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2011 Call for Nominations



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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), the Wyoming Stock Growers Association (WSGA), and EnCana Oil & Gas (USA) Inc. 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 a check for \$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.

SCF’s Leopold Conservation Awards are presented in seven 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.

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Criteria

Landowners are key producers of conservation. Private citizens who have responsibility for land possess the capacity, the aptitude, and the desire to improve natural habitats. We believe that giving the people closest to the land improved tools to heal and better manage working ecosystems will result in the most durable conservation results.

In Wyoming, the Leopold Conservation Award Review Panel will be evaluating properties in these categories:

- Improved Resource Conditions
- Stewardship Innovations
- Long-Term Commitment
- Sustained Economic Viability
- Community/Civic Leadership
- Multiple Use Benefits

Nominations

If you, or someone you know, is a livestock producer in Wyoming engaged in and committed to land management practices that increase conservation, we invite your nomination for the Leopold Conservation Award.

Please provide the following information:

Name, Address, Contact information of the landowner. Name, Address, Contact information of the nominator (if different).

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.
6. Given the criteria listed above, describe any other factors the review panel should take into consideration.
7. **Mail all materials to:**
Leopold Conservation Award
c/o Wyoming Stock Growers Association
PO Box 206, Cheyenne, WY 82003

With your nominating materials we encourage you to include supporting materials such as letters of recommendation, news clips, photos, maps, or any other resources that would assist the Review Panel in reviewing your nomination.

Nominations Deadline: September 20, 2010

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

www.leopoldconservationaward.org



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