

MONTANA FORESTRY PIONEER AWARDS



About the award: The Montana State Forester seeks 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. Nominees should be former employees of the DNRC, federal agencies, the forest industry, forestry consultants, the university system, or tribal agencies. Only individuals who are retired or no longer working full-time are eligible for consideration.

Nomination period: Nominations must be received by **June 1st** each year. Nominations may be emailed to Deana Carlson at deanacarlson@mt.gov or submitted via standard mail by completing the attached nomination application form. It is highly recommended that you consult with a Pioneer Award Committee Member regarding your nomination form prior to submitting to ensure a thorough, complete application, covering all criteria described herein. Committee members and their contact information are listed below:

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Award materials: Pioneer honorees 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 also be posted on the DNRC website. Honorees will receive a certificate and letter of congratulations from the Montana State Forester to be presented at the Pioneer Awards Banquet, date and time to be determined.

Honoree selection: A committee seated by the Montana State Forester will review all nominations and selection of honorees. The committee will review and discuss individual's achievements, contributions to forestry in Montana, and strength of materials submitted. A nominee must receive a vote of 2/3 of the voting members of the selection committee to be considered for selection. If a nominee is not selected in a given year, their nomination will be considered for three 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 nomination form, attach additional documentation if necessary and, if possible, include a photo of the nominee.

MONTANA FORESTRY PIONEERS NOMINATION FORM



DATE: _____

NOMINEE: _____

NOMINEE'S MAILING ADDRESS: _____

NOMINEE'S E-Mail Address: _____

NOMINEE PHONE #: _____

NOMINATED BY _____

NOMINATED BY PHONE # _____ NOMINATED BY EMAIL _____

NOMINEE'S SIGNIFICANT CONTRIBUTIONS TO MONTANA FORESTRY (please list significant 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).

If possible, please include a photograph of the nominee and mail materials to:
Montana DNRC Forestry Division
2705 Spurgin Road
Missoula, Montana 59804

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