



2011 OUTSTANDING FOREST STEWARD OF THE YEAR

**A FOREST STEWARDSHIP AWARDS PROGRAM SPONSORED BY
THE COLORADO FOREST STEWARDSHIP COORDINATING COMMITTEE**

INSTRUCTIONS FOR NOMINATING THE OUTSTANDING FOREST STEWARD:

Any individual or group may submit a nomination.

All nominations must be received no later than FEBRUARY 10, 2012.

Email all nominations to: Naomi Marcus - Forest Stewardship Coordinator
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PURPOSE

The purpose of the 2011 Outstanding Forest Steward of the Year award is to recognize an individual(s) with an exemplary commitment to a forest stewardship land ethic, and has demonstrated such a commitment through active stewardship management and promotion of forest stewardship in their community.

NOMINATION CRITERIA

To be nominated for the award, an individual must:

- be recognized as a Colorado Forest Stewardship Landowner (land may be owned or leased). Homeowner Associations are eligible if there is an HOA stewardship plan.
- demonstrate that the land continues to be actively managed according to its stewardship plan.

JUDGING

A representation of the Colorado Forest Stewardship Committee will review all award nominations and will recommend the most qualified entries to the State Forester. The State Forester will make the final selection. All entries will be judged based on these general evaluation criteria:

- relevance of the management objectives to priority resource issues and the Forest Stewardship Program.
- land stewardship accomplishments/improvements.
- nominee's promotion of forest stewardship for greater public awareness.
- nominee's degree of involvement (other related awards, memberships, etc.)

EVALUATION CRITERIA

General evaluation criteria will be further evaluated according to the following measures:

- *Landscape management*: the extent stewardship activities are implemented across property's landscape. Property size will not be weighted differently. Forest stewardship can happen on all property sizes.
- *Acres treated*: this is a measure to illustrate *Landscape management*. Provide a map of the property to show managed areas.
- *Longevity*: the duration of forest stewardship. Long-term forest stewardship will earn a higher score. Describe ecosystem response to forest management.
- *Integration*: the integration of forest stewardship principles as a means to express the diversity of landowner objectives. The [National Association of State Foresters Stewardship Handbook for Family Forest Owners](#) describes seven stewardship principles.
- *Outreach*: the use of property for forest stewardship information and education opportunities for the community.
- *Partnerships/memberships*: organizations the nominee is engaged in that relate to forest stewardship and resource management or other citizenship oriented-organizations. Also, the agencies and other partners who help with forest stewardship activities on the nominee's forest stewardship property.
- *Awards/recognitions*: the extent the nominee has been recognized as a forest steward in their community, especially the professional forestry community

→All grants will be scored based on the following:

Recognized as a Colorado Forest Stewardship Landowner or HOA with an active Forest Stewardship Plan (plan must be no more than 10 years old)		Yes = Eligible for scoring	No = Ineligible
Demonstrates Active Forest Management According to Forest Stewardship Plan		Yes = Eligible for scoring	No = Ineligible
1	How well does the nomination describe the integration of multiple NASF forest stewardship principles? (Note: preference will be given to forest steward nominations that clearly identify integration of forest stewardship principles)		
2	How well does the landowner manage resources across the landscape? (Note: preference will be given to forest steward nominations that illustrate landscape scale management and the potential benefits to the immediate and surrounding landscape)		
3	Has the landowner been a forest steward for a long time? (Note: preference will be given to forest steward nominations that show a long-term commitment to forest stewardship)		
4	How engaged is the landowner in delivering outreach to the community to promote forest stewardship? (Note: preference will be given to nominations that best describe the outreach opportunities to the community that promote forest stewardship)		
5	How engaged is the landowner in forest stewardship related organizations or other citizenship-related organizations? (Note: preference will be given to nominations that show active engagement with many forest stewardship related organizations)		
6	Is the landowner recognized through awards and other recognition programs for forest stewardship efforts? (Note: preference will be given to nominees who have a high level of recognition for their accomplishments and dedication to the forest stewardship program)		

PRESENTATION OF AWARD

The award recipient will be honored at a special award ceremony. The winner's nominator (and spouse) will also be invited to the event. Travel and lodging expenses will be provided if needed.



NOMINATION FORM
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NOMINEE INFORMATION

NAME(S) OF LANDOWNER/HOA _____

ADDRESS _____

TELEPHONE NUMBER(S) _____

NOMINATION SUBMITTED BY

NAME _____

ORGANIZATIONAL AFFILIATION _____

ADDRESS _____

TELEPHONE NUMBER(S) _____

GENERAL INFORMATION ABOUT THE PROPERTY

LOCATION (LEGAL DESCRIPTION, MAP OR AERIAL PHOTO, ETC.) AND SIZE
(ACRES COVERED BY FOREST STEWARDSHIP PLAN)

OWNERSHIP PATTERN (DEEDED, LEASED, STATE, FEDERAL)

LENGTH OF TIME OWNED BY NOMINEE _____

LENGTH OF TIME AS STEWARDSHIP FOREST _____

A. SUMMARY OF THE MANAGEMENT OBJECTIVES (ADDRESS APPLICATION OF STEWARDSHIP PRINCIPLES AS DESCRIBED IN THE NASF STEWARDSHIP HANDBOOK).

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B. LIST STEWARDSHIP ACTIVITIES IMPLEMENTED ON THE LAND (INCLUDE ACRES OF UNIT(S), WHEN IMPLEMENTED, ETC. PLEASE DESCRIBE IN SUFFICIENT DETAIL TO GIVE AN ACCURATE OVERVIEW OF THE SCOPE AND QUALITY OF NOMINEE'S ACTIVITIES. ATTACH MAP TO NOMINATION. (YOU MAY INCLUDE SUPPORTING EVIDENCE SUCH AS PHOTOS OF THE IMPROVEMENTS AND/OR MANAGEMENT ACTIVITIES)

C. WHAT SIGNIFICANT ACTIVITIES OR ACTIONS (OUTREACH) HAVE BEEN PERFORMED BY THE NOMINEE THAT PROMOTES FOREST STEWARDSHIP TO OTHERS?

D. BRIEFLY DESCRIBE HIS/HER STEWARDSHIP-RELATED INVOLVEMENTS AND/OR MEMBERSHIPS (PARTNERSHIPS AND MEMBERSHIPS).

E. BRIEFLY DESCRIBE WHAT MAKES THIS NOMINEE **OUTSTANDING**.

NOMINATOR'S SIGNATURE_____DATE_____

PLEASE SUBMIT NOMINATIONS ELECTRONICALLY. ALL SUBMITTED MATERIAL SHOULD BE NO LARGER THAN 8 1/2" X 11".

IF NECESSARY, YOU MAY ATTACH UP TO TWO ADDITIONAL PAGES OF NOMINATION INFORMATION. ALL MATERIALS BECOME PROPERTY OF THE AWARDS PROGRAM AND WILL NOT BE RETURNED. NOMINATION APPLICATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BY FEBRUARY 10, 2012.

FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION OR APPLICATIONS, CONTACT:
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