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## Stewardship

### Stephen A. Nelle

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Steve Nelle is the rangeland professional's model for a lifetime dedicated to stewardship. Author, communicator, trainer, mentor, equally respected by peers and rangeland users alike, Steve has spent a lifetime making a mark upon the land.



Steve's career with NRCS spans thirty-five years over most of the State of Texas. Steve has presented papers at national and section meetings of the Society for Range Management, The Wildlife Society, and Rancher and Wildlife Symposiums on a wide range of topics. As an author, Steve has written "*Riparian Notes*", a monthly newsletter with state-wide distribution to environmental groups, river authorities, state and federal agencies, and private individuals. He is the sole author of the NRCS publication *The Use and Management of Browse in the Edwards Plateau of Texas*. This booklet, along with excellent color photographs, discusses all aspects of browse management, and the implications of good and poor management. Steve was also editor of the nationally recognized Texas Section SRM newsletter for which he received two national awards and the Section Fellow Award.

Steve's forte is as a communicator and his strength is his ability to relate to both professionals and the ranching public. Steve has both the confidence and respect of his peers and the ranchers to whom he "sells" conservation.

Steve Nelle is widely recognized by the ranching community, academia, professionals in the range and wildlife community, and many others as a consummate professional. Steve's heart is for the land, his tracks are on the land, and the impact of his work will be reflected in the land for many, many years.