

BLM Director Announces Winner of 2007 Rangeland Stewardship Award

Bureau of Land Management Director Jim Caswell today announced the presentation of the BLM's Rangeland Stewardship Award for 2007 to a Colorado rancher who has improved rangeland conditions in the state's North Park area. The award was presented in Jackson Hole, Wyoming, at a meeting of the rancher-based Public Lands Council.

The BLM's award recognizes the rangeland stewardship work of Jack Haworth of Walden, Colorado. The award recipient, who holds BLM grazing permits in connection with his cattle operation, has enhanced waterfowl habitat in the Hebron Waterfowl Area.

"The BLM is delighted to present the Rangeland Stewardship Award to Jack Haworth for his significant investments to improve public rangelands in Colorado," Director Caswell said. "His efforts, which include grazing management changes and range improvement projects, have gone above and beyond our agency's expectations."

Ed Roberson, the BLM's Assistant Director for Renewable Resources and Planning, presented the award to Mr. Haworth. "Jack is helping the BLM meet its conservation goals, and he is an outstanding example of how ranchers serve as good stewards of the public lands," Roberson said. "His hard work has promoted waterfowl productivity in the Hebron Waterfowl Area for the last 10 years."

The BLM manages more land – 258 million surface acres – than any other Federal agency. Most of this public land is located in 12 Western States, including Alaska. The Bureau, with a budget of about \$1.8 billion, also administers 700 million acres of sub-surface mineral estate throughout the nation. The BLM's multiple-use mission is to sustain the health and productivity of the public lands for the use and enjoyment of present and future generations. The Bureau accomplishes this by managing such activities as outdoor recreation, livestock grazing, mineral development, and energy production, and by conserving natural, historical, and cultural resources on the public lands.