

WILDLIFE LANDOWNER OF THE YEAR WINNERS AND RUNNERS-UP

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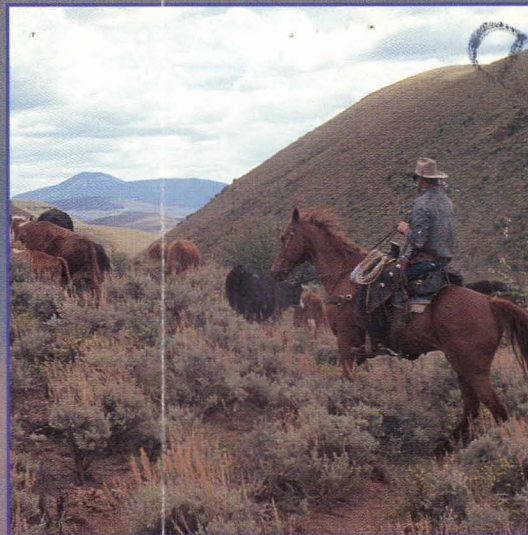


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THE WILDLIFE LANDOWNER OF THE YEAR AWARD

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Started in 1982, The Wildlife Landowner of the Year Award recognizes the outstanding contributions made by private landowners in providing habitat and/or public access to Colorado's wildlife on private lands. This annual award is part of the Colorado Division of Wildlife's Landowner Recognition Program which works to improve communications between landowners, sportsmen and the Division of Wildlife.



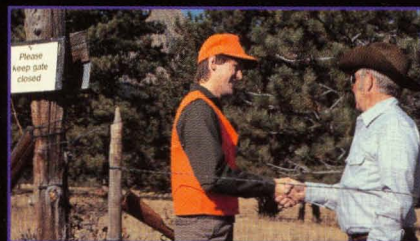
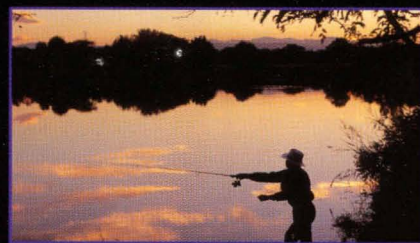
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Wildlife
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Year
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many
purposes.

Approximately 60% of the land in Colorado is privately owned, and 80% of Colorado's wildlife depends on this land for food, shelter, and water. Landowners selected for this award understand the important role they play in providing habitat for wildlife and public access to that wildlife.

This Award:

- Recognizes the important contributions private landowners are making to improve habitat for wildlife in Colorado;
- Promotes the creation and improvement of habitat on private and public land by acknowledging efforts of landowners;
- Provides opportunities for the public to access wildlife for hunting, fishing or viewing on private land through the popular "Ask First" access effort;
- Creates opportunities for landowners to share information about innovative land and wildlife stewardship techniques through banquets and the *News for Landowners* newsletter;
- Promotes understanding and appreciation of the rural land ethic.
- Provides educational opportunities for schools, 4-H groups, Future Farmers of America, Scout troops and many other groups; and it
- Serves as a model program to other state wildlife agencies.

We are all richer for the efforts of these exceptional ranching and farming families.



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AWARD WINNING ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Planted thousands of trees and shrubs that provide shelter and food for wildlife, prevent snow from drifting on roads, and serve as windbreaks.
- Created wetlands used by migratory birds and other wildlife.
- Worked with Colorado Division of Wildlife and other organizations to improve habitat for sensitive species such as the Gunnison sage grouse and the prairie chicken.
- Installed and maintained water impoundments on public and private lands used by both cattle and wildlife.
- Preserved habitat through conservation easements.
- Provided forage for wildlife by trimming willows, rotating cattle grazing, and leaving edges of food crops for wildlife.
- Built and monitored nesting boxes for waterfowl.
- Rehabilitated orphaned and injured wildlife.
- Improved soil management plans.
- Improved fisheries.
- Created special structures to provide hunting, fishing and wildlife viewing opportunities for handicapped individuals.
- Planted native grasses as cover for pheasants.
- Inspired community members to create habitat on their land.

NOMINATE YOURSELF OR A NEIGHBOR

You can help select a Wildlife Landowner of the Year by nominating a deserving landowner for this honor. In order to qualify, nominees must:

1. be a resident of Colorado (or meet qualification #3);
2. be actively engaged in a farming or ranching business as owner, lessor/lessee, or manager; and
3. must have at least 160 acres under private ownership or control in Colorado.

Telephone the Division of Wildlife's Landowner Recognition Program Coordinator for a nomination form: (303) 291-7269. Winners and runner-ups will be selected by a three-member judging team appointed by the Landowner Recognition Program Coordinator and approved by supporting organizations. If your nomination is selected, you will be provided with a two-day trip to the award banquets held in Denver.

AWARDS

The winner and runner-up receive a plaque plus many other awards from supporting and endorsing groups. The winning families will also win two trips to Denver to receive their awards publicly. The first banquet is held in January at the National Western Stock Show Rodeo with honors presented by the Governor. The second, less formal banquet, is held during the Colorado RV, Sports, Boat, and Travel Show in March.

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