

MONTANA FORESTRY PIONEER AWARDS

*In recognition of the pioneers and partner pioneers
with significant contributions to Montana Forestry*



About the Award: The Montana State Forester is seeking to recognize individuals who, through their personal and/or professional commitment, have furthered the cause of forestry, forest management and/or natural resource management in Montana.

Who may apply: Consideration is open to any individual who, through their actions, has left a positive impact in Montana forestry. Individuals may nominate others or themselves for consideration. There are two award categories:

- Forestry Pioneers: Recognizes former employees of the Forestry or Trust Land Management Divisions who have been instrumental in building the state forestry program in Montana.
- Partner Pioneers: Recognizes other individuals outside of state government who have made significant contributions towards the advancement of the forestry profession in Montana.

Eligibility: Here are the eligibility requirements for the awards:

- Forestry Pioneers: Only individuals who are former employees of primarily the Forestry or Trust Land Management Divisions are eligible for nomination. Current employees are not eligible.
- Partner Pioneers: Only individuals who are no longer working full-time in the forestry profession in Montana are eligible. This includes former employees from federal agencies, the forest industry, forestry consultants, and the university system.

Criteria for Selection as a Forestry Pioneer:

- Former employee of either the Forestry or Trust Land Management Division (including the former Operations Division).
- Has made a significant long-term contribution to the overall success of the programs of either division.
- Has earned the highest level of respect of his/her peers.
- Demonstrated high professional and ethical standards.

Criteria for Selection as a Partner Pioneer:

- Worked as a full-time forestry professional in Montana, but who is currently retired.
- Worked closely with either the Forestry Division or Trust Land Management Division for a significant period of time during his/her career in Montana.

- Championed and practiced the highest professional and ethical standards of the forestry profession.
- Made a significant contribution towards the advancement of the forestry profession in Montana.

Nomination Period: For the 2009 awards, nominations must be received by August 15, 2009. An online nominating process will be developed, but for 2009, nominations must be made by downloading the nomination form from the DNRC Forestry Pioneers Award website and mailing a completed copy to:

**Selection Committee
Forestry Pioneer Awards
% DNRC Forestry Division
2705 Spurgin Road
Missoula, Montana 59804**

Award Materials: Montana Forestry Pioneers will have their name engraved on a brick to be placed in the "Circle of Honor" near the entrance to the Forestry Division headquarters in Missoula. Information on honorees will be posted on the DNRC website. Additionally, honorees will receive a certificate and letter of congratulations from the Montana State Forester to be presented during the Forestry Centennial Open House, Saturday, September 26, 2009.. ***If honoree is unable to attend, alternative arrangements may be made.*

Honoree Selection: A committee will be seated by the Montana State Forester and tasked with review of all applications and selection of each year's honorees. The committee will review individual's achievements, contributions to forestry in Montana, and strength of nomination materials submitted. A nominee must receive a positive vote of $\frac{3}{4}$ of committee voting members to be considered for selection. If a nominee is not selected in a given year, their nomination will be considered in subsequent years.

The committee also has the prerogative to recommend deserving individuals who left state service prior to 1980 for selection, even if they were not nominated. This is to ensure that some of our early pioneers, who may not be well known today, can still be recognized for their service and contributions.

Application: Please complete the following one-page nomination form, and attach additional documentation if necessary. Please include a photo of the nominee (a studio photo, a photo in the field, or a casual photo).

****Note:** All submitted materials become the property of the Montana DNRC. We are unable to return any documents/photos submitted through this nomination process.

NOMINATION FORM – MONTANA FORESTRY PIONEERS & PARTNER PIONEERS



NOMINEE*: _____
If deceased, please list nearest relative, if known.

NOMINEE'S MAILING ADDRESS: _____

Phone Number: _____

NOMINATED BY: _____
** if you wish to remain anonymous, write "anonymous"

NOMINEE'S SIGNIFICANT CONTRIBUTIONS TO MONTANA FORESTRY (please list significant professional/personal contributions; include other recognitions bestowed on nominee. Attach additional sheets if necessary).

NOMINEE'S BRIEF RESUME (please include education, professional memberships, employers. Attach additional sheets if necessary).

Please be as complete as possible – we understand that some information may be difficult to obtain.

If possible, please include a photograph of the nominee and mail materials to:

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