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Nominations sought for the Kurt Bucholz Award

CHEYENNE – The Wyoming Stock Growers Land Trust is seeking nominations for the Kurt Bucholz Award, which honors an individual who exemplifies the core beliefs held by Dr. Bucholz during his lifetime of dedicated public service and commitment to conservation.

The award was created in memory of Kurt Bucholz, DVM, a legislator and rancher from Saratoga, Wyoming. His wife, Laura Bucholz, and the Stock Growers Land Trust Board of Directors established the award in Dr. Bucholz's name in 2008. The award is presented each year to an individual who represents his conservation values, especially the conservation of working ranches.

“The Bucholz Award emphasizes the role of private enterprise and initiative in the conservation of Wyoming's working landscapes,” Dr. John Lunt, former Stock Growers Land Trust board member and 2009 award recipient, said. “This sets it apart from other such recognitions.”

The Kurt Bucholz award is presented by the Stock Growers Land Trust at its Annual Roundup Barbecue. Past award recipients are: Dennis Sun – 2008; Dr. John Lunt – 2009; Joe Glode – 2010; Jim Chant – 2011 and Bob Budd - 2012. Each year, renowned artist Jerry Palen volunteers his time and talent to create a bronze award depicting the Stock Growers Land Trust horse and rider logo.

Individuals eligible for nomination will have achieved a lasting impact in one or more of the following ways:

- Ardent supporter of conserving Wyoming's working landscapes and one who recognizes the indispensable role of ranching in this endeavor.
- Astute and successful rancher and land steward who has been active in state and/or national natural resource issues, and a strong proponent of private enterprise and private solutions for conservation in Wyoming.
- A background of actions promoting the bedrock importance of water to Wyoming and the vital significance of protecting traditional water rights.
- A strong and abiding interest in hunting and wildlife and a personal commitment to habitat conservation.

Submissions are due by May 15, 2013. Please direct questions to Lance Schutte at (307) 772-8751 or lance@wsgalt.org. Nomination forms can be found, and submitted, online at www.wsgalt.org.

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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 Stock Growers Land Trust has conserved 190,000 acres of working ranchlands on 68 conservation easements throughout Wyoming.