



2006 Frederic G. Renner Award

The Frederic G. Renner Award is the most prestigious award bestowed by the Society. It was made possible by a generous contribution from Frederic G. Renner, a Charter and Life member, and SRM's second President (1949). The award is presented with the belief that such recognition will foster better use of rangeland resources and a broader understanding of the contributions that these resources make to the welfare of all people.

Gary W. Frasier

The Society for Range Management's most prestigious award, the Fredrick G. Renner Award is presented this year to Gary W. Frasier.

Gary qualifies for this recognition because of the outstanding contributions he has made to the Society through his twenty-plus years of service as editor of *Rangelands* and the *Journal of Range Management* and because of the many contributions he has made in his 42 years of rangeland research as a scientist working for the Agricultural Research Service. Much of this work was conducted on rangelands of Arizona and Colorado.

Because of his editorial work, *Rangelands* and the *Journal of Range Management* - now known as *Rangeland Ecology and Management* - have become very informative and highly respected publications. The quality of the articles in both publications improved under Gary's leadership, as did the quality of presentation of materials in these articles. Gary has sought out authors from within and outside the Society to write synthesis articles that have become benchmarks of our profession. Because these publications are the most visible aspect of the Society, Gary has - as much or more than any other individual - ensured that SRM is recognized as a valuable and respected professional organization. Gary has not limited his editorial contributions to SRM publications; he has also served on the editorial board for the *Journal of Plant Interactions* (Taylor & Francis, UK, publisher).

Gary's research career with ARS encompassed three major areas: 1) water supply (water harvesting); 2) rangeland revegetation (water requirements for plant establishment); and 3) rangeland surface water hydrology (runoff and infiltration). Gary's research represents a body of quality work. He has authored or coauthored over 120 technical publications - 67 as senior or sole author, including over 20 in the *Journal of Range Management*. Several of his publications are considered to establish the state-of-the-art for rangeland hydrology and water supplies on arid rangelands. Gary is also very well respected for his willingness and ability to engage in interdisciplinary research efforts with other scientists.

In addition to his work with ARS, Gary has been an affiliated faculty member of the Forest, Rangeland, and Watershed Stewardship Department at Colorado State University. His interdisciplinary approach has made him a particularly valuable advisor of graduate students. He has served as research advisor or co-advisor for 10 M.S. and 4 Ph.D. students, and project leader for two USDA funded research projects to investigate the impacts of cattle grazing on infiltration, runoff and erosion in riparian ecosystems. He is currently co-project leader in an ARS/CSU long-term study to determine the impact of soil loss that might affect vegetative, hydrologic, and soil resources and the long-term sustainability of shortgrass steppe and cold desert sagebrush ecosystems.

For his lifetime of commitment to the Society and to rangelands, the Society for Range Management is proud to present Gary W. Frasier with the Frederic G. Renner Award.