



*2011 TSSRM President Matt Wagner and Fellow Award Recipient Hoyt Seidensticker*

## Texas Section Society for Range Management Fellow Award

Hoyt Seidensticker-Boerne, TX

The Fellow award is given each year by the Section in recognition of exceptional service to the Section and its programs in advancing the art and science of range related resource management. I think you will agree with me that this year's recipient has far exceeded those expectations.

In 1991, Texas A&M University graduated a young man with a Range Science degree that would go on to be an integral part of the Texas Section Society for Range Management. Although he worked away from the ranch when he completed college, he came home to the family ranch upon his father's untimely passing. Today he practices what he learned in college and from years of experience operating his family's ranch in Kendall County. A visit to the ranch during a dry year highlights his responsible stocking practices as he still has grass while others are forced to destock or feed livestock. He is very simply a responsible land steward, a positive example to many new landowners in his area. He is often involved in local tours and programs highlighting sound range management.

This man has gone above and beyond the call of duty for years with his involvement in TSSRM Youth Activities. He has served as a Director at Youth Range Workshop for seventeen years. The past five years he has shared the lead at Youth Range Workshop as Co-Coordinator. He is involved in all aspects of TSSRM Youth Activities from active fund raising, financial management to the actual organization and execution of Youth Range Workshop. He has been an active force in innovative and creative fund raisers including silent auctions and entertaining reverse raffles.

Additionally, he has been the Texas chaperone for our High School Youth Forum delegates to SRM Annual Meetings since 2000. He additionally has been co chair of the HSYF subcommittee of SRM for the past five years.

This man has not limited his TSSRM involvement to only youth activities. He has served as TSSRM Secretary and Director.

He is one of those busy people that others know they can call upon when they need something done. His involvement in SRM is a priority for both he and his family. He has a special place in his heart for youth activities and has devoted countless hours to the youth of both Texas and SRM. He walks the walk, talks the talk, and Texas Section SRM is the beneficiary of his time, treasure and talent.

The selection criteria for the TSSRM Fellow Award is conferred on a person that has provided exceptional service to the section and its programs in advancing the science and art of rangeland related resource management. With respect to TSSRM, Hoyt Seidensticker is the embodiment of those principles.