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### LAVERTY RECEIVES OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT AWARD FOR LAND STEWARDSHIP FROM SOCIETY FOR RANGE MANAGEMENT (SRM)

Maura Laverty of Baker City, Oregon received an *Outstanding Achievement Award for Land Stewardship* at the Society for Range Management's (SRM) 73rd Annual Meeting, Technical Training, and Trade Show in Denver, Colorado, February 16-20, 2020. 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.

Maura Laverty is a career U.S.D.A. Forest Service professional who has worked in the four western states of Washington, Colorado, Idaho, and Oregon. She began her career as a seasonal Range Technician and, over her long career with the Forest Service, progressed to serve as a District Range Conservationist, District Rangeland Specialist, Zoned Districts Supervisory Rangeland Management Specialist, Range Program Manager, and, for the past seven years, as the Range Program Manager for the Umatilla and Wallowa-Whitman National Forests and Invasives Program Manager for the Wallowa-Whitman NF.

In each position, and at each location, Ms. Laverty proved her mettle; tackling each assignment with enthusiasm, tact, and technical savvy. In every case, she trained her service personnel into an effective and valuable team, has brought widely varied people and groups together, and has diligently promoted rangelands and the people associated with rangelands to be able to work for common cause. She is a strong believer in Coordinated Resource Management Planning (CRMP) and has proved effective in bringing groups who have previously been "at odds" with each other to the table for the benefit of the land resource!

Ms. Laverty is well known, well respected and much sought after locally and regionally throughout the Northwest and Intermountain regions of the U.S. This recognition comes from respect and appreciation for her diligence, knowledge, ability to implement practices, and her skill at bringing people together to find solutions. She is exactly what every aspiring rangeland specialist ought to emulate. She appreciates the professional and personal respect she has earned, and is fully qualified and appropriate to, this distinction and honor!

For her accomplishments and dedication to range, the Society for Range Management is proud to recognize Maura Laverty with a 2020 *Outstanding Achievement Award for Land Stewardship*.



2020 SRM Outstanding Achievement Award for Land Stewardship recipient Maura Laverty with SRM President (2019) Dr. Clayton Marlow.



**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.