

## 2009 Gifford Pinchot "Excellence in Interpretation and Conservation Education" Award Winners

The award recognizes the outstanding contributions of employees towards advancing the professions of interpretation and education, while caring for the land and serving people.

The nominees demonstrate leadership in addressing management issues, such as climate change, water, and the disconnect of children from nature. The nominees also exemplify how new technologies, partnerships and creativity can be used to provide memorable visitor experiences and learning opportunities.



This year's Region 2 nominee for the national award was **Jennifer Burns**, San Juan Public Lands Landscape Architect, San Juan National Forest, Durango, Colorado. Jennifer was recognized "...for her sustained performance and contributions to the profession by developing and implementing high quality interpretive plans, strategies, designs and media. Jennifer is an expert in the field of meshing landscapes and their stories to create a "sense of place" that connects people to the land. She is also very effective because her enthusiasm and high energy infect her colleagues with a similar desire to create personal connections with our nation's forests and grasslands."

Jennifer (pictured here in the middle of the front row) received her award on November 13, at the National Interpreter's Workshop in Portland, OR.

David Cernicek, River Manager-Special Uses on the Bridger-Teton National Forest, Jackson, WY was the national award recipient. To read more about David and the other regional winners, visit [http://www.fs.fed.us/fstoday/081114/02National%20News/G\\_P\\_award.html](http://www.fs.fed.us/fstoday/081114/02National%20News/G_P_award.html)