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I am pleased to announce our selections for the Lloyd Swift Sr. and Jack Adams Awards, Karl Urban Celebrating Wildflowers, and the Forest Service-BLM Conservation Partner and Conservation Project awards. The awards were presented by Interior Secretary Gale Norton, Forest Service Associate Chief Sally Collins, and BLM Director Kathleen Clarke on March 22, 2006 at the 71st North American Wildlife & Natural Resources Conference in Columbus, Ohio.

The **Lloyd Swift Sr. Award** is presented periodically to a current or past Forest Service employee who exemplifies the characteristics, accomplishments and qualities of Lloyd Swift Sr., a wildlife biologist for the Forest Service (1928 – 1963). As part of his long and illustrious career, Lloyd served as the National Wildlife and Fisheries Director from 1944 through 1963. The award recognizes an exceptional few who provided national or regional leadership in the management of fish, wildlife, and rare plants. This year's selection, Dave Gibbons, Retired Director for Ecosystem Conservation in Region 5, follows Lloyd Swift Sr., Bob Nelson, Phil Janik, Paul Brouha, Jerry McIlwain, and Jack Capp as the seventh recipient of this award.

The **Jack Adams Award** is presented annually to the Forest Service biologist or botanist who best reflects the unique and outstanding professional and personal qualities of Jack Adams, a Forest Service wildlife biologist who lost a battle with cancer in 1984 at the height of an acclaimed career. This year, the 2005 Jack Adams Award was presented to Warren Montague, Wildlife Biologist for the Poteau Ranger District of the Ouachita National Forest.

The **Karl Urban Celebrating Wildflowers Award** is given jointly by the Forest Service and BLM to honor the memory of Karl Urban, and acknowledges his contributions to the national Celebrating Wildflowers program. The award acknowledges conservation of native flora; and creativity and commitment to the Celebrating Wildflowers program. This year's award was presented to Eric Ulaszek, Horticulturist and William Glass, Ecologist of Midewin National Tallgrass Prairie.

The Forest Service and BLM jointly sponsored two awards, the **Conservation Partner and Conservation Project Awards**. The Conservation Partner award was presented to Quail Unlimited. The Conservation Project award was given to Whiskey Mountain Technical Committee in the state of Wyoming for their efforts managing bighorn sheep and their habitats.



On behalf of your Forest Service and BLM colleagues, we congratulate you on your awards and thank you for your stewardship of our public lands.

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