

Oregonians Working for Healthy Watersheds
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Award Descriptions

A celebration of grassroots efforts to preserve and protect our natural resources for the future of all Oregonians

Governor's Natural Resources Office

Oregon Plan for Salmon and Watersheds Leadership Award 2005

The Governor's Natural Resources Office presents the Oregon Plan for Salmon and Watersheds Leadership Award to public servants whose extraordinary efforts and groundbreaking accomplishments further the Oregon Plan mission: To restore the watersheds of Oregon and to recover the fish and wildlife populations of those watersheds to productive and sustainable levels in a manner that provides substantial environmental, cultural and economic benefits.

Oregon Department of Agriculture

Environmental Stewardship Awards 2005

The Oregon Dairy Farmers Association and the Oregon Department of Agriculture present the Environmental Stewardship Award to those dairy operators who have excelled in implementing waste management practices that promote water quality. The 2005 award winners exemplify the hard work and dedication of many Oregon dairies in improving the quality of Oregon's water.

Oregon Department of Energy

Oregon Plan for Salmon and Watersheds Award 2005

The Oregon Department of Energy's Oregon Plan for Salmon and Watersheds Award honors individuals, schools, businesses, organizations, local governments and state agencies that have made special efforts in the area of energy efficiency or renewable energy projects that also benefit watershed health. Their exceptional commitment, leadership and innovative efforts help conserve the state's natural resources, improve the quality of life for Oregonians, benefit the economy, and serve as examples to others across the state.

Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife/Oregon Department of Forestry

Fish and Wildlife Steward Award for Forest Lands 2004

The Fish and Wildlife Steward Awards for Forest Lands recognize the efforts of forest landowners who implement the Oregon Plan for Salmon and Watersheds by improving fish and wildlife resources through their forest stewardship activities. The awards are categorized by landowner type – industrial, non-industrial and special forest lands – and region – northwest, southwest and eastern Oregon. Field personnel from the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife and the Oregon Department of Forestry submit nominations, and a regional selection committee determines the winners in each category.

**Oregon Department of Forestry
Operator of the Year Award 2004**

The Oregon Board of Forestry Operator of the Year Award recognizes those who conduct forest operations in a manner that helps protect natural resources, while consistently surpassing Oregon standards of complying with recognized forest management practices. The Oregon Department of Forestry stewardship foresters selected the nominees for the awards, and then representatives from the Eastern, Northwestern and Southwestern Regional Forest Practices Committees toured each of the nominee work sites to determine the winners. The operators have displayed innovation and the ability to handle difficult circumstances, expending extra effort and enduring some financial risk or sacrifice to produce outstanding results:

**Oregon Department of Forestry
Oregon Tree Farmer of the Year 2004**

Each year, local groups of Oregon Department of Forestry foresters, consulting foresters, and forestry extension agents meet with the Oregon Small Woodland Association chapters to select county Tree Farmer of the Year award recipients. Oregon's State Tree Farm winner is selected from the county winners and competes in the Western Regional competition that represents 13 states. The National Tree Farmer of the Year Finalist is selected from four U.S. regional winners.

Oregon Department of State Lands

The State Land Board Awards were created in 2003 to promote and recognize responsible, sustainable stewardship of natural resources. To be eligible, stream and wetland projects must have received a Removal-Fill Permit from the Department of State Lands and must meet or exceed all permit conditions. Committees of DSL staff members, Land Board assistants and representatives of natural resources organizations select winners.

**Oregon Water Resources Department
Stewardship and Conservation Award 2005**

Recognition from the Water Resources Commission is given on an annual basis to individual citizens, groups, businesses or other partners that adhere to the Oregon Water Resources Department's mission "to serve the public by practicing and promoting wise long-term water management" and for responsibly managing, conserving and restoring Oregon's water resources. Recipients of the award show outstanding commitment to water conservation and implementation of water efficient operations.

**Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board
Spirit of the Oregon Plan Award 2004**

The Governor's Spirit of the Oregon Plan Leadership Award program was initiated in 2000 to recognize Oregonians who are leading the way to a future of healthy watersheds. Award recipients have demonstrated exemplary leadership in the stewardship of Oregon's watersheds. Factors used in the nomination and selection process include practicing innovative or unprecedented conservation strategies in a watershed, bringing together a community to accomplish watershed restoration or conservation, developing and implementing community-based or school watershed education, outstanding work as a volunteer, and exhibiting exemplary support of watershed restoration or conservation over several years.