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FUHLENDORF RECEIVES SUSTAINED LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD FROM THE SOCIETY FOR RANGE MANAGEMENT (SRM)

Dr. Samuel D. Fuhlendorf of Stillwater, Oklahoma, received the *Sustained Lifetime Achievement Award* at the Society for Range Management's (SRM) 71st Annual Meeting, Technical Training and Tradeshow Sparks, Nevada which concluded earlier this month. The *Sustained Lifetime Achievement Award* is presented by the Society to members for long-term contributions to the art and science of range management and to the Society for Range Management.

Dr. Samuel Fuhlendorf is one of the preeminent rangeland ecologists of this generation. His work has shaped the field of rangeland ecology and management in many important ways. In particular, Dr. Fuhlendorf has been a leader in developing a novel approach to land management known as "pyric herbivory," that is revolutionizing how rangelands across the globe are being managed.

Dr. Fuhlendorf is well grounded and connected to the practical aspects of range management while at the same time being the consummate scholar and academic. He has a passion for academic excellence and has published widely with his articles appearing in some of the most prestigious ecological journals. He has also made substantial contributions to training and teaching of rangeland scientists. The success of his students in both academic and practitioner posts, and the publications they have produced, is unequivocal evidence that he is an inspirational teacher and a dedicated research supervisor.

In sum, his work has been truly transformative; and has resulted in a major paradigm shift in how we think about managing and conserving imperiled grassland ecosystems around the world. Few scholars can actually say that they have had an impact that not only results in changing a long-established dogma, but also results in large-scale changes in land management on millions of acres of public and private land.

It is for these reasons that we presented Dr. Samuel D. Fuhlendorf with the Society for Range Management's *Sustained Lifetime Achievement Award* for 2018.



SRM 2018 Sustained Lifetime Achievement Award recipient Dr. Samuel D. Fuhlendorf with (2017) SRM President Dr. Larry D. Howery



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.