

## Teague, Melissa R

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Melissa Teague is an exemplary model of a Rangeland Management Specialist stemming from a well rounded knowledge base and an undeniable passion for rangelands. Melissa has been a Rangeland Management Specialist for the NRCS for 8 years throughout various locations in Texas as well as Oklahoma. She has been an area Range Specialist in Southwest Oklahoma for 4 years where she is the “go to” person for range related topics in the area. She has provided excellent leadership in an area that previously was lacking support for range activities. Melissa has made a difference!



Melissa received her B.S. in Rangeland Ecology and Management at Texas A&M University and her M.S. in Agribusiness and Economics at West Texas A&M University. Her SRM activities include Plant ID team and URME team at A&M, Student Activities Committee for 7 years, Co-Chair of the URME exam for 6 years, Coordinator for Tapping the Top Mixer, Secretary Treasurer OK section 2003-2004, and 1st VP OK section 2004-2005, and she is currently the President of the OK Section. Since 2001, Melissa has been a coordinator and instructor for the Black Mesa Ecological Academy, a range and wildlife camp that brings together high school students from Oklahoma, Texas, Kansas, New Mexico, and Colorado. In 2004 she was selected as the chair for this Academy where the top student is selected to attend the National SRM meeting to compete in the High School Youth Forum. Melissa is also an invaluable member of a team that assists in the set up and instruction of the National Range Judging Contest held in Oklahoma City every year.

Melissa’s tireless efforts to support rangeland management and sustainability, and the endless amount of time spent to educate the range managers of tomorrow, make her unquestionably deserving of this award.

