

Chuck Jarecki Rancher Land Stewardship Award Nomination Form

The Society for Range Management (SRM), an international organization that promotes the sustainable management of rangeland ecosystems through the sound use of ecological and economic principles, seeks nominations for the Chuck Jarecki Rancher Land Stewardship Award.

Ranchers have been members of the SRM from its beginning in 1948 and continue to be a valued asset to the organization. The Chuck Jarecki Rancher Land Stewardship Award is intended to recognize ranchers who exemplify the founding principles of SRM. Evaluation of award candidates will be generally based on evidence of rangeland stewardship practices (e.g. effective grazing, soil, vegetation, noxious weed, fish/wildlife habitat management, etc.).

This award will be given to an active on-site ranch owner/operator (or an operator who is a family member of the owner) with a history of experience in the operation and production through grazing livestock primarily on rangelands who demonstrates outstanding rangeland stewardship while contributing to the ranching profession and ranching/range-oriented professional organizations through service at local, state/province, or national levels. Recipients must show evidence of being active in organizations providing leadership in service to the range livestock industry and natural resource management.

Nominees must be able to document ranch/range improvement, or consistent stewardship of the rangelands over time. This evidence could be from records sourced in organizations (e.g., federal agencies, grazing associations, non-governmental organizations). Special consideration will be given to those who participate in community activities, especially those in service and/or leadership roles to benefit natural resources. Privately owned ranch operations, family corporations, and community-based grazing associations are eligible. Membership in SRM is not a requirement for award eligibility.

1. Nominee. Complete Name of Nominee: _____

a. Date and place of birth (optional) _____

b. Address with zip code: _____

c. Ranch Name _____

d. Telephone number (s) _____; _____

e. Member of SRM? _____ NO _____ YES; If yes, for _____ years

2. Nominator(s) – name/address/telephone/email.

Nomination outline and further instructions:

Nominations not following the font size and page requirements will be returned, unevaluated.

- Any format (e.g. columns or not, pictures or not, line spacing) is acceptable.
- Minimum font size is twelve (12). Exceptions are for photo and graphic captions; and 12 font of optional item #7 is simply encouraged and greatly appreciated.
- Maximum of six (6) pages total for items #3 through 5.
- Maximum of one (1) page total for item #6.
- Maximum of five (5) total pages for optional item #7.
- Please also note an *additional* maximum of a *separate* 250-word cover letter. Said cover letter is optional. (The text of a submitting email is not considered during the evaluation.)
- This page, the previous page, and the page containing the nominator(s)' certifying signature(s) *are not counted towards any of the maximums.*

3. Nominee's Ranch Setting

- Location;
- Description of the Operation;
- Ecological description of the Land and Natural Resources.

4. Nominee's Ranch

- Challenges and Opportunities;
- Partnerships, Strategies and Practices;
- Outcomes - include statement of stored location and contact for available monitoring records.

5. Nominee's Conservation Leadership - Described within the range livestock industry and in natural resource management.

6. AWARD JUSTIFICATION STATEMENT FROM NOMINATOR(S). Maximum one page.

7. OPTIONAL SUPPORTING DOCUMENT(S) - Letters of support, digital photos, etc. are LIMITED to a maximum of five (5) pages. All letters of support must be from someone other than the nominator(s). While these supporting documents are optional, they can be helpful to the Award Evaluation Panel during the review/selection of award recipient.

INSTRUCTIONS to FINALIZE and SUBMIT

- Certify and sign your nomination, below.
- Please send your complete nomination package as a .pdf (Adobe Acrobat) file via email to SRM Headquarters (office@rangelands.org) by June 1. Alternatively, your complete package may be postmarked by June 1 and mailed to:

Society for Range Management
100 N 27th Street, Suite 600 D
Billings, MT 59101

Certification by Nominator(s)

* I understand if this nomination packet does not follow the format and page requirements that it will be returned, unevaluated.

* I understand the application deadline is June 1.

* I believe my/our nomination of _____ (nominee name) for the **Chuck Jarecki Rancher Land Stewardship Award Nomination Form** is complete, true, and correct.

Signature of Nominator(s): _____

Date: _____