

**The Society for Range Management  
2005 Frederic G. Renner Award  
is presented to  
Dr. William C. Krueger**

The Society for Range Management's most prestigious award, the Fredrick G. Renner Award is presented this year to an outstanding rangeland scientist and manager. Dr. William C. Krueger is well known within the Society for Range Management as a tireless worker for rational and scientifically based approaches to rangeland management.

Dr. Krueger has been a member of the Society for Range Management for 37 years. During that period of time he has served as Program Leader then Department Head in the Department of Rangeland Resources at Oregon State University with the exception of two one year stints at Humboldt State University and Colorado State University.

During Bill Krueger's long and fruitful career in rangeland resources he has accomplished numerous noteworthy things, several of which are noted here.

Because of his ecologically based studies in animal behavior and plant communities, he was able to effectively eliminate the death loss of hundreds of head of livestock due to Acute Pulmonary Bovine Emphysema in eastern Oregon.

In Oregon, he perfected the use of "forage prepping" for wildlife (particularly elk) production through the use of judicious livestock grazing, increasing elk habitat several fold.

He fostered watershed research early on in his career by researching livestock grazing strategies for watershed benefit, demonstrating that livestock herbivory at certain times of the year could be beneficial to such plant communities as willows and other woody plants. Thirty plus years later he is still active in watershed research studying the relationships between groundwater and riparian vegetation cover and stream temperatures.

Dr. Krueger is the only Department Head that Oregon State University's Department of Rangeland Resources has had in the years since the mid 1980's when it moved from being a program within Animal Science to a stand-alone department. It is appropriate to note, that for about 10 years prior to being elevated to departmental status, Dr. Krueger was also the Program Leader for the OSU Rangeland Resources Program. During his entire tenure as OSU Rangeland Resources leader, Dr. Krueger has never wavered from his stance of believing in rangelands and in the people who are affiliated with them. Dr. Krueger established OWIC (Oregon Watershed Improvement Coalition) which prompted the environmental communities and the industrial communities associated with rangelands to come together for the common good. He has a faculty of well known and well regarded individuals who he has always encouraged and supported. In fact when one of his faculty members was recently asked why Oregon State University seems to frequently surface as a premier university in rangeland management, that individual answered that the Department's faculty reflect the attitudes of its leader.

That leader is Dr. William C. Krueger, a man whose leadership and example provide an inspiration for an entire professional society, the Society for Range Management.