

67th North American Wildlife & Natural Resources Conference
BLM Director and Chief of the U.S. Forest Service
National Awards Reception
for
Fish, Wildlife, and Native Plant Conservation

1) Criteria for the Karl Urban celebrating wildflowers award:

We honor the memory of Karl Urban and acknowledge his past extraordinary contributions to the national Celebrating Wildflowers program through a joint USDA Forest Service and Bureau of Land Management Karl Urban Celebrating Wildflowers Award.

The Forest Service and Bureau of Land Management jointly awarded Karl Urban a posthumous Celebrating Wildflowers Award for his outstanding contribution of wildflower drawings and other materials while on the Umatilla National Forest. Chief, Mike Dombeck, and Director, Tom Fry, announced plans at the 1999 North American Conference for a new interagency Karl Urban Celebrating Wildflowers Award to be presented annually.

Locally, Karl led others through eastern Oregon's forests and meadows, sharing his passion -- peering through thickened glass at nature's secrets and the joy in recognizing familiar flower friends. To promote appreciation and understanding on a broader scale, Karl created a wildflower coloring book of 346 species of flowering trees, shrubs and herbs -- all available at an award-winning website. Through his drawings, Karl was successful in sharing with our nation's children the wonder and joy he saw in our native wildflower heritage. A perfectionist, Karl labored long hours in the company of his wife, Elaine, to capture the essence of a single species in a drawing. He cultivated passion, he sowed understanding, and he reaped respect. Karl Urban's wildflower drawings will continue to be enjoyed by school children and remain a tribute to a special person.

This award recognizes an individual or group of people within or without the agencies who exemplify dedication to the floral resources, creativity, community involvement, volunteer programs, and educational efforts through wildflower walks, talks, festivals or classes.

Nomination Criteria and Application

Nominees for the Karl Urban Celebrating Wildflowers award must meet one or all of the following criteria:

- 1) Scope and significance of nominee contributions to native flora of North America are significant
- 2) Nominee demonstrates creativity, perseverance, and commitment;
- 3) Nominee involves community and partners in a Celebrating Wildflowers effort;
- 4) Nominee integrates educational elements through a Celebrating Wildflowers program.

Karl Urban Celebrating Wildflowers Award Recipients

1998 posthumously, Karl Urban, Forest Botanist, Umatilla National Forest, R-6
1999 Pam Camp, BLM, Spokane Field Office.

Individual/group being nominated; location: _____

State/Field Office submitting nomination: _____ Name and telephone number of nominator: _____

Please describe below how the nominee meets the identified criteria:

2) Criteria for “Conservation Project Award

This award will be presented annually to recognize development and implementation of a joint Forest Service - BLM project with outstanding significance for the conservation of fish, wildlife and/ or native plants and their habitat on public lands. 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 an example of interagency collaboration to benefit species and habitats.

3) Criteria for “Conservation Leadership 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 benefitted 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;
- 5). Other information that you feel is appropriate for consideration.

4) Criteria for “BLM Career Achievement Award” nominees:

This award will be presented annually to a current or retired BLM employee in recognition of their outstanding and sustained leadership in the development and implementation of conservation programs and activities that have directly benefitted fish, wildlife and/ or native plants on public lands.

Application packages should include:

- 1) Name and title of nominee.
- 2) Current position or address.
- 3) Summary of career achievements.
- 4) Justification statements should include:
 - a. Examples of career accomplishments;
 - b. Professional experience and recognition.

Selection Process

An interagency committee of staff and managers from the Forest Service and BLM will evaluate nominations for all awards and notify successful candidates of their selection. 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.