

Outstanding Achievement Award Recipients

Research/Academia

Dr. Karen L. Launchbaugh

Throughout her career, Dr. Karen Launchbaugh has made numerous contributions that have had a profound impact on the field of range management. Karen has recently served on the SRM Board of Directors, as President of the Idaho SRM section and has served as a member and leader of several SRM committees at the International and Section levels.

Dr. Karen Launchbaugh's research and outreach programs have contributed to a paradigm shift toward using carefully controlled livestock grazing as a tool to accomplish vegetation management goals. Karen was instrumental in the development of the handbook "*Targeted Grazing: A Natural Approach to Vegetation Management and Landscape Enhancement*", organizing authors from across the United States to compile their research and experience into 'the reference' on targeted grazing. Additionally, she has hosted workshops in conjunction with the American Sheep Industry in New Mexico, Idaho and Pennsylvania to promote the use of targeted grazing as a weed and vegetation management tool. Karen also recognizes the importance of having valid, scientific information available via the internet and serves as a member of the Leadership Team of the Western Rangelands Partnership.



As a legacy to the rangeland management profession, Dr. Launchbaugh has fostered the development of the next generation of scientists and practitioners of rangeland ecology and management through teaching and mentoring. Karen's contagious energy and tireless dedication to the field of range management has promoted the rangeland management profession, as well as the sustainable use of rangelands.