

Outstanding Young Range Professional Award Citations

Cynthia McArthur

Cindy's role as a Range Management Specialist for the USDA Forest Service extends beyond knowing the appropriate scientific principles to apply. Cindy works with a broad range of individuals and groups and has facilitated resolutions in contentious situations while always maintaining professionalism and decorum.



Some key examples of her contributions include developing comprehensive and cooperative Allotment Management Plans in New Mexico and Oregon. These plans address resource concerns while maintaining ecologically and economically viable ranching operations. Cindy was instrumental in improving management on the Murderer's Creek Wild Horse Territory in Eastern Oregon. Cindy engaged members of the community to develop and implement a comprehensive ground based wild horse census. She coordinated efforts between the Forest Service, grazing permittees, Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife and the Bureau of Land Management to update the Wild Horse Management Plan.

Cindy has first hand experience fighting wildfires, treating noxious weeds and inventorying for cultural resources. She is a great role model for young professionals, and is among the best and brightest of the upcoming generation of rangeland managers!

Cindy is now working in Washington DC as the new Forest Service Liaison to the Society for Range Management. In addition to her professional accomplishments, Cindy is a dedicated wife and mother who finds opportunities to share the wonders of the natural world with those around her.