

# Outstanding Achievement Award Citations

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### **Dr. Jon Bates**

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As a rangeland scientist for the USDA-Agricultural Research Service in Burns, OR, Dr. Jon Bates has shown tremendous dedication to advancing our knowledge and management of the sagebrush steppe biome. His research on juniper ecology is widely cited and has shaped management activities on both private and public lands. Recent research on sagebrush community characteristics has been widely used in the development of guidelines for sagebrush-obligate wildlife species. Lack of controlled, replicated research on grazing/fire interactions led Jon to design a detailed study on this topic. The results are in high demand, given the extensive wildfires of the past several years. Clearly, Jon knows which topics are of interest to managers and he is quick to design and implement high-impact research. He is regularly sought out for advice and to provide presentations to both managers and other scientists.



Jon's positive working relationship with other scientists and with a wide variety of land managers is a direct result of the time he spends in the field and the respect everyone has for his enthusiasm and commitment to problem-solving. Over the years, Jon has mentored a large number of temporary student employees, technicians, and graduate students. These individuals have all benefited from Jon's insights and exposure to his work ethic. And during those long periods of camping and sampling, they also experienced his cooking skills!

To all who know him, Jon's achievements are truly outstanding and he is very worthy of this SRM award.