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

Dr. James A. Pfister of Logan, Utah, received a *Sustained Lifetime Achievement Award* at the Society for Range Management's (SRM) 71<sup>st</sup> 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. James Pfister has been a highly productive research scientist at the USDA ARS Poisonous Plant Research Laboratory, Logan, Utah, in the field of rangeland ecology and management as it relates to poisonous plants nationally and internationally. He has been influential in the development of recommendations that limit livestock losses due to poisonous plants on rangelands in Western North America. One of his more important accomplishments was the development of the toxic window theory for the two dominant tall larkspurs in the Western United States, *Delphinium barbeyi* and *D. occidentale*, demonstrating that there is an inverse relationship between palatability to cattle and toxicity such that most cattle deaths occur during the flower and pod stages of growth. He has also performed pioneering research as it relates to maternal-infant bonding in animals intoxicated by locoweed and other toxic plants. He has published more than 200 peer-reviewed journal articles, presented his work at national and international conferences and symposia, and been involved in technology transfer activities to livestock producers and extension personnel.

Dr. Pfister has served SRM in many important roles as well, including as a member of the Editorial Board for the *Journal of Range Management (JRM)* and *Rangeland Ecology and Management (REM)* and as an active participant in the Annual Meetings through presenting his research and organizing symposia. In addition to research, Dr. Pfister has influenced scientists at the regional, national, and international arena as it relates to poisonous plants and range management.

Dr. Pfister leads by example as a scientist, collaborator, mentor, and friend to his colleagues. It is for these reasons that we presented Dr. James A. Pfister with the Society for Range Management's Sustained Lifetime Achievement Award for 2018.



2018 SRM Sustained Lifetime Achievement award recipient Dr. James A. Pfister 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.