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Message from the Secretary

Welcome to the Department of the Interior's Partners in Conservation Awards Ceremony. It is my great pleasure to recognize the achievements of more than 600 diverse organizations and individuals who partner with others to conserve and restore our treasured landscapes, help wildlife thrive, address water issues, and forge solutions to complex natural resource challenges.



These awards represent the dedicated and tireless efforts of people from all walks of life from across our Nation. They share a deep commitment to conservation and community.

Today, we celebrate their accomplishments and ask them to join us in a new era of conservation, an era that I hope will rival those of Theodore Roosevelt, Franklin Roosevelt, and John F. Kennedy. In coming years, we will have many days like today to celebrate successful partnerships rooted in a common purpose for conservation.

Please join me in congratulating our Partners in Conservation Award winners. Their achievements exemplify excellence in conservation through partnerships and cooperation with others. They are an inspiration to us all, and we are grateful for their efforts.

Ken Salazar

Ken Salazar

Secretary of the Interior

America the Beautiful

Words by Katharine Lee Bates

Melody by Samuel Ward

*O beautiful for spacious skies,
For amber waves of grain,
For purple mountain majesties
Above the fruited plain!
America! America!
God shed his grace on thee
And crown thy good with brotherhood
From sea to shining sea!*

*O beautiful for patriot dream
That sees beyond the years
Thine alabaster cities gleam
Undimmed by human tears!
America! America!
God shed his grace on thee
And crown thy good with brotherhood
From sea to shining sea!*

Program

MUSICAL PRELUDE

INTRODUCTIONS & NARRATOR

Ron Tull

Office of Communications

PRESENTATION OF COLORS

United States Park Police

AMERICA THE BEAUTIFUL

Julia Laws

Office of the Secretary

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Ray Rivera

Office of External Affairs

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Ken Salazar

Secretary of the Interior

PRESENTATION OF PARTNERS IN CONSERVATION AWARDS

CLOSING REMARKS

Ray Rivera

Department of the Interior

Partners in Conservation Award

The Partners in Conservation Award is a Department of the Interior Honor Award established to recognize conservation achievements that include collaborative activity among a diverse range of entities that may include Federal, state, local and tribal governments, private for-profit and nonprofit institutions, other nongovernmental entities, and individuals. This award enables the Secretary to acknowledge in one award the contributions of both Interior and non-Interior personnel. Overall, this award recognizes outstanding conservation results that have been produced primarily because of the engagement and contributions of many partners.

Award Recipients

Giacomini Wetlands Restoration

CALIFORNIA

In October 2008, the Tomales Bay community celebrated the return of tidewater to a 550-acre former dairy ranch. Located at the head of the bay, the ranch was leveed in the 1940s, causing the loss of over half of the tidal wetlands. Working together, numerous organizations and individuals planned and implemented the successful design and restoration of more than 50 percent of the vegetated intertidal wetlands to Tomales Bay, and as much as 12 percent of the outer coastal wetlands along the central California coast.

Nominated by the National Park Service

Hanford Applied Restoration and Conservation

Mark Cederborg
Doug Hanford

Kamman Hydrology and Engineering, Inc.

Greg Kamman
Rachel Kamman

National Park Service

John Dell'Osso
Brannon Ketcham
Don Neubacher
Lorraine Parsons
Ed Walls

Point Reyes National Seashore Association

Sally Bolger
Kim Hilsmann
Gary Knoblock
Andrew Lowry
Dennis Rodoni

Tomales Bay Watershed Council

Neysa King
Carlos Porrata

Winzler & Kelly Consulting Engineers

Deniz Lowe
Tony Williams

“Making Friends” Guidebook

Staff from the National Park Service planned, developed, wrote, and published this new guidebook for working with partners and launched a training program based on it. The guide will be used to build capacity within the Service to develop and nurture cooperative relationships with “Friends Groups” and other park partners.

Nominated by the National Park Service

National Park Service

Rich Fedorchak
Mary Hanson

Roger Knowlton
Michael D. Pflaum
Marty Sterkel

Potomac River Gorge Partnership

MARYLAND AND VIRGINIA

The Nature Conservancy is recognized for significant contributions to conservation of natural resources in the Potomac River Gorge, helping the National Park Service to protect rare species and natural communities in the corridor. A joint planning effort has led to the success of this long-term partnership which has identified high priority natural resources and their ecological health and has addressed threats to their survival.

Nominated by the National Park Service

National Park Service

Scott Bell
Brent Steury

The Nature Conservancy

Stephanie Flack
Mary Travaglini

Three Mountain Alliance Watershed Partnership

HAWAII

The Three Mountain Alliance watershed partnership on the island of Hawai‘i was formed in 2008, when members of the ‘Ōla‘a Kīlauea Partnership, based on their 14 year success in partnering, expanded watershed protection and management to over one million acres across the volcanoes of Mauna Loa, Kīlauea, and Hualālai. This is the largest cooperative land management effort in the State. The partnership fights invasive species and works to protect native species across land ownership boundaries.

Nominated by the National Park Service

Hawaii Division of Forestry and Wildlife

Roger Imoto

Hawaiian Silversword Foundation

Robert Robichaux

Kamehameha Schools, Land Assets Division

Kamakani Dancil
Namaka Whitehead

Kulani Correctional Facility

Beryl Iramina

National Park Service

Rhonda Loh
Cindy Orlando

Natural Resources Conservation Service

Larry Yamamoto

The Nature Conservancy

Laura Nelson

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

Craig Rowland

U.S. Forest Service

Anne Marie LaRosa

U.S. Geological Survey

Jim Jacobi

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**University of Hawaii,
Pacific Cooperative Studies Unit**
Cliff Morden

Other
Tanya Rubenstein, Three Mountain Alliance

Operation Migration

UNITED STATES AND CANADA

Operation Migration is a founding member of the Whooping Crane Eastern Partnership, a coalition of nine public and private agencies that were organized to reintroduce a self-sustaining population of Whooping cranes (*Grus Americana*) into their historic range in eastern North America. Since 2001, eight generations of Whooping cranes have been taught to migrate in an effort designed to develop a self-sustaining population of the endangered species.

Nominated by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

Operation Migration Inc.

Deke Clark
Liz Condie
Chris Danilko
Joseph Duff
Chris Gullikson
Beverly Paulan
Brooke Pennypacker
Heather Ray
Richard van Heuvelen

Volunteers

Paula and Don Lounsbury
George McCubbin
Gerald Murphy
Dale Richter
Nan Rudd
Walter Sturgeon
Jack Wrighter

Rappahannock Land Protection Partnership

VIRGINIA

This partnership began with the 1996 establishment of the Rappahannock River Valley National Wildlife Refuge to protect natural, cultural, and historic resources along Virginia's Rappahannock River, one of the most important tributaries of the Chesapeake Bay. The partnership has protected over 8,000 acres as part of the Refuge and another 1,320 acres in a conservation easement.

Nominated by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

Chesapeake Bay Foundation

Libby Norris

The Conservation Fund

Reggie Hall

The Nature Conservancy

Andy Lacatell
David Phemister

Northern Neck Land Conservancy

Joe Thompson

Trust for Public Land

Lynda Frost

U.S. Army, Fort A.P. Hill

Terry Banks
Jaffray Cox

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

Joan Marchi
Joseph McCauley

Virginia Outdoors Foundation

Estie Thomas

Rat Island Restoration

ALASKA

The largest island rat eradication in the United States is being achieved through this cooperative project which strives to restore biological diversity to a 6,681-acre island in the remote regions of the Aleutian Islands archipelago. The Norway rat, an introduced predator, had changed the island's biological community composition. As a result of this successful conservation partnership, Rat Island will again provide a habitat in which native fish and wildlife species can thrive.

Nominated by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

Island Conservation

Sarah Abel
Stacey Buckelew
Amy Carter
Jen Curl
Sally Esposito
Jonathan Giffard
Gregg Howald
Pete McClelland
Heather N'te Inzalaco
Iris Saxer
Jacob Sheppard
Noe Silva
Kirsty Swinnerton

The Nature Conservancy

Randall Hagenstein
Sarah Leonard
Steven MacLean
Dustin Solberg

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

Poppy Benson
Vernon Byrd
Laurie Daniel
Steve Ebbert
Dan Erickson
John Faris
Ruben Guetschow
Will Meeks
Eric Nelson
William Pepper
Gregory Siekaniec
Leslie Slater
Lisa Spittler
Kent Sundseth
Greg Thomson

U.S. Geological Survey

John Vogel

Southwest Alaska Salmon Habitat Partnership

ALASKA

This diverse group of more than 70 partners has been working since 2001 to preserve, protect, and restore salmon habitat, watersheds, and cultural and national heritage resources in southwest Alaska. The Partnership has conserved, through acquisition and easement, approximately 94,000 acres of high value habitat in 71 tracts throughout southwest Alaska. Their most recent success was a permanent conservation agreement protecting 21,000 acres of the Aguluwak River and surrounding watershed inside Wood-Tikchik State Park.

Nominated by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

Alaska Big Game Hunting

Alaska Conservation Foundation

Alaska Department of Fish and Game

Alaska Department of Natural Resources

Carol Fries

Alaska Division of Parks and Outdoor Recreation

Alaska Professional Hunters Association

Alaska Sportsman's Lodge

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Aleknagik Natives Limited

Bobby Andrew
Fred Nishimura

Alpen Outdoor

Bear Bay Lodge

Becharof Corporation

Brainerd Foundation

Bristol Bay Lodge

Bristol Bay Native Association

Sue Flensburg

Bristol Bay Native Corporation

April Ferguson
Tom Hawkins
Jason Metrokin
Hjalmar Olsen
Tiel Smith
Scott Torrison

Cascade Designs

Cavner and Julian Inc.

Charles C. Brandt Construction Co.

Choggiung Limited

Russell Nelson
Alice Ruby

Columbia Sportswear

ConocoPhillips Alaska, Inc.

Conservation Force

The Conservation Fund

Diana Biesanz
Glenn Elison
Patrick Galyan

Crystal Creek Lodge

Curyung Tribal Council

Dallas Ecological Foundation

Dallas Safari Club

Donner Foundation

Enchanted Lake Lodge

ExxonMobil

Fish Alaska Magazine

FlyMasters of Indianapolis

Gander Mountain

General Communications Inc.

Gordon and Betty Moore Foundation

**Greg Syverson Photography
and Videography**

John G. Searle Trust

Katmai Fishing Adventures

Katmai Guide Service

Kodiak Sportsman's Lodge

Mead Foundation

National Fish and Wildlife Foundation

National Park Service

The Nature Conservancy

Randy Hagenstein
Paul Jackson

Nushagak-Mulchatna Watershed Council

**Nushagak-Mulchatna/Wood-Tikchik
Land Trust Board**

Ward Jones
Tim Troll

Oak Foundation

Orvis

Outdoor Research

Pacific Coast Joint Venture

Pelican

Pure Fishing

Rapala (Normark Corporation)

Rapids Camp Lodge

Robert Glenn Ketchum Photography

Royal Caribbean Cruises Ltd.

Sage

Shell Exploration and Production, Alaska

Shikar Safari Club International Foundation

Sierra Designs

Texsport

**Theodore Roosevelt
Conservation Partnership**

Tikchik Narrows Lodge

Bud Hodson

Togiak Natives Limited**Trout Unlimited****U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service**

Aaron Archibeque

John DeLapp

Jim Larsen

Paul Liedberg

Daryle Lons

Mike Rearden

Michael Roy

David Wigglesworth

U.S. Forest Service

John Henshaw

Under Armour**Vital Ground Foundation****Wildlife Forever****Wood-Tikchik State Park**

Bill Berkhahan

Johnny Evans

Dan Hourihan

James King

Woolrich**Apache Trout Habitat Restoration**

ARIZONA

Apache Trout (*Salmo apache*) is federally listed as a threatened species. Its native, historic range is exclusively within the White Mountains of Arizona, with over half of that range located on the Fort Apache Indian Reservation. During the fall of 2008, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service partnered with the White Mountain Apache Tribe to use logs thinned from a ponderosa pine stand to improve Apache Trout habitat within Firebox Creek.

Nominated by the Bureau of Indian Affairs

Bureau of Indian Affairs

Dino Manuel

Ronald Miller

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

Marty Underwood

Jeremy Voeltz

White Mountain Apache Tribe Wildlife and Outdoor Recreation Department

Tim Gatewood

Matt Rustin

Casting Light Upon the Waters

WISCONSIN

The Casting Light Upon the Waters – Joint Assessment Steering Committee and its tribal, State, Federal and non-governmental partners have moved Wisconsin's walleye fishery from the focus of violence and conflict to one of national renown as one of the country's best managed fishery resources. A joint assessment of the fishery resource has served as a vital resource for educating the public about the health of the fishery and for informing management decisions. An annual Partners Fishing Event strengthens co-management relationships.

Nominated by the Bureau of Indian Affairs

Administration for Native Americans Bureau of Indian Affairs

Robert Jackson

Mark Kuester

Discover Wisconsin**Great Lakes Indian Fish and Wildlife Commission**

Mic Isham

Curt Kalk

Tom Maulson

Francis Stone

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Great Lakes Regional Collaboration

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

Tom Busiahn
Charles Wooley

Voigt Intertribal Task Force

Wisconsin Counties Association

Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources

Sheldon Sankey

OKLAHOMA

Mr. Sankey has established an outreach program for Oklahoma Bureau of Indian Affairs that has promoted partnerships to encourage stewardship of the land. Through 22 events, his efforts engaged over 6,000 children in learning about protecting the land. He partnered with the School for the Deaf in Sulphur, Oklahoma, and the U.S. Forest Service to have Smokey the Bear use sign language to teach the children how to prevent fires.

Nominated by the Bureau of Indian Affairs

Bayhorse Mining District Cooperative Conservation Partnership

IDAHO

Abandoned mine land sites on public lands where people recreate can pose hazards. The Bureau of Land Management and the Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation have joined forces to conduct extensive remediation of mining-related hazards and environmentally-damaged areas in the Bayhorse Mining District. Since 2001, the partnership has investigated 30 abandoned mine sites on public lands in the area, found 48 dangerous open mine workings, and closed 30. These efforts make this District much safer for outdoor recreation activities.

Nominated by the Bureau of Indian Affairs

Bureau of Land Management

Eric Aiello
Keith Andrews
Phil Barbarick
Dick Buster
Jeff Christenson
Kristin Coons
Ken Gardner
Julia Gower
Erin Hanson
Carol Hearne
Andrew Hess
David Howell
Joe Kraayenbrink
Kevin Lloyd
Michaela Moen
Steve Moore
Carren Morgan
Charles Morton
Dana Perkins
Leigh Redick
Peggy Redick
Karen Rice
David Rosenkrance
Carl T. Seaberg

Kevin Storms
Jim Tarkalson
Ronald Tipton
Raymond Torrey
Tim Vanek

Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation

Jeff Cook
Rick Cummins
Kathleen Durfee
Jeff Egan
Troy Elmore
Chuck Felton
Steve Frost
Joni Hawley
Ernie Lombard
Bob Meinen
Rich Novotny
David Ricks
Gary Rucker
Dean Sangrey
Dan Smith
Garth Taylor
Chuck Wells

Idaho State Historic Preservation Office

Suzi Pengilly
Don Watts

Derek Forseth
Ian VonLindern
Sarah Weppner

TerraGraphics, Environmental Engineering, Inc.

Tom Bourque

Glenn Harkleroad

OREGON

Mr. Harkleroad serves as a role model for fostering numerous successful public-private partnerships to accomplish on-the-ground restoration and enhancement projects. He has worked with the Coquille Indian Tribe to protect and enhance a culturally significant resource, partnered with county government and local landowners to fight noxious weeds in the region, and developed a collaborative relationship with a watershed council and private landowner to restore a degraded stream channel.

Nominated by the Bureau of Land Management

Milford Flat Fire Restoration Project

UTAH

Once the fire that burned more than 350,000 acres was controlled, Federal and State agencies came together under the umbrella of the Utah Partners for Conservation and Development to form a collaborative group effort for restoration. Their task, to design and implement stabilization and restoration actions for the entire burned area, regardless of land ownership, was successful because all the partners were involved in the planning process.

Nominated by the Bureau of Land Management

Bureau of Indian Affairs

Paul Schlaflly

Utah Department of Natural Resources

Rory Reynolds

Bureau of Land Management

Harry Barber
Lola Bird
Paul Briggs
Jack Brown
Marilyn Chapman
Harvey Gates
Verlin Smith
Curtis Warrick

Utah Department of Transportation

Jim McConnell

Utah Division of Wildlife Resources

Tyler Thompson
Jason Vernon

Utah Governor's Office

Brian Cottam

Natural Resources Conservation Service

Ron Davidson

Utah School and Institutional Trust Lands Administration

Kim Christy
Ronald G. Torgerson
Sheril Torgersen

Utah Department of Agriculture

William J. Hopkin
Tom Tippetts

Utah State Historic Preservation Office

Matt Seddon

Weaverville Community Forest

CALIFORNIA

Since 2005, the Trinity County Resource Conservation District has been working with the Bureau of Land Management to implement the Weaverville Community Forest Stewardship Project on over 1000 acres of public lands adjacent to the town of Weaverville in northern California. They have taken a large tract of public land that once received little attention and transformed it into an actively managed area that is now revered by the local community and recognized as a model of stewardship.

Nominated by the Bureau of Land Management

Bureau of Land Management

Francis Berg
Walter Herzog
Glenn Lahti
Julia Lang

Trinity County

Resource Conservation District

Kenneth Baldwin

John Condon
Alex Cousins
Patrick Frost
Jerry Hauke
Richard Morris
Colleen O'Sullivan
Kelly Sheen
Patrick Truman

West Eugene Wetlands Partnership

OREGON

This nationally recognized partnership has collaborated since 1994 to achieve substantial wetlands protection and sound urban development in Oregon's second largest metropolitan area. Through one of its organizations, the Willamette Resources and Educational Network, the partnership has offered environmental education programs to a broad range of audiences, serving more than 22,000 children and adults.

Nominated by the Bureau of Land Management

Bureau of Land Management

Patricia K. Johnston

City of Eugene, Oregon

Long Tom Watershed Council

McKenzie River Trust

The Nature Conservancy

Oregon Youth Conservation Corps

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

Willamette Resources and Educational Network

Holly McRae

Battle of the Atlantic Expedition

NORTH CAROLINA COAST

The expedition is an exceptional collaboration among Federal, State, and academic entities to strengthen research efforts and to document historically significant shipwreck sites associated with World War II losses off the North Carolina coast. The partnership is dedicated to raising awareness of the war that was fought so close to the American coastline and to preserving our Nation's maritime history.

Nominated by the Minerals Management Service

East Carolina University

Nathan Richards

Steve Sellers
John Wagner

Minerals Management Service

Dave Ball

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

David Alberg
Tane Casserley
Lauren Heeseemann
Joseph Hoyt
Jeff Johnston
Roger Mays
Chad M. Meckley
Todd Recicar
Shannon Ricles

National Park Service

David Conlin
Brett Seymour

North Carolina Aquarium on Roanoke Island

Patrick Murphy

North Carolina Department of Cultural Resources

Richard Lawrence

University of North Carolina Coastal Studies Institute

John McCord

Flower Garden Banks Long-Term Monitoring TEXAS AND LOUISIANA COAST

Through a partnership with the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, involving private sector and academic scientists, the Minerals Management Service has monitored the Flower Garden Banks in the Gulf of Mexico, the northernmost coral reefs in the western hemisphere for many years. The reefs continue to be among the healthiest in the world, due in part to careful management and monitoring by this scientific team. This partnership highlights Interior’s oceans role and is an excellent example of cross-jurisdictional resource management between Interior and Commerce.

Nominated by the Minerals Management Service

Boston University Marine Program

Les Kaufman

Gregory S. Boland
James E. Sinclair

Dauphin Island Sea Lab

Richard B. Aronson

NOAA Office of National Marine Sanctuaries

Emma L. Hickerson
William F. Precht
G.P. Schmahl

Geo-Marine, Incorporated

Ken J.P. Deslarzes

PBS&J Ecological Sciences

Donald R. Deis

Minerals Management Service

Thomas E. Ahlfeld

West Virginia Watershed Network WEST VIRGINIA

An informal association of State and Federal agencies, and nonprofit groups, the West Virginia Watershed Network supports collaborative efforts to empower local residents to be stewards of their watersheds. The group seeks to coordinate the operations of existing water related programs and activities in West Virginia to better achieve shared watershed management objectives. An annual Watershed Celebration Day, promoted by the partnership, recognizes accomplishments of watershed groups across the State.

Nominated by the Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement

Appalachian Coal Country Watershed Team

April Trent

Canaan Valley Institute

Todd Miller

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**Office of Surface Mining Reclamation
and Enforcement**

Rick Buckley
Roger Calhoun

West Virginia Conservation Agency

Truman Wolfe

West Virginia Division of Natural Resources

Jim Reed

**West Virginia Division of Regulatory and
Environmental Affairs**

Christina Richmond

**West Virginia Division of Water and
Waste Management**

Teresa Koon

Colorado River Interim Guidelines

MULTI-STATE

The Colorado River provides water for more than 23 million people and two million acres of irrigated land in the southwestern United States and northern Mexico. In the midst of the worst drought in over a century, a huge collaborative effort involving the Colorado River Basin states, Mexico, numerous Federal, state and local agencies, tribes, nongovernmental groups and private citizens resulted in the December 2007 adoption of new, interim operational guidelines for managing the Colorado River. The agreement secured a future of cooperation in the Colorado River Basin for the next two decades.

Nominated by the Bureau of Reclamation

Ak-Chin Indian Community

AMEC Earth and Environmental

Arizona Department of Water Resources

Arizona Water Banking Authority

Arizona Water Institute

Brown and Caldwell

Brownstein Hyatt Faber Schreck, LLP

Bureau of Indian Affairs

Bureau of Reclamation

**Central Arizona
Water Conservation District**

City of Needles, California

Coachella Valley Water District

Cocopah Indian Tribe

Colorado River Board of California

Colorado River Commission of Nevada

**Colorado River Energy
Distributors Association**

Colorado River Indian Tribes

Colorado River Water Conservation District

**Colorado State University Department of
Civil and Environmental Engineering**

Colorado Water Conservation Board

**CU – Center for Advanced Decision Support
for Water and Environmental Systems**

CU – NOAA Western Water Assessment

Defenders of Wildlife

Environmental Defense Fund

Fort McDowell Yavapai Nation

Fort Mojave Indian Tribe

Gila River Indian Community

Hualapai Tribe

ICF Jones & Stokes

Imperial Irrigation District

Inter Tribal Council of Arizona, Inc.

**International Boundary and Water
Commission**

Kaibab Paiute Tribe

**The Metropolitan Water District of
Southern California**

**The National Center
for Atmospheric Research**

National Park Service
National Wildlife Federation
The Nature Conservancy
Navajo Nation
New Mexico Interstate Stream Commission
Pacific Institute
Palo Verde Irrigation District
Pascua Yaqui Tribe
Quechan Indian Tribe
San Carlos Apache Tribe
San Diego County Water Authority
Sierra Club
Sonoran Institute
Southern Nevada Water Authority
Squire, Sanders & Dempsey, L.L.P.
Southern Ute Indian Tribe
State of Arizona
State of California
State of Colorado
State of Nevada

State of New Mexico
State of Utah
State of Wyoming
Tohono O'odham Nation
Tonto Apache Tribe
U.S. Department of the Interior
Office of the Solicitor
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
University of Arizona Department of
Agricultural and Resource Economics
University of Arizona
Laboratory of Tree-Ring Research
University of Nevada, Las Vegas
Upper Colorado River Commission
Utah Division of Water Resources
Ute Mountain Ute Tribe
Western Area Power Administration
Wyoming State Engineer's Office
Yavapai-Apache Nation (Camp Verde)

John W. Keys III
Partnership Program

PACIFIC NORTHWEST

With an ever changing workforce in the Pacific Northwest, Reclamation has worked to ensure that its new employees swiftly gain a full understanding of the challenges faced by irrigation district managers. This training program was developed by Reclamation, the Oregon Water Resources Congress, and several Oregon and Idaho irrigation districts to enhance Reclamation employees' understanding of the operation of an irrigation district. The irrigation districts in turn gain a better understanding of Reclamation. Overall, the program is working to break down barriers and foster better working relationships between Reclamation and the districts.

Nominated by the Bureau of Reclamation

Bureau of Reclamation
Susan Tholen

Oregon Water Resources Congress
Anita Winkler

The Lewis & Clark Regional Water System provides water to a three-state area. This diverse partnership developed a plan to protect the system's infrastructure while stabilizing and enhancing the bank of the Missouri River within a reach designated as a National Recreational River. The collaborative effort resulted in a highly successful design which called for construction of a vegetative stone toe revetment, a bank protection system with hydraulically rough and environmentally desirable properties.

Nominated by the Bureau of Reclamation

Banner Associates

Ron Bergen
Timothy R. Conner
David C. Odens
Matthew Q. Rippentrop

Bureau of Reclamation

Joseph E. Hall
Theodore L. Hall
Scott A. Jacobson
James Kangas
Faye Streier
Jame L. Todd

HDR Engineering Inc.

John Engle
Daniel Graber
Charles "Chip" Haas
Meagan Hall
Teresa C. Konda
Terry Stoltenow

LRC, Inc.

Thomas Powell

Lewis & Clark Regional Water System

Lennis "Red" Arndt
Jim Auen
Troy Larson
Dan Zulkosky

National Park Service

Tyler Cole
Wayne Werkmeister

South Dakota Department of Environment and Resources

David Ryan

South Dakota Game, Fish and Parks

John Kirk
David J. Ode
Steve VanderBeek

South Dakota State University

Gary Larson

TRC Environmental Corporation

Jan Hart
Bruce R. McClelland
Edward Schneider

U. S. Army Corps of Engineers

David L. Derrick
Thomas Lowin
Daniel Pridal
John Remus
Jerome Tworek
Luke Wallace

U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service

Charlene Bessken
Scott Larson

Welf Construction Corporation

Jakob Brouwer
Kevin Schulz

Outdoor Recreation Business Plan Guidebook Team

UTAH

A Federal and State partnership team developed an innovative approach for streamlining and simplifying the business plan process for outdoor recreation areas. The guidebook is adaptable for concession operations, state, city, and county park systems and word of its usefulness has spread nationwide. The guide serves as a tool for recreation professionals to use in developing financially-sound alternatives for management and development.

Nominated by the Bureau of Reclamation

Bureau of Reclamation

Fred Liljegren
Vernon Lovejoy

Volunteer

Jonathan Liljegren

Utah Division of State Parks and Recreation

Mark Forbes
Mary Tullius

Protection of Aquifer Resources in Oklahoma

OKLAHOMA

The Arbuckle-Simpson Aquifer underlies about 500 square miles of south-central Oklahoma and is an important source of water for the cities of Ada and Sulphur. Oklahoma's comprehensive water plan includes an artificial aquifer recharge strategy. A champion of water conservation, Mr. Harold Wingard graciously cooperated with Federal, State, and tribal governments to implement a recharge demonstration project on his land. This partnership works to protect valuable aquifer resources and to improve water resource conditions in Oklahoma.

Nominated by the Bureau of Reclamation

Bureau of Reclamation

James Allard
Collins K. Balcombe
W. Robert Talbot
Mark Trevino

Oklahoma State University

Meghan Dailey
Todd Halihan
Yasemin Leventeli

Chickasaw Nation

Kelly Hurt
Wayne Kellogg

Oklahoma Water Resources Board

Kyle Arthur
Duane Smith

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

Suzanne Van Cooten

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

Robert W. Puls

Oklahoma Climatological Survey

Ken Crawford

Harold Wingard

Other

Susan Paddack, Oklahoma State Senate

Oklahoma Conservation Commission

Darrell Dominick
Robert Toole

Oklahoma Department of Environmental Quality

John Craig

Advanced Invasive Species Modeling Room

COLORADO

Scientists at the USGS Fort Collins Science Center recognized an urgent need to develop new capabilities in ecological forecasting of harmful invasive species. They leveraged the resources of NASA Goddard Space Flight Center and Colorado State University to create a “war room” where scientists and partners can use advanced technology to better document, map and predict the spread of invasive plants, animals and diseases. As a result, new partnerships have formed across the Nation to provide rapid response to harmful invaders.

Nominated by the U.S. Geological Survey

U.S. Geological Survey

Tracy Holcombe
Catherine Jarnevech
Thomas J. Stohlgren

Coast Salish

WASHINGTON

In 2008, USGS formed a new partnership with the Coast Salish Nation to study water quality and to help restore near shore marine resources across the Salish Sea, Puget Sound, and Georgia Basin. The USGS scientists participated with Canoe Families and skippers to design and conduct a water-quality study as part of the annual Coast Salish Tribal Journey. The study spanned international borders, cultures, science disciplines and interest groups. In its first year, the effort generated more than 42,000 water-quality data points along 570 miles of ancestral waterways.

Nominated by the U.S. Geological Survey

Coast Salish Gathering Steering Committee

Ray Harris
Debra Lekanof

Homalco Nation

Darren Blaney

Skokomish Indian Tribe

Michael Pavel

Squaxin Island Tribe

Jeremiah George
Joe Seymour

Stolo Nation

Keith Point

Swinomish Indian Tribal Community

Sarah Akin
Brian Cladoosby
Eric Day
Tiffany Hoyopatubbi
Charles O'Hara
Tara Tisdale

U.S. Geological Survey

Don Becker
John Clemens

Eric Grossman
Ray Julich
Jennifer LaVista
Susan Marcus
Paul Schuster

Others

Clinton Charlie, Hul'qumi'num Treaty Group
Jon Waterhouse, Yukon River Inter-Tribal
Watershed Council