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Oregon State Supervisor Paul Henson Honored with Prestigious Award



Photo: USFWS Rollie White, Paul Henson, Robyn Thorson, Terry Rabot

PORTLAND, Oregon – The U.S. Department of Interior has presented Dr. Paul Henson, Oregon State Supervisor for the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, with the prestigious Meritorious Service Award for his outstanding leadership abilities and dedication to the mission of the Service.

Henson’s accomplishments have been significant and sustained, engaging local communities to spearhead recovery efforts that have resulted in tangible conservation outcomes during his eight years as the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service’s State Supervisor for Oregon.

The Meritorious Service Award is given to career employees in the Department of Interior who have made exceptional, continuing contributions to the Department’s mission.

The Award was presented by Robyn Thorson, Director of the Service’s Pacific Region, Terry Rabot, Deputy Regional Director and Rollie White, Assistant Regional Director for Ecological Services.

“Paul’s dedication to finding collaborative solutions for conserving and recovering wildlife is evident in the recent accomplishments in Oregon,” Thorson said. “Under Paul’s leadership, the Service has taken great strides in conservation. This includes the recovery and delisting of the Oregon chub, the recent downlisting of the Columbian white-tailed deer, and the landmark conservation partnerships that helped avoid the need to list the greater sage-grouse.”

Henson has been with the Service for more than 23 years. Prior to his position as Oregon State Supervisor, he served as Assistant Regional Director for Ecological Services in the Pacific Southwest Region, and as Field Supervisor for the Pacific Islands Office.

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