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WOODMANSEE RECEIVES YOUNG PROFESSIONALS CONCLAVE (YPC) OUTSTANDING APPRENTICE AWARD FROM THE SOCIETY FOR RANGE MANAGEMENT (SRM)

Grace E. Woodmansee of Chico, CA received the *Young Professional Conclave's (YPC) Outstanding Early Career Award* at the Society for Range Management's (SRM) 73rd Annual Meeting, Technical Training, and Trade Show in Denver, CO, February 16-20, 2020. The *YPC Outstanding Early Career Award* is presented by the Society to an individual member who has shown outstanding dedication to the Society within the first five (5) years of their career. This award is meant as an encouragement for young professionals that make the difficult transition from SRM student member, to fully-engaged professional members of the society.

Grace Woodmansee is currently a graduate student with UC Davis where she dedicates herself to finding ways to collaborate with the ranching community to enhance both livestock production and range health. She is also an active leader within the SRM's Young Professional Conclave (YPC). She joined the group eager to make a difference in the lives of young professionals like herself-- discovering ways to be a leader and to take initiative. This was never more obvious than when she offered to co-chair the first ever "Bridging the Gap" mentorship event at the 2018 SRM Annual Meeting. She developed and organized what ended up being an extremely successful event. Bridging the Gap is now in its third year and a tradition that will continue for future SRM Annual Meetings.

Grace is well known for her willingness to help with any (and every) project and does so with a level of quality that is above and beyond expectations. Her level of commitment to SRM and to the rangeland management field is one to truly admire.

Her personal happiness and sense of fulfillment are most evident when she is working with livestock on rangeland. She grew up in 4-H, discovering a passion for working with livestock, which led to her dedication to animal science. Her personal experience has motivated her to help students interested in research and rangeland management find their place within the discipline. Grace is a true trailblazer with passion and drive who understands, from firsthand, experience the monumental impact a strong mentor can make on one's life trajectory and success in college and thus has become a mentor to many herself.

For her many accomplishments and dedication to range, the Society for Range Management is proud to recognize Grace E. Woodmansee with the *Young Professionals Conclave Outstanding Early Career Award* for 2020.



SRM 2020 Outstanding Young Professionals Conclave Outstanding Early Career Award recipient Grace E. Woodmansee 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.