

MONTANA WILDLIFE FEDERATION

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Dear Montana Conservation Leader:

The Montana Wildlife Federation's **2012 Annual Meeting will be held in Helena on April 27 thru 29**. We sincerely hope you will join us for what we know will be an interesting and fun gathering. In the weeks ahead we will be sending a special invitation that will include the meeting agenda.

Those of us who spend many hours supporting the wise management of our wildlife, their habitat and our heritage of fair chase hunting and angling just don't very often take time and make the effort to recognize the contributions of other conservation leaders. For the past 30 years, MWF has tried to take a 'time out' and annually recognize the contributions of individuals and organizations that have done outstanding work on behalf of wildlife and conservation. **We do this through our annual "MWF Conservation Awards" program.** We reach out to conservation leaders across the state, both within and outside of MWF, and ask them to nominate individuals and organizations they see as deserving of special recognition. Awards given are personally rewarding for the recipient and are truly an important part of building and maintaining a legacy of conservation commitment and efforts for all generations.

I ask for your help on our 2012 Conservation Awards. As a Montana conservation leader, you often know better than anyone, who is doing the best work on behalf of wildlife conservation. Please look over the enclosed list of possible Award categories and submit nomination form(s) for those individual(s) or organization(s) that you feel merit this special recognition this year. Your nominations will be greatly appreciated and seriously considered. This year's awards will be presented at our Annual Meeting in Helena at our Awards Luncheon.

Please return your nomination form(s) in the enclosed envelope by March 28, 2012.

Selection of award winners is made by the MWF Awards Committee based upon nominations submitted. Our goal is to locate, and reward with public recognition, those individuals and organizations who exemplify the conservation qualities and standards upon which each award is based.

I sincerely hope that you take advantage of this nomination process to assist us in identifying individual(s) or organization(s) that meet the criteria established for a specific award. Enclosed are instructions and a nomination form. Should you choose to nominate more than one individual for one or several awards, please feel free to copy the enclosed form. Electronic files are available for download on our website: www.montanawildlife.org or by email request: mwf@mtwf.org. You may submit nominations electronically to mwf@mtwf.org.

Sincerely,

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