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BLM'S ROB SHARP RECEIVES PROFESSIONAL HONOR AT SOCIETY OF RANGE MANAGEMENT ANNUAL MEETING

HINES, Ore. – Rob Sharp, Rangeland Management Specialist for the U.S. Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Burns District was recognized February 7 with top honors at the Society of Range Management Annual Meeting in Denver, Colorado. Sharp received the “Rangeland Management Specialist Recognition Award” for the state of Oregon.

Sharp, who has been with the BLM Burns District since 2007, was one of several nominees up for the Statewide honor and was selected as the overall recipient by Oregon/Washington BLM State Range Lead Robert Hopper. The Recognition Award is given each year to a BLM Rangeland Management Specialist who has provided exemplary service throughout his/her local, on-the-ground achievements.

Bill Dragt, Sharp’s supervisor and one of three who submitted his nomination, said, “Sharp’s work ethic and dedication to clear and honest communication make him stand out among his peers. He is consistently organized, thoughtful, thorough and committed to balanced management of public land resources.”

Receiving the award at the Society of Range Management Annual Meeting brought Sharp another honor: the chance to have his work and accomplishments recognized nationally throughout BLM. The recognition was from his peer group: the professional society dedicated to supporting persons who work with rangelands and have a commitment to their sustainable use.

Dragt said, “Sharp is certainly deserving of this award. He strives to provide top notch customer service, both to the livestock permittees and to all other members of the public. We are proud to honor him at the Society of Range Management Annual Meeting, and here locally in Oregon.”

About the BLM: The BLM manages more land – 253 million surface acres – than any other Federal agency. This land, known as the National System of Public Lands, is primarily located in 12 Western States, including Alaska. The Bureau, with a budget of about \$1 billion, also administers 700 million acres of sub-surface mineral estate throughout the nation. The BLM’s multiple-use mission is to sustain the health and productivity of the public lands for the use and enjoyment of present and future generations. The Bureau accomplishes this by managing such activities as outdoor recreation, livestock grazing, mineral development, and energy production, and by conserving natural, historical, cultural, and other resources on public lands.

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