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LOWELL GARDNER NAMED OUTSTANDING YOUNG RANGE PROFESSIONAL

NRCS Range Management Specialist [Lowell Gardner](#) was named Outstanding Young Range Professional at the recent Utah Section meeting of the Society for Range Management (SRM) in Salt Lake City. The award recognizes young professionals who have made significant growth early in their career. The award was presented by Area I Watershed Planner Patti Barney (see accompanying photo).



Currently range management specialist in the Castle Dale field office, he began his full-time career at NRCS in 2009, and started as a trainee in 2007 under the guidance of Tom Simper, Brock Benson and Jeff Barnes. He received a bachelor's degree in rangeland resources in 2008 from Utah State University. While in school he participated in the USU range club and competed on the plant ID team.

Lowell has been an active member of SRM for the past 3 years and is currently director of the fund raising, scholarship, and student activities committees. Among his accomplishments mentioned in the award presentation is modification of the Utah rangeland health inventory form by adding formulas and making it more user friendly, and creating a line point intercept data sheet that "analyzes" line intercept data—thus reducing hand calculation time.

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