

Outstanding Achievement Award Citations

Academia/Research

Dr. Brandon T. Bestelmeyer

Brandon Bestelmeyer has worked intensively and effectively in both building the scientific basis for ecological sites and their descriptions (ESDs), and transferring this information directly to land managers. His peer-reviewed papers have communicated an extremely well-founded ecological basis for ecological sites and their descriptions. His workshops and symposia have well-articulated the management applications that are derived from these research based concepts.



This accomplishment represents two important elements that support his outstanding achievement award. First, his leadership in the development of ESDs as a key aspect of landscape stratification for rangeland management and is one of the most important advancements in our profession over at least the past 2 decades. Second, his efforts to translate high quality science into useable management principles represent the best of what this profession is all about. He has truly demonstrated the value of high quality basic ecological science and the importance of the expression of that knowledge for rangeland management.