



2010 TSSRM President Bill Pinchak and Outstanding Contribution to Rangeland Management Award Winner Mark Moseley

Texas Section Society for Range Management
Outstanding Contribution to Rangeland Management
Mark Moseley

Mark Moseley's passion for Rangeland Management, love of the land, and leadership started at a very young age. As evidence, in 1967 this individual was selected as Trail Boss for the Youth Range Workshop. This young man from Rochelle, Texas went on to follow his passions and graduated from Texas Tech University with a degree in Range and Wildlife Management. For the past 30+ years this individual has devoted his time, passion, and leadership to forward the science and art of rangeland management through a career with SCS-NRCS. He started as a Rangeland Conservationist in Colorado City and Junction, Texas, District Conservationist in Jayton, Texas, Area Range Conservationist in San Angelo, Texas, and State Range Conservationist in Stillwater, Oklahoma. He is currently a NRCS Rangeland Management Specialist in Boerne, Texas and serves as Texas State Grazing Lands Conservation Initiative (GLCI) Coordinator.

Mark has promoted Rangeland Management over the past three decades though hundreds if not thousands of Field Days, Workshops, Ranch Tours, etc. He has spoken to ranchers about the benefits of proper grazing management, brush management, and on and on. He has inspired not only Texas ranchers, but Oklahoman's as well with his knowledge, experience, and passion for the ranching industry and the promotion of grazingland stewardship. He is additionally one of the States strongest advocates for prescribed burning.

As a GLCI Liaison for Texas, Mark has worked closely with numerous groups, organizations, agencies and governments to discuss grazing management and prescribed burning opportunities. Other federal agencies such as the Army Corps of Engineers (ACE) have been inspired by his tremendous knowledge on plant identification and rangeland management.

Along with tremendous knowledge and expertise in grazing lands management and prescribed burning, this individual has assisted in the progress of Ecological Site Description (ESDs) development for Texas. In 2009, he reviewed and approved 66 Ecological Site Descriptions (ESDs) for the state of Texas encompassing 15,634,000 acres. Since 2005, he has reviewed 239 ESDs encompassing 88,900,000 acres.

Mark has been a member of the Texas Section and SRM for 35 years. He has served as President of the Texas Section SRM in 1986, and has also been president of the Oklahoma section. He served on the TSSRM Board of Directors from 1980-1982. He has served on numerous TSSRM committees such as the Youth Activities and Information and Education committees. He has additionally, served on several national committees.

Mark has also contributed to written rangeland management knowledge. He has authored and co-authored with many of his peers, numerous publications regarding rangeland management, plant identification and grazingland stewardship. His professionalism has lead him to the acceptance of several milestone awards; 2007 Outstanding Achievement Award for Stewardship from the Society of Range Management at the 60th Annual meeting in Reno, Nevada; 2008 Outstanding Alumnus Award acceptance at Texas Tech University Department of Natural Resources Management; and 2009 NRCS Rangeland Management Specialist of the Year

The contributions to the field of rangeland management made by this gentleman are numerous. However, Mark's arguably greatest contribution is his legacy of training young rangeland professionals. He has been a positive influence and mentor to countless young rangeland professionals by providing experienced hands-on training and has been a leader by example through his professionalism and passion for rangeland ecosystems. The Texas Section Society for Range Management is proud to announce the 2010 recipient of the Outstanding Contribution to Rangeland Management Award to Mr. Mark Moseley.