



2010 TSSRM President Bill Pinchak and Grass Roots Award Winner-NRCS Category-John Paclik

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John Paclik has worked for the SCS/NRCS for more than 35 years as a range conservationist, District Conservationist and in his present position as a Natural Resource Manager. John has responsibility for managing five counties on his team. John has provided technical assistance through conservation planning to farmers and ranchers, in many areas of Texas. John has also worked with civic groups, local government agencies, state and federal agencies. John is a member of Texas Section Society for Range Management. John is a professional and dedicated employee for the NRCS. John is always ready and willing to help with hosting field days, seminars, and training with new employees.

John gives back to the community what has been given to him; he has a passion for educating youth and delivering the resource conservation message. John has a passion to teach young people the importance of identifying plants and how to manage natural resources.

For more than 20 years, Paclik has been working with plant identification and land judging teams, and as a former 4-H'er on Cooke County and Texas A&M University plant identification teams always and wants to give back to youth through natural resources education.

For the second consecutive year, the Young County 4-H Range Evaluation Team won a national title as the 2010 Reserve Champion at the 59th Annual National Range Judging Competition held on May 6th in Oklahoma City. Historically, Oklahoma has the distinction of having hosted the National Rangeland Judging Contest annually since 1952. Thousands of youth and young adults qualify for the national contest by participating in local, regional, and state contests throughout the United States. It takes many hours of training by young dedicated individuals to reach this level of competition and with John as the head coach they have accomplished honors that few have.

The Texas Section Society for Range Management is proud to present the 2010 Grass Roots NRCS award to John Paclik of Graham, Texas.