

**73rd North American Wildlife and Natural Resources Conference
BLM Director and USDA FS Chief, National Awards Reception
for
Fish, Wildlife, and Native Plant Conservation**

1) The Karl Urban Celebrating Wildflowers award:

This award recognizes an individual or group of people within or outside of the agencies who exemplify dedication to the Celebrating Wildflowers program including native plant resources, creativity, community involvement, volunteer programs, and educational efforts through wildflower walks, talks, festivals or classes.

The nomination package should include the following information:

- 1) Name of Individual/group being nominated for the Karl Urban Award:
- 2) Nominee contact information
- 3) Office submitting nomination
- 4) Name and telephone number of nominator:
- 5) Nominees for the Karl Urban Celebrating Wildflowers award must meet one or all of the following four criteria:
 - Describe how nominees involves community and partners in a Celebrating Wildflowers effort;
 - Describe educational elements in nominees Celebrating Wildflowers program;
 - Describe the scope and significance of nominee contributions to native flora of North America; and
 - Describe creativity, perseverance, and commitment in nominees work.

2) BLM and FS Joint Conservation Project Award

This award will be presented annually to recognize development and implementation of a joint BLM and FS project with outstanding significance for the conservation of fish, wildlife and/or native plants and their habitat on public land. The project can be at either a local, regional, or national level.

Nomination package should include:

1. Name and location of project.
2. Title and contact points of key FS and BLM personnel responsible for project.
3. Contact point for nominators.
4. Summary of project accomplishments and significance for wildlife, fish, and/or native plants and their habitats.
5. Description of how the project strengthened interagency coordination and provides and example of interagency collaboration to benefit species and habitats.

3) BLM and FS Joint Conservation Partnership Award

This award will be presented annually to an organization or individual representing a conservation organization for their outstanding leadership in the development and implementation of conservation programs and activities that have directly benefited fish, wildlife and/or native plants on public lands.

Nominees of this award must have demonstrated sustained dedication, leadership and commitment to work collaboratively to build partnerships that promote sound land management practices and the conservation of wildlife, fisheries, and/ or native plant resources that depend on public lands. Nominee accomplishments can be at either a local, regional or national level.

Nomination package should include:

1. Title of person and/or organization for which they work,
2. Current Position or Address,
3. Contact points of nominators,
4. Summary of Achievements; and
5. Other information that you feel is appropriate for consideration.

4) BLM Linda Siebert Award

The Linda Siebert Award is presented to a Bureau of Land Management biologist who exemplifies the characteristics and profession dedication of one of the Bureau's finest biologists.

Linda Siebert passed away on May 31, 2000, at the age of 53. Before terminal illness tragically ended her 22 year career with the BLM, Linda left an indelible legacy on the wildlife resources of the desert southwest. All who had the privilege to know and work with Linda, including co-workers in the BLM, professional wildlife biologists in other agencies, teachers, sportsmen, and private citizens found themselves in the presence of a truly special individual.

Linda's love and passion for the outdoors translated itself into a tireless advocacy for habitat protection and restoration. Her strong commitment to public service and focus on the public good was reflected her tireless efforts to build bridges between agencies, non-government organizations, community groups, and private citizens interested in public lands management. Linda was an active problem solver who focused on non-confrontational ways to get things done, not the problems that might stand in the way. Through her technical skill and genuine desire to do the right thing for the resources and the public, Linda was able to resolve conflicts and turn them into positive outcomes.

Application packages should include:

1. Name and title of nominee,

2. Current position or address; and
3. Summary of achievements.
4. Justification statements should include:
 - a. Examples of career accomplishments; and
 - b. Professional experience, recognition and dedication.
 - c. Examples of how individual uses ingenuity to accomplish natural resource goals.

| History of the BLM Natural Resources Career Achievement Award | |
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| 2007 | Mark Hilliard, Washington Office |
| 2006 | William (Bill) Hudson, Coos Bay |
| 2005 | Cal McCluskey, Washington Office |
| 2004 | Jim Clark, Boise District |
| 2003 | Rebecca Bonebrake and Russ Holms |
| 2002 | Judy Nelson, Oregon State Office |
| 2001 | Plant Conservation emphasis, Anne Halford for Native Plant Community Restoration and Ann DeBolt for Conservation of Special Status Plants |
| 2000 | T&E focus, one award for each program area; Nancy Wogen, T&E plants; Jeff Sims, T&E fish; Craig Johnson, T&E wildlife. |

Selection Process

An interagency committee of staff and managers from the FS and BLM will evaluate nominations for the joint awards and notify successful candidates of their selection. The recipient of last year's Career Achievement Award, Mark Hilliard will chair a committee to review nominations for the "Linda Siebert Award." Travel for recipients to the awards ceremony will be covered by the Washington Office. Specific details about the awards ceremony and travel will be provided to each successful participant approximately one month prior to the North American Conference.

Awards Criteria

Linda Siebert Career Achievement Award Criteria

- Long time Natural Resources Career, especially BLM (20 +) years
- Consistent contributions to natural resources
- Innovative and creative
- Uses partnerships
- Active in professional Society
- Certified Scientist
- Works well with others

BLM and FS Joint Conservation Project Criteria

- Joint BLM and FS project
- Long time project (10+ years)
- Watershed focus
- Involves many or creative partnerships
- High conservation value
- Meets BLM priorities
- Unique aspects

BLM and FS Joint Conservation Partner Criteria

- Prefer partnership that involve the BLM and FS
- Long time project (10+ years)
- Watershed focus
- Involves many or creative partnerships
- High conservation value
- Meets BLM priorities
- Unique aspects