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Bob Mountain: Society of Rangeland Management Award Recipient

(LARAMIE, Wyo.) Feb. 15, 2013 – Last week at the 66th annual Society for Rangeland Management meeting in Oklahoma City, Bob Mountain was awarded an Outstanding Achievement Award for stewardship.

Mountain is the Range Program Manager for the Arapaho and Roosevelt National Forests and Pawnee National Grassland (ARP), as well as the Range and Weeds Program Manager for the Medicine Bow-Routt National Forests and Thunder Basin National Grassland. He has been a member of the Society for Rangeland Management since 1982.

It was a very special day for Mountain, who said, “This award means an awful lot to me. It means more to me than other awards because it came from my peers.”

For more than 40 years, Mountain has worked for the U.S. Forest Service – working on six national forests and four national grasslands. Over his career he has championed interagency efforts and become the nation’s “go-to” expert on U.S. Forest Service grazing permit administration and policy.

Attributes of the Outstanding Achievement Award clearly define Mountain, including dependability, dedication to rangeland management, hard work ethics, and the ability to work with partners. Throughout his career he has not only worked to improve rangeland resources but also developing range professionals, serving as a mentor to many. His enthusiasm for rangeland management is contagious and he serves as a role model for those in the profession.

“Bob has a wealth of knowledge in the field of Rangeland Management and this award shows just how valuable he is to his peers in the industry,” stated MBRTB Forest Supervisor Phil Cruz. “We are fortunate to have him on staff and cannot stress enough how appreciative we are of the work he does.”

Mountain is known by Forest Service employees, livestock permit holders and community members as someone who can solve problems and those on his two forests rely on him for his technical expertise and hands-on assistance for their range and weed programs.

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