



2014 TSSRM President John Walker and Grass Roots Award Recipient Logan Boswell

Texas Section Society for Rangeland Management
Grass Roots Award – Extension Agent
Logan Boswell

Logan Boswell has been the Texas A&M AgriLife County Agriculture Extension Agent in Brewster and Jeff Davis counties for more than two decades. His Extension career began in Brazoria County followed by assignments in San Patricio and Willacy Counties before returning to West Texas. Throughout the majority of his career he has trained 4-H youth in grass identification and range evaluation contests and range method demonstrations. Several youth from counties he has served have attended Youth Range Workshop. Logan co-hosted the District 6 Grass Identification and Range Evaluation contests in 2013 and 2014.

Logan's Extension adult education efforts in range management include toxic plant management, including locoweed collection work in conjunction with USDA Agricultural Research Poisonous Plant Laboratory, workshops for small acreage landowners, Total Ranch Management, brush management, nature appreciation, using prescribed fire to manage saltgrass pastures, and pesticide applicator trainings. He has been instrumental in result demonstrations focused on management of weed and brush species such as oak, mesquite, huisache, sotol, lechuguilla, saltcedar, catclaw acacia, catclaw mimosa, burrobrush, prickly pear, yucca, juniper, whitebrush, cholla, locoweed, and broom

snakeweed. He was involved in early research using roller wiper herbicide application equipment and the Brush Robot.

He has provided one-on-one assistance to many ranchers with stocking rate decisions, identified countless plants for producers, helped to determine potential causes for reduced animal performance such as toxic plants, disease, and poor range health. After the momentous wildfires in recent years and particularly the horrible events of 2011 he was part of the emergency response team and worked with ranchers to develop and implement “practical” periods of grazing deferment.

During his 20+ year career he has established a rapport with many ranchers, landowners, and individuals including the Extension Range Specialists, other County Extension Agents, Extension Range Assistants, herbicide manufacturers and representatives, equipment manufactures and representatives, local bankers, Capital Farm Credit, USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service, USDA-Farm Service Agency, Texas General Land Office, Texas Animal Health Commission, Texas Parks & Wildlife Department, County Commissioners, Sul Ross State University, Nature Conservancy, Texas & Southwest Cattle Raisers Association, and, the Davis Mountains Trans-Pecos Heritage Associations.

Logan graduated from Sul Ross State University in Alpine Texas in 1980 with a B.S. in Wildlife Management. He was fortunate to take plant taxonomy with the renowned Dr. Barton Warnock before his retirement from Sul Ross. Logan returned to Sul Ross to complete a Master of Science in Range Management in 1996. He worked on several Big Bend area ranches while attending college and soon after graduation; he helped complete fencing on one ranch that implemented the Savory grazing system and also had the opportunity to meet with Alan Savory.

Logan is very approachable and always willing to lend a hand; the professional relationships he has fostered have been beneficial to all residents in the counties he has served.