**National Wilderness Stewardship Awards**

**The National Wilderness Stewardship Alliance and the Society of Wilderness Stewardship are pleased to partner together to support the National Wilderness Stewardship Awards.**

This wilderness community wide awards program intends to recognize the most outstanding contributions of wilderness stewards and partners to wilderness stewardship.

The wilderness stewardship community is filled with ordinary people doing extraordinary work in some of America’s most amazing and remote landscapes. Unfortunately, their work often goes unnoticed, leaving Wilderness to suffer as a result. By showing people their work is important now, we can build a more sustainable wilderness stewardship community for the future.

This awards program will allow organizations and partners to nominate a steward, organization, or Federal land agency whom they feel has demonstrated outstanding ability in the following categories:

* **Wilderness Rising Leader Award**
	+ To recognize young wilderness stewards who have demonstrated outstanding potential to lead the stewardship community into the future.
* **Wilderness Stewardship Champion of the Year Award**
	+ To recognize an individual wilderness steward that has demonstrated outstanding ability to steward their wilderness areas.
* **Wilderness Stewardship Organization of the Year Award**
	+ To recognize a wilderness stewardship organization that has demonstrated outstanding ability to steward their wilderness areas.
* **Wilderness Agency Partner of the Year Award**
	+ To recognize an agency employee or unit which has demonstrated outstanding ability to work with wilderness stewardship organizations to improve the stewardship of their wilderness areas.

Nominations will be accepted through September 30th, with the awards being presented at the National Wilderness Workshop this October 2020.

Additional information about these awards, including application materials, may be found on the NWSA website at <http://www.wildernessalliance.org/awards>.

Questions about the awards program may be addressed to Randy Welsh, Executive Director, NWSA at randy@wildernessalliance.org or by calling 801-808-2167.

**National Wilderness Stewardship Awards Application**

Please fill out and return to randy@wildernessalliance.org by September 30, 2020

**Nominee Information:**

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| **Name** |  |
| **Position** |  |
| **Organization** |  |
| **email** |  |
| **phone** |  |
| **Number of Years in Position** |  |

**Nominator Information:**

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| **Name** |  |
| **Position** |  |
| **Organization** |  |
| **email** |  |
| **Phone** |  |

**Award Information: Check award that applies**

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|  | **Wilderness Rising Leader** |
|  | **Wilderness Stewardship Champion of the Year** |
|  | **Wilderness Stewardship Organization of the Year** |
|  | **Wilderness Agency Partner of the Year** |

**Nominee Narrative**: In no more than 2 pages, describe how the Nominee meets the purpose and eligibility for this award. Provide descriptions and examples that showcase the accomplishments and results of the nominee. Testimonials and quotes are acceptable.

\*\*enter here\*\*

**Letters of Support:** Letters of support may be provided as an attachment to the application. Please keep to no more than three letters

**Other Documentation:** Project Reports, other Narratives, Photos, and other Accomplishment information may be attached but should be kept brief and indicate how the nominee contributed to the overall achievement of this awards purpose.