

Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation (RMEF) – Elk Conservation Award:

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) and the RMEF annually recognize people and projects via the Elk Conservation Award in these three categories: individual achievement, habitat enhancement, and partnership. The awards will be presented at the RMEF's annual *Elk Camp and Hunting, Fishing, and Outdoor Expo* to be held February 2-4, 2012, in Las Vegas, Nevada.

Nominees for the *Individual Achievement* must have actively worked in collaboration with both the BLM and RMEF. Candidates must have at least five years of experience working in the area of researching, managing, conserving, or enhancing elk habitat. Candidates must meet the following criteria through either successful program and/or project management:

- individual commitment,
- benefits to elk and elk habitat, and
- long-term success.

To nominate *Habitat Enhancement* programs and/or projects for an award, both the BLM and the RMEF must have actively participated in the program or project. Projects initiated prior to 2011 may be considered for the award, but completion of the project must occur by the 2011 submission date. For projects having multiple phases or continuing over multiple years, the nomination must state a definite completion point and the product or accomplishment. The following evaluation criteria will be used in the selection process:

- focused on landscape or watershed scale,
- acreage affected,
- habitat type(s) and importance of habitat,
- diversity of tools utilized (e.g., prescribed burning, easements, weed control),
- benefits to elk and other wildlife species, and,
- stewardship.

The nomination of a *Partnership* for an award must represent active participation by the BLM and the RMEF as well as a diversity of other partners and include various approaches to facilitate landscape-scale elk habitat enhancement and/or protection. The following are the evaluation criteria:

- number and diversity of partners involved,
- area of importance (e.g., critical winter range, critical migration corridor, calving area),
and
- acreage affected.

The Elk Conservation Award nominations must be submitted to Linda Cardenas, BLM National Liaison to the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation, at linda_cardenas@blm.gov **no later than December 2, 2011.**

Nomination Form for Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation Elk Conservation Awards

**USDI BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT
and
ROCKY MOUNTAIN ELK FOUNDATION ELK CONSERVATION AWARD
NOMINATION FORM**

I. GENERAL INFORMATION

Project/Individual Name: _____

Category: _____

Project Location: State, County, nearest Town/City (and BLM District and Field Office – if applicable)

Inclusive Dates of Project or Individual Achievements: _____

II. PROJECT DESCRIPTION/INDIVIDUAL ACHIEVMENT: (Provide a concise narrative of the project and its benefits. The narrative must include the project scope by listing the number of acres, number and type of events, public outreach, etc. Also include the type of habitat, benefit to elk, benefit to other species, management objective, etc.)

III. BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT INVOLVEMENT: (Provide a brief narrative describing the BLM role in this project and describe tangible benefits of this project.)

BLM Employee(s)/Unit to be Recognized:

Name _____ **Contribution** _____

IV. PARTNER INVOLVEMENT: (Provide a brief narrative describing the role of partners in the project; include names as well as indirect or in-kind services.)

Partner(s) to be Recognized (Organization or Individual)

Name _____ **Contribution** _____

IMPORTANT NOTE: Nominations must be in this format. The form may be expanded by inserting additional lines. The completed form may not exceed 3 pages of 12 pt type. Additional information will not be considered.

MAKING TRACKS

2012 AWARD NOMINATIONS FORM

The *National Making Tracks with the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Awards* recognizes people and projects on BLM administered lands in four categories. The *Habitat Management Projects* category is a single year award for projects that best incorporate active wild turkey management into ecosystem management projects that significantly benefit habitat improvement for the wild turkey; the *Habitat Management Programs* category is a multiple year award that recognizes program accomplishments that benefits wild turkeys over multiple years; the *Partnership Achievement* category is in recognition of accomplishments in strengthening and expanding the partnership between the BLM and the National Wild Turkey Federation; and the *Conservation Education* category is a multiple year award that recognizes accomplishments in which the BLM has had substantial involvement in the planning or execution of Conservation Education Programs that highlight wild turkey restoration, management and conservation. Please send one form for each category in which you nominate a person or a group to National Wild Turkey Federation, Attn: Dale Tribby, BLM-Miles City FO, 111 Garryowen Road, Miles City, MT 59301. The award proposals will then be submitted to the awards committee who will evaluate the national award nominees in each category. The awards will be presented at the annual convention of the 36th Annual National Wild Turkey Federation National Convention and Sport Show to be held February 9-12, 2012, in Nashville, Tennessee.

One individual or group will be recognized within each category and be awarded the *National Making Tracks with the BLM Award*. Please describe your nomination information as completely and concisely as possible. The review criteria will consist of the project description, number of acres involved, integration with BLM natural resource management, benefit to wild turkeys and associated species, partners involved, visibility, outreach and public awareness.

2012 MAKING TRACKS AWARD NOMINATION FORM

1. Individual or Group Award

2. Name of individual or group:

3. **Category:** (check one) Habitat Management Projects Habitat Management Programs
Partnership Achievement Program Conservation Education Program
(Use a separate form if you want to nominate the same person for more than one category.)

4. Name, address, phone, fax and e-mail of nominee:

5. Project title:

6. Project location:

7. Name, address, phone, fax, and e-mail of nominator:

8. Names, addresses, phone, fax and e-mail of up to three people who are familiar with the project and nominee's work:

9. **Description of project or accomplishment:** (Provide a brief narrative outlining the scope, objectives, acres involved, method, time frame, and results of the project. Include the number of acres where habitat was enhanced).

10. Describe how the project was integrated with BLM natural resource management:

11. Describe the benefit to wild turkeys and associated species:

12. Describe the partners involved and their involvement with the project (total hours, value of in-kind services, monetary contribution):

13. Describe the visibility of the project to the general public, members of the National Wild Turkey Federation and local chapters:

14. Describe the type and amount of outreach that was done and the public awareness that was achieved by the project:

15. Other important information (videos and/or pictures are encouraged):

Please return nomination information by **December 2, 2011**, to:

Dale Tribby
BLM-Miles City FO
111 Garryowen Road
Miles City, MT 59301
Telephone: 406 233 2812
Fax: 406 233 2921
Email: dale_tribby@blm.gov

MDF – Mule Deer Conservation Award

This award is established to recognize a BLM field office or employee for development and implementation of a project that exemplifies excellence in mule deer and/or black-tailed deer

conservation. This includes maintaining and enhancing the productivity of mule deer and black-tail deer populations and/or their habitats. This award may not be presented annually, since only the most outstanding accomplishments will be recognized. The award selection committee will consist of four members: two BLM employees (one from the Washington Office, one from a selected BLM state) and two members of the Mule Deer Foundation. The Mule Deer Foundation Awards will be presented at the Mule Deer Foundation Annual Convention to be held in conjunction with the Western Hunting & Conservation Exposition, February 9-12, 2012, in Salt Lake City, Utah. Nominations must be submitted to Linda Cardenas at linda_cardenas@blm.gov **no later than December 2, 2011.**

The following nomination guidelines apply:

- Nomination must include one project or a group of projects for each unit nominated. The intent is to recognize units or individual(s) for either an individual project, or multiple projects. Multiple projects will not necessarily rank higher than single projects. Unit accomplishments will be evaluated based on their overall value and contributions to mule deer or black-tailed deer conservation,
- Submitted projects may include land and habitat protection, management or restoration, conservation education, research or other projects that contribute to the conservation of mule deer and/or black-tailed deer,
- Projects should occur on BLM lands at a minimum, but projects that include multiple ownerships are encouraged,
- Nomination must include a project or projects that have involvement by the BLM and Mule Deer Foundation. Other partnerships are encouraged but not required,
- Projects may have been initiated prior to 2011, but completion of the project must occur by the submission date of **December 2, 2011**,
- Nominations may include projects from field office, district, and/or state offices,
- Project nominations may be re-submitted if it is not selected for an award in a given year. However, the project may not be submitted more than three times.

The Nomination Package Project Description must include:

- Project title(s) (provide a title for each project if multiple projects are identified/unit),
- Date project(s) initiated and completed (if ongoing, then estimate completion date),
- Brief narrative of dollars and in-kind contribution for all projects and partners involved (including BLM),
- Partners involved and a brief narrative of their contributions,
- The BLM office and brief narrative of their contributions,
- Habitat value/importance (Example: critical winter range, critical migration corridor, fawning area, summer range, etc.) associated with project(s),
- Total acreage affected,
- Habitat type(s) affected, and
- Benefits and importance for mule deer/blacktail deer and other wildlife species.

**THE BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT
and
MULE DEER FOUNDATION
MULE DEER/BLACKTAIL DEER CONSERVATION AWARD**

NOMINATION FORM

I. GENERAL INFORMATION:

A) Unit being nominated:

Project(s) Location: BLM Field Office(s), District(s), or State Office(s), other Federal administrative units (e.g., Ranger District(s), National Forest(s), Regional Office(s), or Research Station(s), and/or private land designation.

II. PROJECT(s) DESCRIPTION: (Provide a concise narrative for each project identified/unit by addressing the award criteria.)

Contact Person:

Phone Number:

Email: