

Outstanding Achievement Award Citations –Stewardship

Jennifer J. Pluhar

Jenny Pluhar is a talented range scientist with high standards for professional performance and ethics. She has been a leader in SRM for 23 of the 27 years she has been a member, helping to advance range science and the careers of range scientists. Her outstanding contributions to land stewardship as a professional include exemplary work in her roles as a wetland scientist, range consultant, and ranch manager.

Jenny's activities in SRM are many and varied. They include SRM Life Member, 27-Year Member, and Certified Professional in Rangeland Management. She founded Tapping the Top in 1991 as well as the Student Employment Workshop. She has served as International Plant ID Contest Co-Chair (23 years), Student Activities Committee Chair (4 years), Masonic Range Science Scholarship Co-chair (18 years), Rangelands Editorial Board (12 years), Rangelands Steering Committee, Publications Committee, and Professional Affairs Committee.

Jenny has co-authored or authored several publications including Texas Range Plants. In her positions as a range consultant, ranch manager, and a senior wetland scientist, Jenny contributes to the sound management of rangelands in a broad geographic area, including wetland delineations, restoration, mitigation, rangeland monitoring, grazing management, and wildlife management. Jenny's 23 years of leadership in Student Activities demonstrate her dedication to fostering the next generation of range scientists and managers. Countless SRM members have been positively impacted by her work on undergraduate student competitions, scholarships, professional development workshops, training, and mentoring. Over 2500 students and 1000 professionals have been positively impacted by Tapping the Top and the Student Employment Workshop.

