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WARREN RECEIVES OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT AWARD FOR STEWARDSHIP FROM SOCIETY FOR RANGE MANAGEMENT (SRM)

Thomas Warren of Elko, Nevada received an *Outstanding Achievement Award for Research/Academia* at the Society for Range Management's (SRM) 72nd Annual Meeting, Technical Training, and Trade Show in Minneapolis, Minnesota, February 10-14, 2019. The *Outstanding Achievement Award* is presented by the Society for Range Management for outstanding achievement to members and other qualified individuals and groups working with rangelands.

Tom Warren's dedication and performance as an Elko District Bureau of Land Management (BLM) employee for nearly 35 years demonstrates his unparalleled commitment to Nevada's public lands. A native Nevadan and a graduate of the University of Nevada, Tom began his career with the BLM in the Ely District in 1983 and moved to the Elko District in 1984. By 2001, Tom had assumed management responsibilities for the District's operations, range improvements and emergency stabilization and rehabilitation programs.

In the years that followed, Tom became known as a driving force in the management and restoration of hundreds of thousands of acres of Nevada's rangelands. His greatest passion was rehabilitating areas affected by catastrophic wildfire. As part of this incredible challenge, Tom achieved many successes and earned a reputation for never giving up, even in the most difficult of circumstances. Consequently, Elko District is often used as the example of how to restore fire-impacted landscapes. As Operations Manager, Tom and his staff could always be counted on to always get the work done. From road repairs to water developments, from cattle guards to fish barriers, Tom and his team were able to deliver.

Today, it is difficult to traverse the more than seven million acres of public lands in Northeastern Nevada that is the Elko District without seeing some project or land treatment that Tom Warren was directly or indirectly responsible for. Although Tom retired in 2018, his professionalism, work ethic and personal example of dedication to Nevada's rangelands serve as an example for the next generation of public land managers.

For his accomplishments and dedication to range, the Society for Range Management is proud to recognize Thomas Warren with a 2019 *Outstanding Achievement Award for Land Stewardship*.



2019 SRM Outstanding Achievement Award for Stewardship recipient Thomas Warren with SRM President (2018) Dr. Barry Irving



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.