



2010 *Call for Nominations*

Presented by Sand County Foundation
in partnership with South Dakota Cattlemen's Association
and South Dakota Grassland Coalition

Leopold Conservation Award

In his influential book, *A Sand County Almanac*, Aldo Leopold called for an ethical relationship between people and the land they own and manage. The development of a land ethic was, he wrote, "an evolutionary possibility and an ecological necessity." A land ethic is alive and well today in the thousands of American farmers, ranchers, and foresters who do well by their land and do well for their land.

Sand County Foundation proudly presents its Leopold Conservation Award to a private landowner who exemplifies the spirit of this emerging land ethic — an individual or a family committed to leaving their land better than they found it.

In South Dakota, Sand County Foundation presents the Leopold Conservation Award in partnership with South Dakota Cattlemen's Association and the South Dakota Grassland Coalition. The Leopold Conservation Award winner receives an Aldo Leopold crystal and a check for \$10,000.

Leopold Conservation Awards recognize extraordinary achievement in voluntary conservation, inspire other landowners through their example, and help the general public understand the vital role private landowners can and do play in conservation success.

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Criteria

Landowners are key producers of conservation. Private citizens who have responsibility for land possess the capacity, the aptitude, and the desire to improve natural habitats. We believe that giving the people closest to the land improved tools to heal and better manage working ecosystems will result in the most durable conservation results.

The Leopold Conservation Award Review Panel will be evaluating properties based on responsible and sustainable land management, economics, innovation, overall land health, and community outreach and leadership.

Nominations

If you, or someone you know, is a South Dakota landowner engaged in and committed to land management practices that increase conservation, we invite your nomination for the Leopold Conservation Award.

Please provide the following information:

Name, Address, Contact information of the landowner. Name, Address, Contact information of the nominator (if different).

1. Describe the nominee's approach to land and resource management and how it may have changed over the years.
2. Describe how the nominee is generating new values or lowering management costs on the land in ways that help achieve long-term sustainability and conservation outcomes.
3. Describe any significant achievements the nominee has made within the agricultural community in South Dakota.
4. Describe the nominee's efforts in conservation and how those efforts benefit healthy, working landscapes in South Dakota.
5. Given the criteria briefly listed above, describe any other factors the review panel should take into consideration.
6. **Mail all materials to:**
Leopold Conservation Award
c/o South Dakota Cattlemen's Association
435 Chapelle Street
Pierre, SD 57501

With your nominating materials we encourage you to include supporting materials such as letters of recommendation, news clips, photos, maps, or any other resources that would assist the Review Panel in reviewing your nomination.

Nominations Deadline: September 24, 2010

For further information, please see the Leopold Conservation Award website:

www.leopoldconservationaward.org



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