



## Call for Applications Wyoming 2017



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### Leopold Conservation Award

In his influential book, *A Sand County Almanac*, Aldo Leopold called for an ethical relationship between people and the land they own and manage. The development of a land ethic was, he wrote, “an evolutionary possibility and an ecological necessity.” A land ethic is alive and well today in the thousands of American farmers, ranchers, and foresters who do well by their land and do well for their land.

Sand County Foundation (SCF) and the Wyoming Stock Growers Association (WSGA) are proud to present the Leopold Conservation Award to a Wyoming rancher who exemplifies the spirit of this emerging land ethic. The annual award is presented as part of WSGA’s Environmental Stewardship Award Program and includes \$10,000 and

an automatic entry into the National Cattlemen’s Beef Association’s national awards program.

WSGA’s Environmental Stewardship Award program recognizes Wyoming cattlemen whose natural resource stewardship practices contribute to the environment and enhance productivity and profitability.

The Leopold Conservation Award is presented in ten states. The awards recognize extraordinary achievement in voluntary conservation, inspire other landowners through their example, and help the general public understand the vital role private landowners can and do play in conservation success.

# Leopold Conservation Award 2017 Call for Applications

## Applications

If you, or someone you know, is a Wyoming landowner who is committed to land management practices that increase conservation, we invite your application for the Leopold Conservation Award.

### Please provide the following information:

**Nominee:** Name, address, phone, email, website, type of agricultural operation

**Nominator (if different):** Name, address, phone, email

Each response must be clearly numbered. Nominations must be typed on 8 ½ X 11 inch paper. Please paper clip/binder clip (do not staple) your document, for copying purposes. Attach three letters of recommendation. At least one should be from a natural resources conservation organization or agency. If you wish, include supporting materials (news clippings, photos, maps, etc.) Do not send DVDs or videos. Please indicate if you would like the materials returned.

**Please address the following five questions in your application. Where applicable, indicate the local, state and federal agencies and partner organizations involved with the nominee's conservation practices.**

1. Does the cattle business provide your primary source of income? Yes/No
2. Provide an overall description of your ranch. Please include the date it was established, the type and number of livestock you have, and the names of any family members actively involved in the business.
3. Describe three innovative stewardship practices that have had the most impact on your ranch.
4. Describe your ranch resource management goals in terms of stewardship and conservation.
5. Describe any unique or extraordinary information concerning your family or business that you think the media or other interest groups would enjoy learning about.

**Please submit the following statements, signed by the nominee, with the application.**

1. I agree to be a nominee for the Leopold Conservation Award.
2. I manage and/or own the property described in this application.
3. The agricultural operation described in this application is in compliance with all applicable regulations, and provides a positive example of environmental stewardship.
4. I understand I may be asked to be available for communications/media opportunities to promote the message of voluntary private lands conservation.
5. I understand a video may be produced featuring my agricultural operation, which will require my participation.
6. If selected as the award recipient, I agree to make my ranch available to host the annual WSGA Environmental Stewardship Award Tour.

**All materials must be mailed to:**

Leopold Conservation Award  
c/o Wyoming Stock Growers Association  
PO Box 206, Cheyenne, WY 82003

 **Application Deadline: September 2, 2016**

For further information, please see the Leopold Conservation Award website:

[www.leopoldconservationaward.org](http://www.leopoldconservationaward.org)

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