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### Tolleson Honored by Society for Range Management with Outstanding Achievement Award

Dr. Doug Tolleson received the ***Outstanding Achievement in Research Award*** at the Society for Range Management's 75<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting in Albuquerque, New Mexico earlier this February. The Award is presented by the Society for Range Management for outstanding achievement to members and other qualified individuals and groups working with rangelands.

Dr. Tolleson currently serves as Associate Professor and Rangeland Scientists with Texas A&M AgriLife Research co-located at the San Angelo Research & Extension Center and the Sonora Research Station in Sonora, TX. Prior to his current position, Dr. Tolleson was an Extension Specialist and Research Scientist at the University of Arizona V Bar V Ranch Experiment Station near Camp Verde Arizona from 2008 to 2016.

Dr. Tolleson conducts research on rangeland vegetation monitoring with which to inform grazing and fire management efforts and employs near infrared reflectance spectroscopy to study grazing animal nutrition and physiology. Through his academic endeavors, Dr. Tolleson has authored or co-authored 43 peer-reviewed publications across a broad array of outlets from rangeland and animal science perspectives. He has also authored or co-authored three book chapters and an additional 50+ peer-reviewed materials in the literature.

Dr. Tolleson seeks to give back to the next generation of rangeland scientists and managers and has taught four different courses at the undergraduate level and four courses at the graduate level (between Texas A&M, University of Arizona & Utah State University) and currently Chairs/Co-Chairs two MS and three Ph.D. graduate committees and serves on six others. Perhaps most importantly, Dr. Tolleson is a beloved Director at the Texas Section Youth Range Workshop where participants anxiously await each evening gathering around the campfire to hear him sing of the range and the west.

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 Dr. Tolleson with the Outstanding Achievement in Research 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.