

Nominations wanted for conservation award

July 6, 2010 – Are you a California farmer or rancher committed to sound environmental stewardship? Know one who is?

Sustainable Conservation is seeking nominees for the popular 2010 California Leopold Conservation Award.

The award recognizes private landowners' commitment to responsible environmental stewardship and land management. It underscores the fact that many ranchers, farmers, and foresters are on the front lines of conservation and should be recognized for protecting the environment. So often, voluntary conservation by private landowners provides a more effective, efficient, and durable means of protecting land, water, and species than the government's regulatory programs.

As in past years, finalists in 2010 will be selected in part based on their commitment to responsible and sustainable land management, the overall health of their land, implementation of innovative practices and dedication to community outreach and leadership. The Leopold Conservation Award Review Panel will evaluate properties in two categories: (1) Nurseries & Crops, and (2) Livestock.

The grand prize of \$10,000 and a crystal rendering of Aldo Leopold, author of the Sand County Almanac, will be presented at the California Farm Bureau Federation's annual convention in December. Runner-up prizes of \$1,000 will also be presented.

The deadline for nominations is July 12. Please forward this announcement to other potential nominees, nominators.

For more information and a nomination form, visit Sustainable Conservation or contact us at (415) 977-0380.

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