

# Outstanding Achievement Award Citations - Academia/Research

## Dr. R. James Ansley

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Dr. Jim Ansley has established a world-wide reputation as a rangeland ecologist based on his extensive experience in semiarid mesquite and juniper woodlands. Jim's expertise is in the areas of plant ecophysiology and community ecology, and how management of natural resources affects plant communities. Jim has conducted and reported research on gas exchange, water use, seed production, seed predation, herbicide control, herbaceous responses, and fire ecology of woody communities. Jim has quite a diverse interest in rangeland processes.



Being located at an Agricultural Research & Extension Center places a priority on research that addresses producer problems and ecological sustainability. Jim has conducted a well-respected program in these areas for more than 20 years. His research is defined by addressing complex ecological interactions in a structured scientific method approach that yields innovative and insightful results which are relevant to society, as well as the scientific community.

We could list all of Jim's accomplishments, but there really isn't time. The real reason Jim deserves this award goes beyond a catalog of accomplishments. Jim cares deeply about proper management and sustainability of our rangelands. He is willing to present his results and his understanding of the issues to his peers in the scientific arena, agricultural businesses, local clubs and groups, undergraduate students from other universities, and students ranging from kindergarten to high school. He is an advocate for sustainable management. We can think of no one more deserving of the Society for Range Management Outstanding Achievement Award than Dr. R. James Ansley.