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Brischke Honored by Society for Range Management with Outstanding Young Range Professional Award

Andrew Brischke received the ***Outstanding Young Range Professional Award*** at the Society for Range Management's 75th Annual Meeting in Albuquerque, New Mexico earlier this February. The Award is presented by the Society for Range Management (SRM) to an individual member who has demonstrated extraordinary potential and promise as a range management professional. This award is presented as an encouragement for outstanding performance by young men and women entering the profession of range management.

Brischke began working for the University of Arizona Cooperative Extension in 2007 as a Research Specialist, Rangeland Monitoring. He worked with ranchers and Rangeland Specialists with the U.S. Forest Service and Bureau of Land Management in southeastern Arizona. During this time, he chose to further his education by earning his Master's degree. The course work that Andrew chose over the next few years was geared toward increasing his knowledge and skills as they applied to his job as a Research Specialist. His thesis analyzed a massive amount of historical range monitoring data from a ranch and used the data to determine when drought caused a shift in the ecological site using state and transition information.

Brischke moved on in his career to become an Extension Agent in northwestern Arizona. His major programming is in rangeland and livestock management. Brischke was made County Extension Director after being in his position for several years. Since becoming an Extension Agent, Brischke has authored/co-authored 12 peer-reviewed publications, 19 peer-reviewed presentations/posters, 16 community presentations, contributed to eight non-peer-reviewed newsletters and proceedings, and one video on rangeland monitoring. He has also brought in just over \$1 million in funding to support his programs and held numerous hands-on workshops focusing on rangeland management and livestock production.



Brischke works with agents and specialists in Arizona, as well as other states on joint programs. He continually expands his knowledge of rangeland management through professional development opportunities. His service to numerous local, state, and national organizations is commendable.

For the tremendous contributions to the science and management of rangeland ecosystems he has made, it is with great honor the Society of Range Management recognized Brischke with the Outstanding Young Professional Award.



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.