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Leopold finalists announced

Stewardship award includes a \$10,000 cash prize

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Steve and Jill Hackett of Howe Creek Ranch in Ferndale are finalists for the 2008 Leopold Conservation award. - Courtesy of Robyn Carliss

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The three finalists for the 2008 Leopold Conservation Award are examples of the many California farmers and ranchers who are combining environmental stewardship with economic success, according to Brant Haglund, Sand County Foundation president.

Named after the Wisconsin home of pioneer conservationist Aldo Leopold, the foundation - along with the organization Sustainable Conservation and California Farm Bureau Federation - present the annual award in recognition for land stewardship and management.

This year's finalists are Howe Creek Ranch, operated by Steve and Jill Hackett in Ferndale; Montna Farms operated by Al Montna in Yuba City; and Three Creeks Ranch, operated by Chet Vogt in Elk Creek.

The award, which includes a \$10,000 cash prize, will be presented in December at the annual California Farm Bureau Federation meeting in Burlingame.

Howe Creek Ranch, with 4,000 acres of pastureland and forestland, has been a family operation for 95 years. The Hackett's conservation easement and forestry practices allowed them to create corridors of mature forest and watersheds to support salmon, spotted owls and other wildlife.

The Hackett's work developing the California Rangeland Water Quality Management Plan is credited with providing incentives for ranch planning and implementation of conservation practices along with cooperation with environmental groups, industry groups and state and federal agencies. The plan now involves more than 1 million acres of private ranch land in the state.

Rice grower Al Montna has created extensive habitat for wildlife, particularly waterfowl on his 2,500-acre farming operation. He has also been a leader in replacing rice stubble burning with alternatives and reducing pesticide run-off into the Sacramento River by 90 percent.

Montna, who has chaired the state board of food and agriculture, is also involved in the Northern California Water Association and California Bay-Delta Authority. He recently installed a solar power system to power his rice dryer operation.

Rancher Chet Vogt runs beef cattle on 5,300 acres using an intensive grazing system designed to restore land. Short periods of grazing are followed by long rests to allow for regrowth.

Vogt has also protected water quality by fencing and troughs, fostering vegetation growth around ponds for birds and other wildlife.

The Sand County Foundation works with private landowners to improve wildlife habitat on their property, where the majority of the nation's fish, wildlife and natural resources are found.



Chet Vogt of Three Creeks Ranch in Elk Creek is one of the 2008 Leopold Conservation award finalists. - Courtesy of Robyn Carliss

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