

Outstanding Young Range Professional Award Recipients

Dr. Kirk Davies

Dr. Kirk Davies has established a rigorous research program centered on three core areas: 1) investigation of the habitat potentials within the sagebrush steppe for sagebrush obligate species; 2) evaluation of how planned and natural disturbances interact to influence vegetation recovery and weed invasion in sage steppe systems; and 3) weed prevention strategies for rangelands.

Although relatively young in his career, Dr. Davies has established a high-impact and prolific publication and outreach record. As an example of the impact of these efforts, Dr. Davies has received the Outstanding Paper Award from the Weed Science Society of America for his work on weed prevention. As another example, his most recent work on the interaction between managed and natural disturbance was accepted for publication in *Ecological Applications*, arguably one of the most prestigious international journals in the applied ecology discipline.

As a snap shot it is easy to see the rapid impact and future potential of this accomplished young scientist. Dr. Davies has identified areas of critical research need, made rapid advances in solving these issues and has positioned himself to make huge contributions to rangeland management in the years to come.

