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Subj: Soliciting Your Support for Sustainable Rangeland Environments and Livelihoods \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

The United Nations General Assembly has designated 2026 as the “International Year for Rangelands and Pastoralists (IYRP).” The approval process for IYRP designation began in 2008 and has involved assembling endorsements from 102 nations and 365 organizations.

International Years (IYs) have been promoted by the United Nations since 1959. Diverse topics include human rights, physical science, tourism, agriculture, natural resource conservation, energy, and economic development. The purpose of IYs is to focus attention and investment on key issues of worldwide importance. See an overview of IY observances at https: \_[International Years | United Nations](https://www.un.org/en/observances/international-years)\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. The IYRP is summarized at <https://iyrp.info>

Why are global rangelands and their dependent communities receiving this recognition? Simply because they comprise a large share of the world’s land area and her natural and human resources. Fragile environments that are beset by numerous challenges, sustainable rangeland systems are among the vital interests of many societies in support of diverse ecosystem services, ranching, recreation, etc. One step in promoting sustainability involves raising awareness among the public and decision-makers as to the multiple values of rangelands. Hence our purpose today.

You and your affiliated organization(s) have been selected because of a strong connection to rangeland resources. You are therefore respectfully requested to make a timely, impactful public proclamation or resolution on behalf of local, national, or global rangelands and the IYRP. Attached are examples of a template that can be used in this process. The template can be edited to fit various situations. Templates are suitable for use as a proclamation or resolution.

A proclamation is a public announcement made by an official to recognize an observance or initiative. A simple resolution, in contrast, is a declaration passed by a legislative body to officially express an opinion.

Comments or questions regarding this request may be sent to the Society for Range Management (SRM) at \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. The SRM is described at: <https://Rangelands.org>. Thank you for your time and consideration.