



## **TSSRM/TSGRA OUTSTANDING RANGELAND STEWARDSHIP (ORS) AWARD COMMITTEE**

### *PURPOSE*

The purpose of this committee is to recognize those members of the Texas Sheep and Goat Raisers Association (TSGRA) who have demonstrated outstanding skill and knowledge in practicing sound management and care of rangeland resources. This is a competitive award and only one will be given each year. It is the responsibility of the committee to solicit nominations and select recipients for the award. The recipient must be a member of TSGRA. Membership in TSSRM is desirable, but not specifically required.

### *STRUCTURE*

This committee should have at least 6 members with chairman from TSSRM. Remaining members may be from either organization.

### *PRIMARY DUTIES*

1. Mail or email ORS nomination forms to agencies, TSSRM and TSGRA for distribution in early spring, so that nominations can be developed. Coordinate announcement of nominations process with TSSRM *Grass Roots* Newsletter and TSGRA's *Ranch and Rural Living* magazine. **Annual deadline for submission is April 15th.**
2. Committee representatives will make field visits to most deserving nominations.
3. **Select recipient for the Outstanding Rangeland Stewardship Award by June 1st.**
4. Notify recipient of this award and determine whether they can be present at the annual meetings of both groups. Notify nominator that they are to ensure that the awardee is escorted and assisted at the annual meetings and made to feel welcome.
5. Send letter of recognition to nominees who were not selected.
6. Have gate signs made including ranch name and date.
8. Coordinate with TSSRM Annual Meeting Committee for registration needs, and number of event tickets for award recipients.
9. Prior to TSGRA & TSSRM annual meeting, submit PowerPoint presentation to annual meeting committee. Determine when award is to be given (luncheon or banquet) and coordinate audio/visual needs for presentation.
10. Prepare news releases for both TSSRM and TSGRA Annual Meetings. Submit to appropriate newspapers, TSGRA Managing Editor and to TSSRM Newsletter Editor for publication, along with photos from each event.
11. Names of awardees are to be sent to the President, Newsletter Editor, Archivist, and the Secretary each year.
12. Report the committee's activities and proposals to the Board at its regularly scheduled meetings.
13. Brief incoming Chair.



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The purpose of this award is to recognize those sheep and/or goat producers who have demonstrated outstanding skill and knowledge in practicing sound management and care of rangeland resources. This is a competitive award and only one will be given each year. **The recipient must be a member of Texas Sheep and Goat Raisers Association (TSGRA).** Membership in the Texas Section Society for Range Management (TSSRM) is desirable, but not specifically required.

Nominations shall be made by persons who are well acquainted with the ranching and range management practices of the nominee. Nominations may be made by anyone, although all nominations must be concurred by two members of TSSRM who agree the nominee is truly deserving of this recognition. **Nominations may be submitted electronically or by mail, but must be received, or postmarked if mailed, by April 15.** The TSSRM/TSGRA ORS Committee will evaluate the nominations and select those that meet the standards for outstanding rangeland management, and coordinate field visits to the most deserving nominees.

The ORS Award Winner will be recognized during the TSSRM's Annual Meeting, and during the TSGRA Annual Conference. If audio/visual equipment (A/V) is available for use, a PowerPoint presentation of the winning nomination will be shown. In the absence of A/V, a citation of the winning nomination will be read.

### **Evaluation Criteria:**

1. Environmental Stewardship Practices, Accomplishments and Goals (50 points)
2. Local, Regional and National Leadership Activities that Improve Conservation Perception of the Sheep and Goat Industry (25 points)
3. Endorsements from Conservation Organizations and/or Government Agencies (25 points)



TEXAS SECTION  
**SOCIETY FOR  
 RANGE MANAGEMENT**

**TSSRM/TSGRA OUTSTANDING RANGELAND STEWARDSHIP (ORS) AWARD**

**Requirements for Nomination:**

1. Nominee Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address: \_\_\_\_\_

2. Ranch Location: \_\_\_\_\_

3. Number of years operated: \_\_\_\_\_  
*Nominee must have owned/operated the ranch for minimum five years.*

3. A significant part of the land on the farm or ranch must be rangeland (or in East Texas – grazable woodland).

\_\_\_\_\_ Acres Rangeland  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Acres Grazable Woodland  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Acres Tame Pastureland  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Acres Cropland  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Acres Other  
 \_\_\_\_\_ ACRES TOTAL

**Attach nomination letter no longer than two pages that describes the accomplishments of the nominee with regard to evaluation criteria. Letter must include grazing strategies and goals of the operation.**

Nominator Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

Nominator Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

**Nomination must be concurred by two TSSRM members with signature below.**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Please submit completed nomination form and letter no later than April 15 to:  
**TSSRM ORM Committee Chair**  
**See online Officers, Directors, and Committee Chairs**