

2019 Nominations for Awards - The Montana Chapter of The Wildlife Society

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Awards are given annually in recognition of Montana wildlife professionals who have who exemplify the values of the Montana Chapter, have made remarkable professional contributions to wildlife science and/or conservation, or to those who have made it possible for wildlife professionals to be more effective. Awards are presented at the annual meeting of the Montana Chapter, to be held the week of February 25 in Helena.

UPDATE TO FIRST CALL: Due to the federal government shutdown, all nominations must be sent to the personal gmail address highlighted below. Nominations sent to the original email address will not be received.

The Chapter seeks nominations for four awards to be presented at the 2018 Conference. ***Nominations are due by January 18, 2019 (see below).***

The Distinguished Service Award is presented annually for cumulative, past, current, and/or continuing achievements in wildlife conservation. This is typically acknowledgment of accomplishments over a career.

The Biologist of the Year Award is presented annually for significant achievements in wildlife conservation anytime during the five years immediately preceding the award.

The Bob Watts Communication Award is presented for significant communication in media such as professional publications, popular wildlife articles, books, movies, or videos that have a relatively wide audience.

The Wildlife Conservation Award is given to an individual or non-governmental organization for past, present, or ongoing efforts that enhance wildlife conservation in Montana.

To nominate, email a written recommendation for a specific award, along with a compelling justification for the nomination and a discussion of the qualifications of the nominee. While there is no prescribed format, nominations often take the form a formal letter or letters, and are often supported by several agencies, organizations, or MT TWS members. Nominations will be reviewed by the Award Committee and selections will be made in early February. Nominators will be notified of selections at that time and will be asked to assist with coordinating the attendance of the awardee. The person nominating a selected award recipient will be asked to prepare an abstract of the nomination package that will be read at the awards banquet - 5 minutes will be allotted for a personalized summary of the nomination.

Nominations must be received no later than Friday, January 18, 2019 and be sent to the Chair of the Awards Committee -- Brendan Moynahan (moynahanb@gmail.com). Due to the federal government shutdown, please be sure to use this personal email address, not the NPS address used in past years.