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Dr. Linda Hardesty, Teacher, Researcher, and Extension Specialist from Washington State University, is one of the truly capable and dedicated rangeland managers in the Society for Range Management. She has been active in her pursuits of rangeland improvement and managerial excellence during her entire 31 year professional career. She has made a tremendous difference wherever she has been, be it locally, regionally, nationally, or internationally. She has mentored numerous students, all of whom have gone on to productive and useful careers. She has successfully garnered grants and produced practical, useful research which has made dramatic differences in the management and economic practicalities of each of the sites and nations where she has worked. She is a wonderful undergraduate teacher whose student evaluations at the end of each term indicate that “she cared”, “she taught me more than any other instructor at the University”, “she knows her stuff, has enthusiasm for it, and really knows how to sell it”!

Dr. Hardesty’s efforts within the professional Society for Range Management are strong and commendable. She unselfishly works for the betterment of rangeland and for the people associated with them. She has served on many SRM committees, has been President of the PNW Section, served on the SRM Board of Directors, and has patiently and capably given depth and breath to our organization and profession.

Dr. Hardesty is a soft spoken, gentle person who attempts to see the best in every situation and person. At the same time she has strong goals, ethics, senses of right and wrong, and desires to make the world more livable because of her efforts. And she has done so! The world, its students, its landowners, her peers, and society in general are better because Dr. Hardesty has spent her considerable energy, time, and talent on the behalf of the rangelands of this planet!

