

# Outstanding Achievement Award Citations

## Stewardship

### **Mary B. Reece**

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Mary's outstanding achievement has been the educational efforts she has made with the Nebraska Range Youth Camp, serving from 1983 through 2006, and as the Camp Co-Director from 1993 through 2006, educating 35 - 60 youth annually. This program has influenced over 600 students during her involvement. This is one of the oldest interagency youth range management training programs in the Great Plains. From this camp, outstanding campers are chosen to represent Nebraska at the High School Youth Forum at the annual meeting of SRM. Mary is current Co-Chair of that Forum, which is a subcommittee of the Parent Society Student Activities Committee. Mary joined the Subcommittee in October of 1999, became a Co-Chair in 2000 and continues in that role today. This important and valuable youth activity at the Society level impacts 25 to 35 youth annually.



Mary has also had a tremendous impact on rangeland resources through the number of ranchers and agency personnel now responsible for huge tracts of land in Nebraska with whom she had the opportunity to first talk about the basics of range management. But those we often forget about are those who did not end up on a ranch, as a landowner or as a range conservationist with an agency. These people affect the political future of range management, our range management agencies and land ownership issues through their voting powers. The influence she has in these educational efforts is impact on our rangeland resources that most people working on the land do not have.