

Center for Grassland Studies Alumni Update

Jessica Warner Range Management Specialist Escalante Ranger District of the Dixie National Forest

Jessica Warner was awarded the Outstanding Young Range Professional by the Utah Section of the Society for Range Management on November 2. This annual award recognizes recipient's for their accomplishments and demonstration of extraordinary potential and promise as a future leader in the range profession.

As a Rangeland Management Specialist for the Escalante Ranger District of the Dixie National Forest, Jessie has spent many hours in the field, joining ranchers on the grazing allotment in the saddle. She works closely with them discussing range management needs and solutions to issues that have existed for a long time. This includes reconstruction of seven miles of fence and eighteen miles of pipeline on four different grazing allotments through partnership grant funding. Jessie's success is based on her no-nonsense personality; she tells things as she sees them.



Jessie moved to Escalante, Utah from Halsey, Nebraska in May 2015, where she was a Range Technician on the Bessey Ranger District of the Nebraska National Forest. Her life has always revolved around agriculture having grown up on a dairy, cow/calf, and row crop farm near Allen, Nebraska.

Jessie received her bachelor of science degree from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln in Grazing Livestock Systems and Animal Science with minors in Agriculture Leadership and Communications and Agriculture Economics. She's been active in the Society for Range Management since 2003, and has been a member or leader in numerous organizations. The Center for Grassland Studies congratulates Jessie on her recent achievement.