

James R. Brunner

James Brunner, a Charter Member of the Society for Range Management and a member for 55 years, has been active in several SRM sections, most notably, Nevada, Arizona, and the Pacific Northwest.



After receiving his BS Degree in Range Management in 1941, he trained to do range surveys in Idaho and Colorado with the Forest Service. He trained under Dr. Dvksterhuis with the SCS to learn range site classification and condition classes. He later worked with the BLM on land and mineral adjudication, land examinations, and Cadastral surveys. He also worked with BLM in Arizona at the state office in planning. When World War II broke out, he received training of another sort – as an officer in the US Army Signal Corps dealing with field artillery. He spent 6 years in the European Theatre.

This man is an inspiration! He is 85 years old and constantly puts much younger individuals to shame with his never failing energy, enthusiasm, willingness, and positive attitude. Until 2 years ago Mr. Brunner made annual trips to Nevada to monitor rangeland vegetation transects which he had established decades earlier. He believed in the work which was being done and took it upon himself to see it through even though he had been retired from the BLM for over a quarter century.

Mr. Brunner currently writes on environmental issues specializing on salmon, sage grouse, and global warming. He writes for the *Oregon Fish & Wildlife Journal*, *Journal of Range Management*, *Rangelands*, *Outdoor Life*, *Sports Afield*, and several newspapers. He is sometimes accused of being “politically incorrect” but never – “scientifically incorrect”. He simply “tells it like it is”.

James Brunner’s highly prolific career makes him most deserving of the Sustained Lifetime Achievement Award.