

Meiman, Dr. Paul J.

In his short tenure as Extension Specialist for Rangeland Resources at the University of Wyoming, Dr. Paul J Meiman has quickly risen to the ranks of "superstar." He has quickly developed a reputation that is trusted to apply scientific insight to practical rangeland management challenges. He is in high demand to make presentations to a broad spectrum of groups who care about sustainable rangeland management – all while maintaining the respect and esteem of agency personnel, ranchers, and environmental interest groups. He also has the skill to make the connection between research and aiding on-the-ground application through extension education.



Dr Meiman has successfully established a statewide Rangeland Management School and a Wyoming rangelands website, developed a series of regularly broadcasted radio and television Public Service Announcements, and helped with the Wyoming Rangeland Resources Camp each summer. He has 12 televised informational programs aired in Wyoming since June 2004. He has *already* had 140+ formal presentations, 5 scientific journal articles, 8 popular articles, 6 Extension Fact Sheets, and several other publications since he arrived at the University of Wyoming in 2003.

In addition to his Extension duties, Paul teaches two classes, and has diverse research interests (from invasion ecology to soil/plant/microbe interactions to watershed interactions to wildland ecology) and is also collaborating on several interdisciplinary projects.

Paul is one of those rare individuals we in higher education look for to carry on and expand our intellectual horizons. He has a great aptitude for developing keen insights regarding the underlying principles of his profession and has demonstrated an ability to understand the cross-disciplinary linkages.

He is a real leader – well respected and liked by those who have had the good fortune of working with him.

Dr. Meiman is aware that the future of range and natural resource management depends on recruitment of quality young men and women into the field. Paul takes the time to visit with high school and college students in group settings and individually about career opportunities in range and natural resource management.

Dr. Meiman is an excellent example of an "Outstanding Young Rangeland Professional" and is most deserving of this award.

