

Fellow Award Citations

Dr. Kris M. Havstad

Dr. Kris Havstad has made a substantial contribution to the Society for Range Management and the profession of rangeland management over his nearly 30 year career. As an academic at Montana State University, he advanced the field of range management through his research into range livestock ecology; but his greatest contribution was as a teacher, developing both undergraduate and graduate students through his enthusiasm and excitement for the study of rangeland ecosystems.



With his move to the Jornada Experimental Range in 1989, Kris turned his talents and energy to developing not only people, but also programs. Dr. Havstad's leadership at the Jornada has created opportunities for graduate students, post-docs and career scientists to pursue research that is both academically rigorous and relevant to the problems of rangeland managers. Through his leadership, the Jornada has progressed from traditional rangeland research focused on livestock production to the study of desert ecosystems and how they interact with larger trends in society.

Dr. Havstad has expanded not only the work of his research program at the Jornada Experimental Range, but has also extended that work out into the world. He has been instrumental in supporting groups whose purpose is to extend the latest in rangeland research to practical management. He has had great success inviting students of all ages into the excitement of studying ecosystems and has also extended that knowledge around the globe through work in South America, Asia and Europe.

In short, Kris has created new audiences for the field of rangeland management. His ability to communicate through his writing, speaking and actions has opened new avenues for the transfer of knowledge regarding rangeland ecosystems to new audiences as well as inviting whole new groups of people to participate in making decisions about how rangelands are managed. His contributions have truly made rangeland management, scientists and managers more relevant.