



W R Chapline Research Award

The **W.R. Chapline Research Award** gives special recognition to members of the Society for **exceptional and sustained research accomplishments in range science and associated disciplines**, including biology, morphology, physiology, and the ecology of specific range species, ecosystems, relating plant environments, wildlife and domestic livestock on such lands.

Dr. Steven G. Whisenant

The scientific achievements of Dr. Steven G. Whisenant are a tribute to his exceptional talents and energy devoted to improvement of rangelands during his 27-year research career. Through his research, his book entitled “Repairing Damaged Wildlands: A Process-oriented Landscape-scale Approach”, and his ability to communicate his knowledge to others, Steve has become recognized worldwide as the authority on ecological restoration of degraded rangelands and other terrestrial ecosystems. He has clearly demonstrated the benefits of working with, rather than against, the natural ecological processes for achieving long-lasting, low-cost, and environmentally friendly ecosystem restoration.



His book is the most widely used ecological restoration book in the world, used as a textbook at universities in at least 21 countries. It is currently being re-printed in the Chinese language. Governments and ecological organizations throughout the world regularly seek Steve out to participate in or lead land restoration research projects, and to present keynote papers at symposia addressing restoration of degraded ecosystems.

Dr. Whisenant has also made very significant contributions in the areas of plant ecology, fire ecology, and weed, woody plant, and invasive plant ecology and management in the US. His contributions to scientific literature includes 1 book, 7 book chapters, 36 papers in scientific journals, and over 25 symposia proceedings. He has made a major contribution to the future of rangeland management and restoration through his teaching at Brigham Young University and Texas A&M University.

Dr. Whisenant’s appointment as Head of the Ecosystem Science & Management Department at Texas A&M University and the awards he has received exemplify the quality of his achievements and the esteem he has earned from his colleagues, peers, administrators, and professional societies. Steve has been a devoted member of SRM for 34 years. He has served on numerous committees and as an Associate Editor of the Journal of Range Management. He is a member of the Board of Directors of the Society for Ecological Restoration International.

**For his outstanding scientific achievements and personal qualities, the Society for Range Management proudly presents the 2009 W.R. Chapline Research Award to
Dr. Steven G. Whisenant.**