

# SRM Annual Meeting— Reno, Nevada

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**N**estled at the base of the majestic Sierra Nevada mountains just miles away from fabulous Lake Tahoe lies the Reno–Sparks area, which has a brilliant small-town atmosphere. This area, surrounded by chains of mountains, is better known as Reno–Tahoe: Its geography encompasses not only the mountains and the lake, but the meandering Truckee River, high desert hills, and valleys covered with both evergreen and deciduous trees. It will also be the home for the 2007 Society for Range Management meeting February 10–16, 2007.

## **The Hotel**

The 2007 SRM meeting will be held at John Ascuaga's Nugget, which is one of the biggest convention facilities in the Reno–Tahoe area. The casino resort, with 29-story towers and one five-story building, is famous for its hospitality, great entertainment, and award-winning restaurants; it also has a great spa and pool and wireless internet access.

Along with the 85,000-square-foot casino, facilities include a large-scale arcade with carnival and video games, an indoor pool, and showrooms featuring different headline performers. There are also several dining options, including Basque and Mediterranean food, a steakhouse, Asian and Polynesian cuisine, a deli, a rotisserie buffet, and an oyster bar. The casino resort is 3 miles from downtown Reno and a 10-minute drive from Reno–Tahoe International Airport.

## **Climate**

The Reno–Sparks–Lake Tahoe area enjoys blue skies over 80 percent of the time. The average daily highs in February are 51° F with average lows of 24° F. The area enjoys a mild and dry climate with an average of about 300 sunny days a year with the snow pack accumulating in the Sierra Mountains.

## **Skiing and Snowboarding**

You are in luck if skiing or snowboarding is your sport: Reno–Tahoe is the place to be, with Mt Rose Ski Tahoe, Diamond Peak, Alpine Meadows, Squaw Valley USA, Heavenly Lake Tahoe, Homewood Mountain Resort, Northstar at Tahoe, and Sierra of Tahoe all nearby. John





Ascuaga's Nugget has skiing and snowboarding packages allowing you to choose from any of the eight ski resorts.

### **Reno-Tahoe International Airport**

Approximately 15,000 passengers arrive and depart daily from Reno-Tahoe International Airport in over 160 daily flights. There are 18 nonstop destinations and 20 one-stop destinations from the airport, which celebrated 75 years of service in November 2003 and is home to Alaska/Horizon, Aloha, American West/US Airways, American, Continental, Delta/Delta Connection, Frontier, Northwest, Scenic, Southwest, and United/Ted.

### **Public Transportation**

There are several options for transportation during the 2007 SRM meeting including the city bus system, taxis, or vehicle rentals. There are several taxi services and two main shuttle systems including the airport minibuss and CitiFare/CitiLift. In addition, you will have the option to rent a vehicle from any of the nine rental car agencies, which include Advantage Rent-A-Car, Alamo, Avis, Budget, Dollar Rent A Car, Enterprise, Hertz, National, and Thrifty. There will also be a shuttle from the airport to John Ascuaga's Nugget Casino Resort.

### **Shopping**

Everywhere you look, the Reno-Tahoe area is full of different kinds of shopping adventures. There are shops at the casino resort and a large modern mall 15 minutes away from



John Ascuaga's Nugget. There are also several small specialty shops located throughout the area in small mini-malls. Reno-Tahoe offers a variety of specialty shops along with the major department stores. Shopping in the area is sure to keep folks busy for days at a time.

### **Overall Thought and Reminders**

Whatever you need in the way of four-star restaurants, skiing, fishing, or other recreation, the Reno-Tahoe area is the place to be. So gear up and prepare to attend the 2007 SRM meeting scheduled February 10-16, 2007, in order to enjoy the ultimate SRM experience.

The 2007 SRM meeting will provide an excellent opportunity to continue your education and strengthen your expertise with technical sessions, posters, workshops, and symposia. There will also be tours to one of Nevada's wild horse facilities and other field activities. There will be many opportunities to network and socialize with rangeland professionals. The agenda is still being prepared, but the excitement is building and the 2007 SRM planning committee is working diligently to make your experience enjoyable.

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