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PILLIOD RECEIVES OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT AWARD FOR RESEARCH/ACADEMIA FROM SOCIETY FOR RANGE MANAGEMENT (SRM)

Dr. David S. Pilliod of Boise, Idaho 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.

Dr. David Pilliod has made tremendous strides forward in enabling adaptive management of rangelands. Treatments such as seedings and herbicide applications have been made many thousands of times across a large portion of the world's rangelands, especially in the USA; often with mixed success. We need to learn from past treatments in order to inform future treatments, which is the most basic aspect of adaptive management.

Until recently, there was no systematic and readily accessible organization of land treatments in the US Department of Interior. Working closely with the BLM since about 2010, Dr. Pilliod persisted through many administrative, technical, and even social obstacles, to create the Land Treatment Digital Library (LTDL), which provides a queryable database of currently over 42,000 land treatments across 14 US states. Query results provide information on individual treatments, where, when, and what treatments have been implemented, as well as information on treatment outcomes when available. Dr. Pilliod has directed a small army of digital technicians, database experts, and field technicians who visit field offices to collect and archive agency records to build the database. The database continues to be updated with the many treatments implemented each year, including many regarding fire.



2019 SRM Outstanding Achievement Award for Research/Academia recipient Dr. David S. Pilliod with SRM President (2018) Dr. Barry Irving

Dr. Pilliod has also championed the open access and community use of this precious resource, leading to a number of impactful scientific studies of treatment effectiveness, and ways managers can increase effectiveness. David's work and the LTDL is an excellent example of how researchers and managers can work together in improving rangelands.

For his accomplishments and dedication to range, the Society for Range Management is proud to recognize Dr. David Pilliod with a 2019 *Outstanding Achievement for Research/Academia 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.