

# **Outstanding Young Range Professional Award Citations**

## **Dr. Tracey K. Brewer**

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Dr. Tracy Brewer has been completely focused on Range Management since entering her undergraduate program at Montana State University in 1992. In a very short time she has developed a strong group of contacts that includes academics, practicing rangeland professionals, future rangeland professionals (undergrad and graduate students), and of course the ranching community. Dr. Brewer has done extensive research that is not only academically sound, but has immediate impact on the lives of ranching families and communities and on the sustainability of rangelands.



Elk/cattle interactions and integrated management of knapweed are but two examples of Tracy's research interest. She has presented her work in the form of scientific papers, presentations at professional gatherings, and the coffee tables and living rooms of operational ranches. Tracy's biggest strength is her ability to communicate with landowners and her innate skill at melding the academic and ranching worlds together. She is the epitome of the consummate extension rangeland professional.

Dr. Brewer has also shown leadership within the Society for Range Management. She has been an active member in the International Mountain Section and has been a regular contributor to technical programs in range science. Other leaders within SRM have already recognized her capabilities; she was appointed the Chair of the SRM Nominations Committee for 2 consecutive years. The fact that the leadership of SRM was confident that Dr. Brewer could lead the Nominations Committee to find and prepare the future leadership of SRM is quite a vote of confidence for a young professional.