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### FICK RECEIVES FELLOW AWARD FROM THE SOCIETY FOR RANGE MANAGEMENT (SRM)

Dr. Walter H. Fick of Manhattan, Kansas, received a *Fellow Award* at the Society for Range Management's (SRM) 72<sup>n</sup> Annual Meeting, Technical Training and Trade Show in Minneapolis, Minnesota, February 10-14, 2019. The *Fellow Award* recognizes SRM members for their exceptional service and contributions to the Society and its programs in advancing the science and art of range-related resource management.

The Society for Range Management proudly bestows on Dr. Walter Fick the title of Fellow, in recognition of exceptional service to the Society and its programs in advancing the science and art of range-related resource management.

Dr. Fick has been a dedicated member of SRM for 45 years at all Society levels through a plethora of tasks. Of particular merit has been his work with Kansas Range Youth Camp. His recognition that the future stewardship of rangelands lies in our next generation shows his earnest desire to attract our youth to careers in range management. Further, he has conducted Kansas Adult Range Management Schools for the past 18 years. He extends his oft-honored influence through teaching, research and extension at Kansas State University. His dedication to SRM extends to the national level as well. He has been Co-moderator for technical sessions on three occasions, General Co-Chair for a national meeting, Program Co-Chair, and organized several symposia on current, vital range issues.

Dr. Fick's influence is well-recognized, as evidenced by comments in support of this Fellow designation: "... there was not a more dedicated and harder working teacher. He led by showing and being knee deep in the process right alongside of you." "The land-grant system long ago used the pillars of teaching, research, and extension as a way to educate the nation and improve the citizens' quality of life, and no one has better accomplished these goals and exemplified the successful fulfillment of these pillars than Walt." "He is our voice to the public, and he does that well."



SRM 2019 Fellow Award recipient Dr. Walter Fick with (2018) SRM President Dr. Barry Irving

For his untiring energy, enthusiasm and many accomplishments, Dr. Walter H. Fick is most deserving of this 2019 Society for Range Management Fellow Award.



**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.