

## **Colorado Section Society for Range Management Award Guidelines**

Nominations Due Date: **July 1 every year**

Please submit your nomination to the Awards Committee [cosec.srm@gmail.com](mailto:cosec.srm@gmail.com)

### **Trail Boss Award**

This award is the highest award given to a Section member for outstanding accomplishments to the range management profession and for exceptional service to the Section. The nominee must be a member of the Colorado Section and SRM for the past five years. Past recipients are not eligible.

#### **Nominations Must Include:**

1. Name of nominee including address and phone number.
2. Why are you nominating them? Please provide a summary of the nominee's accomplishments/contributions to range management and to the Colorado Section
3. Number of years as a member of Colorado SRM (minimum of five years is required).
4. Nominator's name, address, and telephone number.
5. Letters of recommendation from an additional Colorado SRM member.

#### **Selection Criteria:**

1. The primary criterion for this award is tangible evidence of the nominee's accomplishments or contributions to the range management profession and the Colorado Section.
2. The nominee is a member of the section for at least the last five year as described above.
3. A recipient of this award shall not be eligible to receive this award again.

### **Excellence in Rangeland Conservation Award**

This award is given to an individual or group that has demonstrated exceptional skill and knowledge in practicing sound management of rangelands in the State of Colorado. Membership in the Society for Range Management is not required. The recipient will be requested to attend the Section Annual Meeting to receive the award. Public announcement of the award will not be made until presentation of the award at the Annual meeting. Past recipients are not eligible.

#### **Nominations Must Include:**

1. Name of nominee including address and phone number.
2. Why are you nominating them? Please provide a description of the operation including name of operation, location, years of operation, size of operation, ownership of lands involved in the operation, goods and services that are produced on the operation.
3. Describe the rangeland conservation practices the nominee has implemented, particularly in the last five years. Relate how the practices addressed the conservation problems. Include quantitative information as much as possible. (i.e. – feet, acres, numbers of structures installed)
4. List any natural resource or community organizations related to natural resources in which the nominee participates.
5. Photos of operation are great. A slide presentation will be expected for the awards presentation.
6. Nominator's name, address, and telephone number.
7. Letters of recommendation from additional Colorado SRM members (optional).

#### **Selection Criteria:**

1. The primary criterion for this award is tangible evidence that the nominee has demonstrated exceptional skill and knowledge in practicing sound management of rangelands in the State of Colorado.
2. A recipient of this award shall not be eligible to receive this award again.

### **Outstanding Early Career Professional Award**

The Outstanding Early Career Professional Award is presented by the Colorado Section of SRM to an individual Section member to recognize outstanding service, performance, leadership, and demonstrated extraordinary potential and promise as a rangeland management professional.

An Early Career Professional (ECP) is in the initial stages of their career, within 8 years of their latest degree (BSc MSc, PhD), excluding any career breaks for reasons such as family care, health, or other personal circumstances. ECPs are transitioning to or have recently moved into a professional range management role (agencies, researchers, non-profits, faculty members, consultants, etc.).

ECP status recognizes the diversity of career pathways, including the challenges related to gender, culture, and socio-economic background in career advancement.

#### **Nominations Must Include:**

1. Name of nominee including address and phone number.
2. Why are you nominating them? Please describe the nominee's service to the Colorado Section, the International SRM, and give examples of their outstanding performance and/or their extraordinary potential as an early career range professional.
3. Number of years as a member of SRM.
4. Nominator's name, address, and telephone number.
5. Letters of recommendation (optional).

#### **Selection Criteria:**

1. The primary criterion for this award is tangible evidence that the nominee's accomplishments demonstrate extraordinary potential and promise as a leader in the range profession.
2. Demonstration of leadership and professional potential may be in any facet of range management, including ranch management, agency employment, research, and education.
3. A nominee's participation in the Society activities, particularly at the Section level, is desirable. Membership in the Society is required.
4. The nominee shall be within the first 8 years of their latest degree as described above.
5. A recipient of this award shall not be eligible to receive this award again.

### **Outstanding Publication/Contribution Award**

This award is to recognize noteworthy scholarly, literary, and aesthetic contributions, and efforts in publicizing range management practices, philosophies, and research activities. Only one Outstanding Publication/Contribution award will be given per year – not one per category. In the case of group publications, at least one of the authors should be a CSSRM member.\*

*\*The Award Committee will accept all nominations regardless of whether an author is a CSSRM member or not and reserves the right to give more weight to CSSRM members when evaluating nominations.*

#### **Nominations Must Include**

1. Name of Nominee including address and phone number.
2. A copy or electronic link to publication/media.

3. Number of years as a member of SRM if applicable (see note above).
4. Nominator's name, address, and telephone number (self-nominations are encouraged).
5. Letters of recommendation (optional). If self-nominating, at least one letter or recommendation is required.

### **Selection Criteria**

1. If the piece is scholarly, literary, or aesthetic, it must have been published in a (1) scientific publication, (2) popular publication, (3) published as film online or available to show to the public, or (4) if a special contribution it can be any media type including but not limited to a professional meeting, workshop, or special event.
2. Nominated publications must be published in the five years prior to the nomination deadline.\*  
*\*The Award Committee reserves the right to accept nominations for up to 8 years prior to publication.*
3. If the nomination is for a contribution, it may be directly relevant to Colorado rangelands, or to rangelands in general, and include efforts by a Colorado Section member. Individuals or groups are eligible.