	(Maps availability at registration)

<i>Saturday, October 8</i>		
7:00 AM - 7:30AM	Late Registration	WRAC
7:30 AM-8:00 AM	Meet at the WRAC for instructions. Travel to contest site.	WRAC
8:30AM – 11:00 AM	Contest	Contest Site
12:00 PM – 1:00 PM	Lunch on your own	
1:00 PM	Awards Program	WRAC



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