Rangeland Restoration Awards 2026

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ABOUT HIM

- Founder of the *Polar Nomadic School, integrating ecological education with traditional nomadic knowledge.
- County-level intangible cultural heritage bearer of Shengto-style black tent craftsmanship.
- Founder of the Yushu Third Pole Ecological Nomadic Culture Protection and Development Research Service Center.

THE LAND HE RESTORES

- Protects and restores 5,000+ mu (approx. 333 ha) of Jialo alpine grassland.
- Located at the source of the Yangtze River and headwaters of the Nêqü River.
- Supports around 300 yaks and 100 Tibetan sheep within a traditional pastoral landscape.
- Part of the ecologically significant Three-River-Source (Sanjiangyuan) National Park landscape.

KEY CONTRIBUTIONS

- **Protected Grasslands:** Manages 5,000+ mu (333 ha) through rotational grazing.
- **Protected Water Sources:** Conserves the Nêqü River headwaters with community participation.
- **Ecological Education:** Founded the Polar Nomadic School, reaching 5,000+ students, herders, and teachers.
- **Preserved Nomadic Heritage:** Revived traditional black tent craftsmanship and cultural heritage.
- **Community Conservation:** Combined traditional knowledge with grassland conservation.
- **Conservation Networks:** Established the "Tree of Life" Lecture Series and a nomadic ecology research center.