

69th North American Wildlife & Natural Resources Conference
BLM Director and Chief, USDA Forest Service
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) 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 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) 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 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;
- 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 benefited 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 the joint awards and notify successful candidates of their selection. An internal BLM committee will review nominations for the “BLM Career Achievement 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.