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### COFFMAN RECEIVES YOUNG PROFESSIONALS CONCLAVE (YPC) OUTSTANDING APPRENTICE AWARD from the Society for Range Management (SRM)

Matthew Clay Coffman of Snyder, Texas received the Young Professional Conclave's (YPC) Outstanding Apprentice 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 YPC Outstanding Apprentice Award is presented by the Society to an individual member who has shown outstanding dedication to the Society within the first five (5) years of their career. This award is meant as an encouragement for young professionals that make the difficult transition from SRM student member, to fully-engaged professional members of the society.

Matthew Coffman is one of those people who works really hard in the background and knows when and how to step up and take up the slack. He is an Angelo State University alumni where he graduated with a BS in Range and Wildlife Management and a MS in Animal Science. Since obtaining his degrees, he has worked extremely hard in staying up to date with current rangeland research through different courses and trainings while working for the NRCS as a rangeland management specialist.

Mathew is extremely active in developing relationships with land owners in his area to provide them with the best help he can give. He has hosted/co-hosted several field days reaching more than 390 land owners, helped establish permanent forage monitoring stations as well as aid in brush control management. Properly planning and implementing prescribed burns is also part of Matthew's regular duties. On top of showing what it means to be a great range professional Matthew is giving back to the range profession by being active in the Texas Section through serving, currently, as the Young Professionals Committee Chair. In this position he has done an extraordinary job in trying to help connect the section level Young Professionals to the national Young Professionals Conclave.

Matthew's example continues to show the excellence and energy that is required to be a young range professional in today's rangelands. The Society for Range Management is proud to present Matthew Coffman with the YPC Outstanding Apprentice Award.



SRM's 2017 Outstanding Young Professionals Conclave Outstanding Apprentice Award recipient Matthew Coffman 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.