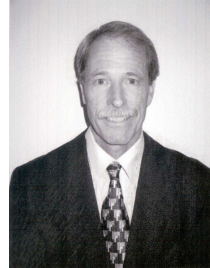


Dr. Don Kirby

Dr. Donald R. Kirby is passionate about proper management of our natural resources. He provides land managers of North Dakota and the Northern Plains with sound, cost-effective solutions from mine reclamation to invasive weed management to the impacts of grazing mismanagement. Regardless of the political implications of a subject, one can be assured that Dr. Kirby's recommendations will always be based upon the research and his best professional judgment - without personal bias.



Dr. Kirby, at the invitation of the Governor of North Dakota and the US Forest Service, has served on the 1999 and 2002 Scientific Review Panels of the Forest Service Dakota Grassland Plan. He is also passionate about youth. He gives his time and personal finances for personal scholarships, the North Dakota Youth Camp, the NDSU Range Club, Undergraduate/Graduate student paper events, and URME Coach. He is a member of several professional societies, he is widely published with over 130 publications, and has received numerous honors and awards.

Dr. Kirby is also very dedicated to the Society. His positive "can-do" attitude, commitment to rangeland science, has had him involved with many Section and Society committees. He has served as Section President, and recently served on the Society's Board of Directors. For these reasons, the Society proudly recognizes Dr. Donald R. Kirby with its Outstanding Achievement Award.