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WILMER RECEIVES OUTSTANDING YOUNG RANGE PROFESSIONAL AWARD FROM THE SOCIETY FOR RANGE MANAGEMENT (SRM)

Dr. Hailey Wilmer of Fort Collins, Colorado received an *Outstanding Young Range Professional Award* 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 Young Range Professional Award* recognizes SRM members who exhibit superior performance and leadership potential in any range-related area.

Dr. Hailey Wilmer's research and outreach program embodies the true integration of social and ecological science to address interdisciplinary challenges in rangeland social-ecological systems. Her unique skill sets, including adeptness in analyzing gender and diversity in natural resource management, co-production of knowledge and learning, and qualitative and quantitative study design and data analysis, exemplify the cutting edge of contemporary research for the art and science of rangeland management.

Dr. Wilmer personifies the transdisciplinary, cross-cutting approach necessary to solving the complex problems land managers face in rangeland socio-ecological systems. Her efforts in directly working with ranchers and other land managers across the western US on decision-making and adaptive management challenges are designed to disentangle the influences of human decision-making from the biophysical responses. Such efforts are paramount to bridging the management-science gaps identified in the Conservation Effects Assessment Project (CEAP) on rangelands of the US. Hailey has ongoing research collaborations in several studies in the western US, is leading or co-leading efforts among the Fellows of the USDA Climate Hubs, and is serving as Program Committee co-Chair of the Society for Range Management's (SRM) 2020 Annual Meeting in Denver, Colorado.

Hailey is a boundary spanner, which is demonstrated by her aptitude to communicate effectively with ranchers at the kitchen table, as well as with prominent scientists at the benchtop. Her contributions will continue to be highly valued by SRM as the "Wilmerization" of rangelands provides a much needed breath of fresh air and perspective to the art and science of rangeland management.

For her accomplishments and dedication to range, the Society for Range Management is proud to recognize Dr. Hailey Wilmer with a 2019 *Outstanding Young Range Professional Award*.



SRM 2019 Outstanding Young Range Professional Award recipient Dr. Hailey Wilmer with (2018) SRM President 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.