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### SHELEY RECEIVES W. R. CHAPLINE RESEARCH AWARD FROM THE SOCIETY FOR RANGE MANAGEMENT (SRM)

Dr. Roger L. Sheley, of Burns, Oregon, received the *W.R. Chapline Research Award* at the Society for Range Management's (SRM) 71<sup>st</sup> Annual Meeting, Technical Training and Trade Show in St. Sparks, Nevada which concluded earlier this month. The *Chapline Research Award* gives special recognition to members of the Society for exceptional and sustained research accomplishments in range science and associated disciplines including biology, morphology, physiology, and the ecology of specific range species, ecosystems, relating plant environments, wildlife and domestic livestock on such lands.

Dr. Roger Sheley's career accomplishments have played an important role in defining modern perception of the ecology and management of rangeland weeds. As a scientist, the breadth and impact of his work in basic and applied rangeland weed ecology are perhaps unparalleled, and this research has served as a foundation for uniting ecological theory and land management strategies through Ecologically-Based Invasive Plant Management (EBIPM). Over 3,000 land managers and producers have attended EBIPM field schools, workshops, and presentations, and several million acres of rangeland are currently being managed using EBIPM. EBIPM has inspired and challenged a generation of rangeland managers and scientists to break from the tradition of prescriptive, symptom-based weed treatments, and embrace a new paradigm of using ecology to diagnose and ultimately mitigate factors that cause weed infestations.

Dr. Sheley has received over \$15 million in competitive research and education grants, and conducted over 800 workshops and field schools throughout the western U.S. He has authored or co-authored 445 publications, including 149 peer-reviewed scientific journal articles, 18 completed theses, 6 books, 15 book chapters, 10 user support guidelines, and 86 technical bulletins. Several of Dr. Sheley's scientific journal articles are already considered "classics" with several hundred citations.

Dr. Sheley's has served as the Editor-In-Chief of the premier rangeland science journal on the planet (*Rangeland Ecology and Management*), and his impacts as such are just beginning to emerge. However, since taking the reins, journal submissions and the impact factor of the journal have jumped dramatically, and his commitment to publishing the best quality rangeland science is evidenced by the fact that he often personally calls authors to help them through the revision process and ensure that their final product meets the highest standards.

In short, Dr. Roger Sheley epitomizes the high standards set forth by the Society for Range management for the *Chapline Research Award* and is a very deserving recipient of this honor. Because of his wealth of contributions to SRM and our profession, it is with great honor that we presented Dr. Roger L. Sheley with the Society for Range Management's most esteemed *W. R. Chapline Research Award* for 2018.



L to R: 2018 W. R. Chapline Research Award recipient, Dr. Roger L. Sheley and SRM President (2017) Dr. Larry Howerly



**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.