

**AWARDS HANDBOOK**  
**Of the**  
**WYOMING SECTION**  
**SOCIETY FOR RANGE MANAGEMENT**  
**(REVISED)**  
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**NOMINATION PROCEDURE  
FOR  
OUTSTANDING WOMAN OR MAN OF THE RANGE**

1. Any member of the Wyoming Section, Society for Range Management, may submit the names of persons as candidates for the Outstanding Range Woman or Man award. A summary of the nominee's achievements that are worthy of recognition should be submitted with the name of the nominee.
2. All nominations are to be submitted to the Chair of the Awards Committee. All nominations must bear the signature of a second member of the Wyoming Section satisfying that the nominee is worthy of this award.
3. All nominations must be submitted to reach the Awards Committee Chair no later than September 1 of each year to be considered for that year.
4. The Awards Committee will assemble and review all nominations. If insufficient supporting information is presented, it may be necessary to obtain additional information. It is the responsibility of the nominator to provide necessary information, all information must be provided or the nomination will not be accepted.
5. The Committee's recommendations will be submitted to the Wyoming Section Council for majority approval by September 10. If the Council does not approve anyone by majority vote, no award will be made for that year.
6. The person selected for the award will be notified of their selection by the Section President by November 1, and requested to attend the annual meeting of the Wyoming Section to receive the award. Public announcement of the award will not be made until the award is given at the Wyoming Section Annual Meeting.
7. The award winner will be formally recognized at the Annual Meeting, usually at the annual banquet. An engraved plaque and appropriate "Certificate of Recognition for Outstanding Contributions to the Art and Science of Range Management" will be awarded the winner. Attached to the Certificate will be a "citation" summarizing the contributions for which the award is being made. A copy of the certificate and citation will be retained in the official archive file of the Section.

**Wyoming Section  
Society for Range Management**

GUIDE FOR SELECTION OF "OUTSTANDING WOMAN OR MAN OF THE RANGE"

A. Criteria for Selection:

A candidate for Outstanding Range Woman or Man must meet the following criteria:

1. The candidate must be actively engaged in ranching or range management; in the professional fields dealing with range management, which may be teaching, research, counseling and technical assistance; in range information such as magazines, newspapers, radio and TV; or in a business vitally interested in the betterment of the field of range management.
2. The candidate must be a recognized leader, one that is accepted over at least a large segment of the State, if not statewide, as being a progressive, enterprising person ever looking ahead to improvement of range management.
3. The candidate must be interested in the promotion and advancement of the art and science of range management, and preferably, though not required, a member of the Wyoming Section, Society for Range Management.

If the candidate is a rancher or livestock manager, he or she must be practicing an outstanding range and livestock management program on their individual operation. They should be a cooperator with the local soil and water conservation district if private lands are involved. They must have demonstrated cooperation with the local USFS ranger district, BLM resource area, or any other federal management agencies if public lands are involved. They should be a supporter of 4-H and FFA programs, active in livestock associations, and otherwise showing an interest in the development and implementation of sound range management.

If the candidate is professionally engaged in the field of range management, they must be active in professional and scientific societies, a frequent attendant at meetings such societies and participant to such meetings. A contributor of technical or popular type releases to publications of various kinds. They need to be a leader in their field of range management.

If the candidate is in private business, they should display unselfish interest and activity towards the advancement and improvement of range management. They should be actively engaged in and giving support to the various programs and organizations dedicated to range management.

4. This final criterion must be given high priority in selection of a candidate and award winner. The candidate must have made a contribution to the advancement of the art and science of range management that is worthy of special recognition. It may have been made during the past year or previous years, but the contribution must still be recognized for its merit. Such contribution may consist of a new and inventive way of applying the science of range management; an outstanding research project that has been significant in its result, an outstanding article, publication or information activity that has widely acclaimed development. An application, outstanding treatment and management program on an operating unit. Leadership in the professional field of range conservation and management, these are examples of the outstanding contributions that may be considered for an award.

**Wyoming Section  
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NOMINATING PROCEDURES  
FOR THE  
"TRAIL BOSS AWARD"

1. Any member of the Wyoming Section, Society for Range Management may nominate a candidate for this award.
2. All nominations must be submitted on the standard nomination form and must be turned in to the Awards Chair by September 1 of each year.
3. Each nomination must bear the signature of a second member of the Wyoming Section satisfying that the nominee is worthy of this award.
4. The Awards Committee will forward recommendations of award winners to the Wyoming Section Council by September 10 of each year. The Council will make final decision of the award winners.
5. A maximum of four awards, with not more than two award winners per quadrant per year.
6. The Awards Chair or President will notify the nominators as to those selected and not selected.
7. The candidates selected for the award will be notified of their selection by the Section President by November 1st and requested to attend the Annual Meeting to receive the award. Public announcement of the award will not be made until the award is presented at the Annual Meeting of the Section.
8. Nominations may be held over one year if not selected for that year.
9. **Nominee must be a member of SRM.**

"TRAIL BOSS AWARD"

Answer and fully explain each question:

1. Name of Nominee \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_
2. Current position, Location and Employer: \_\_\_\_\_
3. Other Positions Held Previously: Please list Position, Location, Employer and Approximate Dates
4. Noteworthy or outstanding contributions made in the past five years in the art and science of range management.
5. Other awards or recognition received by nominee as a result of his/her contribution to range management or other related fields.
6. Describe why you feel the nominee is deserving of this recognition.
7. Nominee has sound ecological principles in rangeland ecology as displayed by his/her work.
8. Communicates effectively with associates in the field of range management.
9. Nominee is able to effectively communicate ecological concepts of range management to public who has little or no understanding of the rangeland resource.
10. Has been instrumental in directing others into range management.
11. Keeps current with range research and other advancements in the art and science of range management.
12. Actively promotes the art and science of range management.
13. Is objective in all uses of rangeland.
14. Other Comments.
15. Is nominee a member of SRM \_\_\_\_\_ How Long? \_\_\_\_\_ Years.

Nominator \_\_\_\_\_ Seconded by \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_ Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Position \_\_\_\_\_ Position \_\_\_\_\_

**Wyoming Section  
Society for Range Management**

NOMINATING PROCEDURES  
FOR  
EXCELLENCE IN RANGELAND STEWARDSHIP AWARD

1. Any member of the Wyoming Section, Society for Range Management may nominate a candidate for this award.
2. All nominations must be submitted on the standard nomination form and must be turned in to the Awards Chair by September 1 of each year.
3. Letters of recommendations are required, as appropriate, from the Nominee's NRCS District Conservationist, BLM Area Manager, Forest Service District Ranger, County Agricultural Extension Agent or local soil and water conservation district. Letters should be attached to the application when submitted.
4. The Awards Committee will forward recommendations of award winners to the Wyoming Section Council by September 10 of each year. The Council will make final decision on award winner.
5. Each nomination must bear the signatures of two section members indicating that they have satisfied themselves that the individual is worthy of the award. These section members should personally field review the operation.
6. A maximum of four awards may be presented each year with no more than two award winners per year.
7. The Awards Chair or President will notify the nominators as to those selected or not selected.
8. The candidates selected for the award will be notified of their selection by the Section President by November 1st and requested to attend the Annual Meeting to receive the award. Public announcement of the award will not be made until the award is presented at the Annual Meeting.
9. Recipients will receive a metal sign (20" x 28") that says "Excellence in Rangeland Stewardship Award" "Society for Range Management". The recipients must agree to prominently display the sign on their ranch.
10. Recipients will receive a year complimentary subscription to the Wyoming Section-SRM Newsletter.
11. Nominations may be held over one year if not chosen.

**Wyoming Section  
Society for Range Management**

**NOMINATION FOR EXCELLENCE IN RANGELAND STEWARDSHIP AWARD**

Name of Nominee: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Location of Ranch: \_\_\_\_\_

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County

Number of Years Nominee Has Operated Ranch: \_\_\_\_\_

Description of Ranch Operation: \_\_\_\_\_

Kind and Number of Livestock:	Cattle	No. _____
	Sheep	No. _____
	Horses	No. _____

Class of Livestock:	Cow/Calf	_____
	Yearling	_____
	Horses	_____

Kind and Amount of Deeded or Leased Land (acres):

_____	_____	_____
Rangeland	Cropland/Hayland	Pasture
_____	_____	_____
Other	Total Acres	

Grazing Permitted on Public Land: (Federal and State)	Forest Service	_____	_____
		No. AUM's	Season
	B.L.M.	_____	_____
		No. AUM's	Season
	State	_____	_____
		No. AUM's	Season
	Other	_____	_____
		No. AUM's	Season

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Kind of Grazing Management System Used (i.e. season-long, deferred-rotation, rest-rotation, etc.):

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Describe Outstanding Range Improvement Accomplishments or Management Practices during the Last Five Years (add additional sheets if needed):

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Excellence in Rangeland Stewardship

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Other awards or Recognition Received as a Result of the Ranching Operation or Managerial Abilities:

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Briefly Summarize the Condition and Trend of the Individual's Rangeland:

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Other Supporting Information:

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**Excellence in Rangeland Stewardship Performance Rating Sheet and Check List**

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| 1. | Has a good working knowledge of the important range plants.   | Yes | No |
| 2. | Has a good understanding of range conditions and trend to the potential for different range sites.                                  | Yes | No |
| 3. | Understands plant growth requirements and their significance to range management practices.   | Yes | No |
| 4. | Recognizes the importance of the land, vegetation, water resource, livestock, wildlife, watershed, recreation and aesthetic values. | Yes | No |
| 5. | Is a cooperator with a Soil and Water Conservation District?  | Yes | No |
| 6. | Understands and follows proper use standards.   | Yes | No |
| 7. | Adjusts livestock numbers as necessary to keep them in balance with range forage during low production years.                       | Yes | No |
| 8. | Are range forage needs for wildlife considered in connection with the overall ranch operation?                                      | Yes | No |
| 9. | Would you feel confident to have this individual manage your ranch operation?   | Yes | No |

Nominator\_\_\_\_\_

Seconded by\_\_\_\_\_

Profession or Business\_\_\_\_\_

Profession or Business\_\_\_\_\_

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**AWARD OF MERIT SELECTION CRITERIA**

A. This award can be given to any individual, SRM membership is not required, who has made a noteworthy contribution to the Wyoming Section-SRM in past year(s). The award itself is a certificate of recognition and SRM belt buckle for service to the Wyoming Section.

1. CERTIFICATE INSCRIPTION:

WYOMING SECTION

RECOGNIZES

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FOR OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTIONS TO  
THE WYOMING SECTION - SOCIETY FOR RANGE MANAGEMENT

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PRESIDENT

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AWARDS CHAIR

# Society for Range Management

WYOMING SECTION

Date\_\_\_\_\_

Chair  
Address

Dear\_\_\_\_\_,

On behalf of the Wyoming Section, Society for Range Management, it is my pleasure to present you with this "AWARD OF MERIT." You were selected to receive this award for the outstanding job \_\_\_\_\_.

Congratulations

Sincerely,

President  
Wyoming Section  
Society for Range Management

**SOCIETY FOR RANGE MANAGEMENT  
ANNUAL AWARDS FOR OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTIONS  
TO THE SCIENCE AND ART OF GOOD RANGE MANAGEMENT**

**Frederic, G. Renner Award** - The premier Society award requires SRM membership and sustained accomplishments, eminence, and contributions to the Society during the last 10 years. Receives honorarium.

**W.R. Chapline Land Stewardship Award** - Requires SRM membership and effective maintenance or improvement of range resources with lasting efforts. Receives honorarium.

**W.R. Chapline Research Award** - Requires SRM membership and sustained research related to maintenance and restoration of rangeland. Receives honorarium.

**Fellow Award** - Requires SRM membership, continuous for at least 10 years, in recognition of service and contributions to the Society. The number of Fellow awards per year may not exceed 0.1% of the membership of the Society.

**Outstanding Achievement Award** - Does not require SRM membership. Awarded for outstanding achievement (eminently noteworthy) in any range management related area. Organizations (e.g., agencies, and commodity groups) are not eligible for this award. However, teams whose accomplishments are individually inseparable may be nominated. The number of awards is limited to 10 per year.

**Outstanding Young Range Professional Award** - Requires SRM membership and recognizes superior performance and leadership potential in any range-related area. Nominees must be less than 35 years old on January 1, 1995.

**Distinguished Lifetime Achievement Award** - Designed to recognize SRM members for long-term contributions to SRM and range management. Requires evidence of sustained outstanding lifetime contributions to the art and science of range management and continued SRM involvement at both the Section and Society level.

**Special and Distinguished Service Award** - Does not require SRM membership and is given for outstanding accomplishment in any range-related area. This award is granted only in special circumstances to recognize truly exemplary service to the profession of range management and is not meant to be an alternative to the Outstanding Achievement Award.

Nominations are limited to five typed written pages utilizing the following format:

Nomination of \_\_\_\_\_ for the \_\_\_\_\_ Award

1. Nominee

- a. Date and place of birth
- b. Occupation, profession, employer
- c. Phone number
- d. Member of SRM? \_\_\_\_\_ if so, for \_\_\_\_\_ how many years.

2. Nominator

- a. Name
- b. Address
- c. Phone number

3. Nominee's education, training, awards

4. Nominee's activities in the Society of Range Management

5. Nominee's professional contributions to range management

6. Nominee's activities/membership in other organizations

7. Other pertinent bibliographic information about nominee

8. Justification statement from nominator

Ten copies of the nomination must be submitted to the Society for Range Management, 445 Union Blvd., Suite 230, Lakewood, CO 80228-1259 on or before April 30. Detailed explanations of criteria and background of each award is included in the Awards Committee handbook available from the SRM Denver office. Submit nomination in the proper category according to the criteria for the award. Major accomplishments germane to the specific award criteria should be emphasized in the nomination.