

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

1) The Karl Urban Celebrating Wildflowers Award

This award recognizes an individual or group within or outside of the BLM/FS 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.

Nominators must provide a description of one or more of the following for each nominee:

- how nominee involved the community and partners in a Celebrating Wildflowers efforts,
- educational elements in nominee's Celebrating Wildflowers program,
- scope and significance of nominee contributions to native flora of North America, and
- creativity, perseverance, and commitment in nominee's work.

The nomination package should include the following information:

- name of individual/group being nominated,
- nominee contact information,
- office submitting nomination, and
- name and telephone number of nominator.

2) The BLM and FS Conservation Project Award

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

Emphasis will be given to projects that:

- have demonstrated through a BLM and FS partnership unique or innovative approaches and/or work to promote public understanding of cooperative conservation,
- work at a watershed or regional scale,
- are multi-year and scope,
- involve creative or multiple partnerships,
- have high conservation value, and
- meet FS/BLM priorities.

The nomination package should include:

- name and location of project,
- title and contact information for the FS and BLM personnel responsible for project,
- contact information for the nominator,
- summary of project's accomplishment and significance for wildlife, fish, and/or native plants and their habitats,
- description of how the project strengthened interagency coordination, and
- description of the interagency collaborative effort that benefited the species and habitat.

3) The BLM and FS Conservation Partner 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 or their use, enjoyment, and appreciation.

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.

Emphasis will be given to nominees who:

- have had a long-standing partnership (four or more years) with the BLM/FS,
- demonstrated a track record of cooperative conservation successes,
- are recognized leaders in the conservation Field and use unique or innovative approaches, and
- work to promote the public's understanding of cooperative conservation.

The nomination package should include:

- title of person and/or their organization,
- current position or address,
- contact points of nominators,
- summary of achievements, and
- any other information pertinent information that is considered appropriate.

4) Linda Siebert Career Achievement Award

The Linda Siebert Award is presented to a BLM biologist who exemplifies the characteristics and professional dedication of one of the BLM'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. Individuals 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, all found themselves in the presence of a truly special person.

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 in her tireless efforts to build bridges between agencies, non-governmental 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.

Emphasis will be given to nominees that have:

- working relationship with other individuals or organizations,
- made consistent contributions to natural resources,
- had a long-term natural resources career (20+ years),
- accomplished work through innovation and creativity, and
- established and nurtured partnerships throughout their career.

The nomination packages should include:

- name and title of nominee,
- current position or address, and
- summary of achievements.

Justification statements should include examples of:

- career accomplishments,
- professional experience, recognition and dedication, and
- how the individual uses ingenuity to accomplish natural resource goals.

Selection Process: An interagency committee of staff and managers from the BLM/FS will evaluate nominations for the joint awards and notify successful candidates of their selection. For the Linda Siebert Award, the recipient of the previous year's award will chair a committee to review nominations for this year's 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.