

# RANGE MANAGER OF THE YEAR AWARD

## ARIZONA SECTION SOCIETY FOR RANGE MANAGEMENT

### INFORMATION AND CRITERIA FORM

**Nomination Deadline: November 15, 2023**

#### Requirements for Nominee Eligibility:

- Need not be a member of the International Society for Range Management
- Must be a ranch owner, operator, or manager of an economic ranch unit
- Must not be a member of State or County Awards Committee or of the Board of Directors
- Must not have received this award within the previous six years

#### Description

This award recognizes an individual or individuals from the ranching community who exemplify excellence in land stewardship and rangeland conservation within their management practices.

**Instructions:** Give complete responses to the attached questionnaire on the next page. If possible, please submit ranch maps with the nomination form.

#### Nominee Information:

Nominee Name: \_\_\_\_\_ County: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Is this person a:        \_\_\_\_\_ Owner        \_\_\_\_\_ Manager        \_\_\_\_\_ Partner

#### Nominator Information:

Nominator Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Nominator Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Send this form and your complete description of the nominee's qualifications to the Awards Committee chair:  
[awards@azrangelands.org](mailto:awards@azrangelands.org)

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QUESTIONNAIRE**

**Please provide the following information:**

**1. General Information**

- a. Location of ranch
- b. Approximate size of the ranch unit (e.g. sections, acres)
- c. Type of ranch operation (e.g. purebred, commercial, cow/calf, steer/yearlings, sheep)
- d. Generally describe the topography and climate
- e. List the primary vegetation types on the ranch (estimate percent composition of types)
- f. Land ownership composition (estimate percent of each, e.g. private, state, Forest Service, BLM, other)
- g. Other general, information for guidance of the Awards Committee, e.g. ranch history, number of generations

**2. Collaboration with Land Management Agencies in Solving Management Problems:**

- a. Has the nominee sought planning assistance from the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) for either private, leased, or agency-managed lands? If yes, describe.
- b. If the ranch unit is predominantly federal or state land, has the permittee taken advantage of BLM, Forest Service, or State Land Department range management planning services? If yes, describe.
- c. Describe any joint cooperative plans, i.e. jointly prepared management plan between a rancher, agency, and/or another organization (e.g. NRCS, BLM, USFS, AZGFD, ASLD)
- d. Does the nominee have an individually developed management plan? If yes, describe.

**3. Range Management Practices**

- a. Describe the grazing system, e.g. rest-rotation, deferred, continuous, etc.
- b. Does the nominee have inherent distribution problems getting proper use of the range? Please describe.
- c. How does the nominee manage or plan for periods of drought? For wildfire?
- d. Is the range maintaining itself, improving, or is the trend downward? Describe how the nominee's management strategies have affected the trend.
- e. Describe water developments, e.g. list the number of dirt tanks, wells, developed and undeveloped springs, number and miles of pipeline, number and miles of interior fences, number of artificial watersheds, etc.
- f. Is salting and supplementation used to benefit forage and livestock?
- g. Describe any land treatment measures, e.g. noxious plant control, seeding, erosion control, prescribed fire, maintenance of range improvements, other special problems
- h. Describe considerations given to wildlife, including endangered species, when planning management practices
- i. Describe monitoring practices (e.g. vegetation, precipitation, etc.) and how that information is used when making management decisions.

**4. Livestock Practices**

- a. Given the type of livestock operation, please describe (if applicable):
  - i. Herd composition (type and breed of livestock)
  - ii. Season and length of grazing
  - iii. Grazing density (e.g. in acres/AU) or stocking rate
  - iv. General herd quality
  - v. Source of the livestock and/or breeding practices
  - vi. Calf crop percentage
  - vii. Average daily gain and/or weight of marketed animals
  - viii. Death loss % attributed to predators, poisonous plants, sickness, etc.
  - ix. Use of scientific practices, e.g. pregnancy tests, A.I., bull testing, etc.
  - x. Predator control/mitigation/adaptation practices

**5. Community Affiliations**

- a. List memberships/roles in community, state, fraternal, or national organizations
- b. Is the nominee involved in any outside public affairs, such as ranch field days, fishing for youth, etc. in cooperation with agencies/schools?