

**Arizona Section
Society for Range Management**



Arizona Section SRM Director South Workshop

When: March 29th (Saturday) starting at 9:30 am

Where – Quarter Circle U Ranch near the Superstition Mountains

What: Bring your own sack lunch field workshop

Email me at SteveBarker.Az@gmail.com if you plan to attend!

I am holding an SRM workshop on Saturday, March 29th at the Quarter Circle U Ranch near the Superstition Mountains. Chuck Backus has been doing some very interesting work on improving beef quality - you may have seen some of his articles in the Cattle Grower magazines. He also has one of the longest running frequency studies in Arizona, dating back to about 1979 - so we can talk about 35 years of change in the upper Sonoran Desert and lower Arizona chaparral. After lunch we'll go look at ecological sites and do some plant identification. I will talk about a plant growth study I am doing on creosotebush and triangle bursage. Get out and enjoy some Arizona sunshine!

Agenda

9:30 General Ranch History – Chuck Backus

10:00 Long Term Monitoring on the Quarter Circle U – Steve Barker

10:30 Beef Quality Improvement – Chuck Backus

11:30 Lunch

12:00 Ceptometer Plant Growth Study – Steve Barker

12:30 Ecological Sites, Plant Identification

2:30 Adjourn

Directions to Quarter Circle U Ranch

Go to East Peralta Road which turns off highway US 60 about 7.6 miles west of Apache Junction and about 5.1 miles east of where the US 60 Superstition freeway becomes a two way highway east of Florence Junction. It is about 7.1 miles to the Quarter Circle U Ranch Headquarters from US 60. Once you turn onto Peralta Road, you will travel about a mile on pavement through the small subdivision and past the school, and then the road changes to a dirt road. Stay on the obvious main road and you won't get lost. If you want to set your odometer, it is about 5.5 miles to the fork at the East Gold Rush Road turnoff. At the East Gold Rush Road turnoff, the road to the Peralta trailhead curves uphill to the left, and you want to fork off on E Gold Rush Road that goes down across the wash to the right. From the Y, continue about 1.5 miles to the headquarters. Google maps get you very close if you type in E Gold Rush Rd, Gold Canyon, AZ 85118

