



GRASS ROOTS AWARDS

PURPOSE

To recognize excellence in on-the-ground, local, grassroots work in range management, select recipients from NRCS, Texas AgriLife Extension, Ag Science Teacher, and Friend of TSSRM.

STRUCTURE

Committee should consist of at least seven members. No more than one-half ($\frac{1}{2}$) of the members should be replaced each year. The Chair will be annually appointed by the President and ratified by the BOD.

PRIMARY DUTIES

- Solicit nominations for award recipients in four categories:
 - County Extension Agent
 - Ag Science Teacher
 - Natural Resources Conservation Service
 - Friend of TSSRM (other agencies, ag business, news reporters, etc.)
- Submit news article to Newsletter Editor about County Level Awards and set deadlines (currently 75 days prior to the annual meeting). Submit reminder as needed.
- *It is intended that one award will be given in each category annually*, however, if no nominations are received in a category or the quality of entrants is unacceptable, no awards will be presented. The awards committee shall make selections and determine acceptable levels of quality.
- Career accomplishments shall be considered.
- Nominations can be made by anyone, regardless of whether they are members of the SRM or not. All nominations must be signed by the nominator and by two members of the Section.
- Select recipients in each category. Nominations shall be sent to committee members at least sixty (60) days prior to the Annual Meeting. Coordinate publicity through Newsletter.
- Ensure that all award recipients, to extent possible, remain confidential until awards are presented at Annual Meeting.
- Ensure that plaques are prepared for presentation at Annual Meeting. Coordinate with Annual Meeting Committee for banquet tickets registration, photography and/or other needs.
- Prepare and distribute appropriate publicity about award recipients. Provide information on award recipients to the Archivist.
- Report the committee's activities and recommendations to the officers and the BOD at their regularly scheduled meetings (adopted January, 1989).
- Award nominees not selected will be retained for future consideration. Updated nominations are suggested but retained nominations will remain in consideration until no longer competitive (deemed by committee).
- Chair/Chair-Elect to submit Committee Report (using developed committee report form) to the President two weeks prior to a Board of Directors Meeting (via email or fax).
- A list of any awards presented is to be sent to the President, Newsletter Editor, Archivist, and the Secretary .
- Brief incoming Chair.

The nomination forms may be supplemented by pictures, news articles, or other appropriate material; however, the nominations are not to exceed three (3) typewritten (single spaced) pages.



TEXAS SECTION
**SOCIETY FOR
RANGE MANAGEMENT**

COUNTY EXTENSION AGENT

Limited to three typewritten pages

Date _____

Name _____

Address _____

Present Position _____ Years _____

Former Position _____ Years _____

How many counties does the Extension Agent work in? _____ (Maximum of 4)

Accomplishments

1. Describe how program building and educational activities in the county involve and support range management.
2. Describe 4-H and other youth activities related to range management, which the individual actively provides leadership in (plant and range judging, range management projects and demonstrations, range camp, etc.).
3. Describe how the individual has worked with other agencies and individuals to improve range management within the county.
4. List membership in professional organizations and describe involvement in local service organizations.
5. Briefly describe why you feel this individual deserves the award.
6. List two other SRM members who are familiar with the nominee's accomplishments.
7. Provide black and white photos of successful candidates (glossy print) for news release.
8. Prepare news release of successful candidates for I&E Committee prior to Annual Meeting.
9. Provide names and addresses of newspapers and other sources of media to which the news releases should be sent.

(Nominator)

(Address)

(Phone)

TSSRM Member _____

TSSRM Member _____



TEXAS SECTION
**SOCIETY FOR
RANGE MANAGEMENT**

NATURAL RESOURCES CONSERVATION SERVICE

Limited to three typewritten pages

Date _____

Name _____

Address _____

Present Position _____ Years _____

Former Position _____ Years _____

How many counties does the NRCS employee work in? _____ (Maximum of 4)

Accomplishments

1. Describe how this individual has assisted landowners plan and apply sound grazing management in his local area.
2. Describe the types and amounts of various range management practices this individual has assisted landowners in the county or district apply.
3. Describe special skills the individual has developed or self-improvement activities the employee has participated in to improve his ability to assist local ranchers.
4. Describe how the range management programs have been planned to consider other needs, such as future land values and wildlife.
5. Describe the local leadership activities of the individual. (Range tours, youth activities, local information program activities, etc.).
6. Membership and participation in professional organizations and local service organizations.
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(Nominator)

(Address)

(Phone)

TSSRM Member _____

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TEXAS SECTION
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AG SCIENCE TEACHER

Limited to three typewritten pages

Date _____

Name _____

School _____

Address _____

Number of years teaching vocational agriculture _____

Number of years in present school _____

How many counties are included in the teacher's district(s)? _____ (Maximum of 4)

Accomplishments

1. How many class periods are devoted to the study of range management in VA I, VA II, VA III, and/or VA IV?
2. Have students participated in range judging and plant identification contests? Provide the name of contests, dates, and rank of team.
3. Have students attended and participated in 4-H and FFA range camps sponsored by TSSRM? If yes, include the number of years.
4. Describe range management instructional program to in-school students.
5. Describe work in range management with farmers/ranchers in the community.
6. Describe cooperative work in range management with other agricultural agencies
7. Why do you feel this individual deserves the award?
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(Nominator)

(Address)

(Phone)

TSSRM Member _____

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TEXAS SECTION
**SOCIETY FOR
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FRIEND OF TSSRM
(other agencies, ag businesses, news reporters, etc.)

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Date _____

Name _____

Address _____

Business or profession _____

How many counties are included in the friend's work area? _____ (Maximum of 4)

Accomplishments

1. Describe the activities of the individual, which have contributed to improved range management within the local area.
2. Briefly discuss why you feel this individual deserves the award.
3. List two other SRM members who are familiar with the nominee's accomplishments.
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(Nominator)

(Address)

(Phone)

TSSRM Member _____

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