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### SMITH RECEIVES OUTSTANDING YOUNG RANGE PROFESSIONAL AWARD from the Society for Range Management (SRM)

Mae Lynn Smith of Greybull, Wyoming, received an Outstanding Young Range Professional Award at the Society for Range Management's (SRM) 70th Annual Meeting, Technical Training, and Trade Show which was held in St. George, Utah, January 29 – February 2, 2017. The Outstanding Young Range Professional Award recognizes SRM members who exhibit superior performance and leadership potential in any range-related area.

Mae Smith works for the University of Wyoming Extension as a Range Educator and is the current President of the Wyoming Section of the Society for Range Management. Additionally, she has co-chaired the Undergraduate Range Management Exam (URME) committee since 2009, has been on the Rangeland Cup Committee, and been an active committee member for the Wyoming Resource Education Days (WyRED) since 2012. Ms. Smith was presented the Young Range Professional Award by the Wyoming Section in 2015 for demonstrating extraordinary potential and promise as a leader of range management, and received the National Association of County Agriculture Agents' Achievement Award in 2015, which is also an early career excellence award.

Mae Smith is a natural leader and has proven her leadership ability in the Rangeland Management profession by consistently seeking and effectively fulfilling leadership roles since she was an undergraduate student. Her exemplary professional accomplishments span research, teaching and outreach/extension, and involve efforts with adults, youth, producers, researchers, agency and extension specialists, educators, and natural resource advisors. Mae is a life-long learner, always striving to improve herself and her knowledge to better serve the public. She has a reputation of being professional, knowledgeable, approachable, humble, and leading by example. Her excitement and passion for rangelands and teaching plant identification to range stewards, whether budding or old hats, is well refined and contagious!

The Society for Range Management is fortunate to have Mae Smith as a member and representative of the organization, and it is with great honor that we presented her with the Society for Range Management's 2017 Outstanding Young Range Professional Award.



SRM's 2017 Outstanding Young Range Professional Award recipient Mae Smith with SRM President (2016) Dr. Val Jo Anderson



**MISSION:** Providing leadership for the Stewardship of Rangelands based on sound ecological principles.

**VISION:** A well-trained and highly motivated group of professionals and rangelands users working with productive, sustainable rangeland ecosystems.