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Note to Editors: Pdf File of Winning Artwork Available Upon Request

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U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Announces Winners of the 2008 Colorado Junior Duck Stamp Contest

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service today announced that Jeriel Chalk, a home-schooled student in Johnstown and repeat contest winner, took top honors by winning the "Best of Show" in Colorado at the 2008 Junior Duck Stamp Contest. Jeriel's artwork was selected from over 400 entries from across Colorado. Her ink washed rendition of a Northern Pintail, entitled "Evening Glide," will represent Colorado at the National Competition in Washington, D.C. at the end of April. Entries from Colorado were judged by a panel of waterfowl enthusiasts, biologists and professional visual and wildlife artists. Recognition for all participants and prizes for the top 25 drawings in each of four age groups (K-3, 4-6, 7-9, and 10-12) are awarded each year.

This year's award ceremony will take place on Saturday, May 10th from 2-4pm at The Arvada Center. Steve Guertin, the Service's Regional Director, will be the keynote speaker and will honor the winners at the Award Ceremony. All teachers, students, and families are welcome to join the celebration.

First Place winners in all (age) categories:

Best of Show – Jeriel Chalk (17), Johnstown

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1st – Boya Liu (17), Erie

1st – Bryn Maclennan (16), Ouray

1st – Millie Schreiber (14), Greeley

1st – Katie Boylen (13), Monument

1st – Kaloyan Athannassov (13), Colorado Springs

1st – Hunter Lalone (11), Littleton

1st – Hannah Hoppe (8), Colorado Springs

1st – Taylor Aguiliera (8), Ft. Collins

1st – Melody Sutherland (9), Windsor

1st – McKayla Earley (9), Eaton

1st – Karen Sneh (9), Boulder

Second Place winners in all (age) categories:

2nd – Laura Hopkins (17), Colorado Springs

2nd – Cody Ruff (17), Colorado Springs

2nd – Cynthia Jensen (17), Colorado Springs

2nd – Remy Barrows-Young (14), Boulder

2nd – Colter Ruff (14), Colorado Springs

2nd – Eliza Jeoung (14) Colorado Springs

2nd – Lea Sollman (13), Platteville

2nd – Molly McGann (11), Monument

2nd – Liesl Zimmerman (11), Monument

2nd – Olivia Patterson (8), Lafayette

2nd – Grace McNutt (8), Boulder

2nd – Sirisha Gudavalli (8), Boulder



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Third Place winners in all (age) categories:

- 3rd – Guillermo Chavez (18), Commerce City
- 3rd – Rebecca Peel (17), Fairplay
- 3rd – Rebecca Haile (15), Colorado Springs
- 3rd – Kyle Shepherd (14), Boulder
- 3rd – Tristan Moore (12), Falcon
- 3rd – Sydnee Dupon (12), Ft. Collins
- 3rd – Destiny Wren (11), Loveland
- 3rd – Cameran Kuchta (10), Boulder
- 3rd – Tate Dupon (10), Ft. Collins
- 3rd – Madison Al Qatami (9), Boulder
- 3rd – Kathryn Pancost (8), Boulder
- 3rd – Kim Berg (8), Lafayette

Honorable Mention winners in all (age) categories:

- HM – Stephanie Salazar (18), Commerce City
- HM – Nancy Luna (18) Commerce City
- HM – Katherine Mercier (18), Commerce City
- HM – Angela Mercier (18), Commerce City
- HM – Christina Alicata (18), Wheatridge
- HM – Brenden Beeg (17), Littleton
- HM – Tierra Lansing (17), Lakewood
- HM – Kristen Lacy (17), Littleton
- HM – Tania Zazueta (17), Commerce City
- HM – Aaron Seanez (17), Commerce City
- HM – Brandi Pratt (17), Commerce City
- HM – Carina Quinonez (17), Commerce City
- HM – Megan Stevens (17), Colorado Springs
- HM – David French (17), Commerce City
- HM – Lily Donelson (16), Colorado Springs
- HM – Cassy Deberg (16), Como
- HM – Bree Copeman (16), Bailey
- HM – Christi Kipple (16), Fairplay
- HM – Lacey West (15), Fairplay
- HM – Sara Johnson (15), Littleton
- HM – Zach Miller (15), Fairplay
- HM – Garrett Mihalke (15), Fairplay
- HM – Katherine Hall (14), Fairplay
- HM – Rance Rothrock (14), South Park
- HM – Chester Corzine (14), Greeley
- HM – Michael Elens (13), Greeley
- HM – Garrett Roberts (13), Greeley
- HM – Madeline Kemme (13), Greeley
- HM – Saxon Marvin (13), Kersey
- HM – Katie Leeper (12), Monument
- HM – Hannah Hartman (12), Loveland
- HM – Riley Carroll (12), Greeley
- HM – Mary Mercier (12), Commerce City
- HM – Mariah Crowe (11), Greeley



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HM – Quentin Cole (11), Loveland
HM – Ashton Strutz (11), Colorado Springs
HM – Griffin Niles (11), Colorado Springs
HM – Sarah Koenig (11), Colorado Springs
HM – Madeline Storer (11), Colorado Springs
HM – Nathan Coleman (11), Greeley
HM – Katlyn York (10), Colorado Springs
HM – Anthony Xue (10), Broomfield
HM – Shain Pierce (10), Colorado Springs
HM – Christopher Chen (10), Broomfield
HM – Connor Craddock (10), Colorado Springs
HM – Laura Pearson (10), Elbert
HM – Alyssa Hanson (9), Colorado Spring
HM – Tal Sneh (9), Boulder
HM – Cameran Keel (9), Boulder
HM – Maddison Hogan (9), Lafayette
HM – Emma Kolbrener (9), Boulder
HM – Brooke Sprague (9), Loveland
HM – Sonya Sherman (8), Boulder
HM – Rylee Shepherd (8), Boulder
HM – Dana Sullivan (8), Boulder
HM – Aubri Romes (8), Colorado Springs
HM – Lauren Wubbena (8), Boulder
HM – Brandon Wallace (8), Boulder
HM – Zachary Carothers (8), Boulder
HM – Summer Patterson (8), Lafayette
HM – Daniel Zandstra (8), Lafayette
HM – Madeline McCort (8), Boulder
HM – Luci Schwarz (7), Larkspur
HM – Trayana Athannassov (6), Colorado Springs

The Federal Junior Duck Stamp Conservation and Design Program is an educational program designed for all public, private, and home schooled students in grades k-12 to learn more about waterfowl and habitat conservation. Incorporating scientific and wildlife management principles into visual arts curriculum creates an active awareness of the critical need to protect, preserve and enhance our wetland habitat for waterfowl, migratory songbirds, and the hundreds of other plants and animals that depend on wetlands for their survival.

The mission of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service is working with others to conserve, protect and enhance fish, wildlife, plants and their habitats for the continuing benefit of the American people. We are both a leader and trusted partner in fish and wildlife conservation, known for our scientific excellence, stewardship of lands and natural resources, dedicated professionals and commitment to public service. For more information on our work and the people who make it happen, visit www.fws.gov.