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Bob Budd Honored with the Kurt Bucholz Conservation Award

BIG PINEY – The Wyoming Stock Growers Land Trust awarded Bob Budd the fifth annual Kurt Bucholz Conservation Award at its annual Roundup Barbeque Saturday, August 25 in Big Piney.

Bob Budd is the Executive Director of the Wyoming Wildlife and Natural Resource Trust, a program established to enhance wildlife habitats and the natural resource heritage of Wyoming.

Prior to helping launch the WWNRT program, Budd was manager of Red Canyon Ranch, and Director of Land Management for The Nature Conservancy in Wyoming. In his work there, he was credited with developing and maintaining large-scale ecological process while maintaining economic production on a working cattle ranch. Before his tenure with TNC, Bob spent 15 years with the Wyoming Stock Growers Association, ten of those years as Executive Director.

Bob Budd has a Master of Science degree in Range Management, and Bachelor of Science degrees in Agricultural Business and Animal Science, all from the University of Wyoming. He is also trained in Holistic Resource Management and is a Certified Professional in Rangeland Management.

He is a past-president of the International Society for Range Management and the Wyoming Chapter of the Wildlife Society. He has facilitated development of management plans for the Big Sandy River, Sage-grouse, and Bighorn Sheep in Wyoming.

Bob and his wife Lynn have three children, all in college. In addition to his many professional accomplishments, Bob is an active volunteer in many community organizations, including Cheyenne Frontier Days.

The Kurt Bucholz Conservation Award is named for the late Dr. Kurt Bucholz DVM, one of the Stock Growers Land Trust's early supporters who, along with his wife Laura, ranched in Carbon County. For many years Dr. Bucholz devoted countless hours to his county and state. He demonstrated a keen understanding of state and local water issues, and was adamant about protecting the upper North Platte Valley's vital and historic water rights. A rare cancer claimed Kurt's life in December 2006. The Stock Growers Land Trust and Laura Bucholz created the Kurt Bucholz Conservation Award in 2008 to be presented annually to an individual who exemplifies Kurt's conservation values, particularly those that center on protecting and nourishing Wyoming's working ranches.

The Bucholz award honoree receives a bronze statue sculpted by Wyoming artist Jerry Palen that depicts the Stock Growers Land Trust horse and rider logo. Past recipients are Jim Chant, Joe Glode, Dennis Sun, and Dr. John Lunt.

About the Wyoming Stock Growers Land Trust

The Wyoming Stock Growers Land Trust is dedicated to conserving Wyoming's working family ranches and farms and the wide-open spaces, natural habitats, and rural communities they support. Founded by a vote of the general membership of the Wyoming Stock Growers Association in December 2000, the Wyoming Stock Growers Land Trust has conserved 170,000 acres of working ranchlands through 63 conservation easements with 49 families throughout Wyoming. For more information visit www.wsgalt.org or contact the Land Trust at 307.772.8751 or info@wsgalt.org.

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Bob Budd honored with 2012 Kurt Bucholz Conservation Award by the WY Stock Growers Land Trust.

A Jerry Palen bronze depicting the Stock Growers Land Trust horse and rider logo is awarded to the recipient of the Kurt Bucholz Conservation Award.

Bob Budd and Laura Bucholz.

Quote from Bob Budd: "It is an unbelievable honor to receive this award in the place where I learned my conservation ethic and my love for agricultural. "

