



Robert L. Patterson Award

2021 Nomination Announcement

The Robert L. Patterson Award was established in honor of his seminal work, *The Sage Grouse in Wyoming*, and to recognize those whom continue efforts to conserve and manage Gunnison and greater sage-grouse and Columbian sharp-tailed grouse. It is intended to be awarded biennially at the Sage and Columbian Sharp-tailed Grouse Workshop.

Award Criteria:

To recognize individual(s) and organization(s) who have made significant contributions to sage and sharp-tailed grouse research, management or other support programs, which have enhanced the welfare of any of these three species. The contribution should be evidenced by a sustained effort over at least 10 years. The contribution may be related to research, management activity, promotion of an integrated program, or some combination thereof.

Selection Procedure:

1. The Awards Committee will be made up of a chairman and any additional members appointed by the Chairman of the Sage and Columbian Sharp-tailed Grouse Technical Committee.
2. Anyone can submit nominations to the Awards Committee, including members of the Awards Committee.
3. Nominations will be submitted to the Awards Committee Chairman at least one month prior to the biennial Sage and Columbian Sharp-tailed Grouse Workshop.
4. Nominations should include the following information:
 - A. Name, address, and phone number of nominee.
 - B. Biographic sketch of individual or brief history of an organization.
 - C. Overview of contributions indicating the nature of the contributions, duration, benefit to the species, and the geographic area influenced by the contributions.
5. A maximum of two individual awards and two organization awards may be awarded at a biennial meeting.

Please submit nominations electronically to Pat Deibert (pat_deibert@fws.gov) no later than **May 15, 2021**.

Award Recipients:

YEAR	MEETING LOCATION	RECEIPT
2008	Mammoth, California	Clait E. Braun
2010	Twin Falls, Idaho	John W. Connelly, Jr.
2010	Twin Falls, Idaho	Randall B. Smith
2012	Steamboat Springs, Colorado	Michael Schroeder
2012	Steamboat Springs, Colorado	San Juan Stiver
2014	Elko, Nevada	Kerry P. Reese
2014	Elko, Nevada	Clinton McCarthy
2016	Lander, Wyoming	Steven T. Knick
2016	Lander, Wyoming	Patricia A. Deibert
2018	Billings, Montana	Thomas J. Christiansen
2018	Billings, Montana	James S. Sedinger