

Awards Criteria and Nomination Form for the Presidential Migratory Bird Federal Stewardship Award

Award Announcement and Criteria

The Council for the Conservation of Migratory Birds seeks nominations for the **2015 Presidential Migratory Bird Stewardship Award** (Award). Nominations for the Award are due no later than January 10, 2016 to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS). Nominees can be a single federal agency, a federal agency and public or private partners, or multiple federal agencies. **All nominations from Bureau of Land Management (BLM) offices must be submitted by January 11, 2016 to Geoff Walsh (WO-230) for submission to the FWS.** Nominations must be related to an action or project that has occurred in the last 10 years (i.e., initiated no earlier than January 2006).

Background:

Executive Order (EO) 13186 (*Responsibilities of Federal Agencies to Protect Migratory Birds*), signed in 2001, established that migratory birds are of great value to the United States and other countries. In recognition of that value, the EO directs federal agencies to support the conservation intent of the migratory bird conventions by integrating, to the extent practicable, principles, measures, and practices into agency activities that benefit migratory bird resources. To view the EO, please go to: <http://www.fws.gov/migratorybirds/Partnerships/migbrdeo.pdf>.

Presidential Migratory Bird Stewardship Award Goals:

The **Presidential Migratory Bird Stewardship Award** will annually recognize a single project or action conducted by or in partnership with a federal agency that meets the intent and spirit of the EO by focusing on migratory bird conservation. Actions may involve reducing existing or potential adverse impacts to migratory birds and their habitats, restoring or enhancing migratory bird habitat, and incorporating conservation of migratory birds and their habitat into agency plans, guidance, or other activities. The action should demonstrate leadership in inspiring others to further migratory bird conservation. This could include developing and implementing best management practices, a policy action, or research.

Nomination Procedure:

A single BLM nomination will be submitted to Meghan.Sadlowski@fws.gov by WO-230. A federal agency may submit only one nomination to FWS; WO-230 will evaluate all nominations and submit the best nomination for the award. Nominations submitted in previous years may be resubmitted for consideration. The award will be presented in May 2016.

Nomination applications and instructions are attached and are also available on the FWS website at (<http://www.fws.gov/migratorybirds>). For questions or more information, please contact Geoff Walsh at gwalsh@blm.gov or by calling 202-912-7271.

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Nomination Application

Goal of Award:

An Award acknowledges an action [see Award Announcement for definition] conducted by or in partnership with a federal agency that contributes to migratory bird conservation, meeting the intent and spirit of EO 13186. The Agency's action demonstrates a leadership role in inspiring others to take action in migratory bird conservation. This could include developing and implementing Best Management Practices, a policy action, or research.

1. Applicant must be a federal agency. If more than one, list the lead agency.
2. Co-applicant(s) if any; can be federal or non-federal entity. A co-applicant is a major contributor to the outcome of the project (e.g., without their contribution, the action would not have occurred).
3. In two pages or less, describe how the action contributes to overall migratory bird conservation. Be sure to highlight areas in which the action exceeds daily activities and/or agency mandates, and represents a leadership role in migratory bird conservation.
4. When was the action initiated? Initiation date must be 2003 or later.
5. Does the action take place locally, regionally, nationally or internationally? Please explain.
6. How does the action meet or exceed agency mandates or daily activities?
7. Explain how the action promotes or results in effective migratory bird conservation.
8. Provide details that demonstrate how the action is innovative.
9. Describe the roles and responsibilities of partners (if any). Partners are associated with the action through monetary or in-kind support.
10. How might the action be transferrable to other sites managed by this or other federal agencies? Does the action contribute to a tangible need locally, regionally, nationally, or internationally? How is this being encouraged? Please explain.
11. How does/did the action impact the agency's current migratory bird conservation practices?
12. How does the action benefit migratory bird species of concern?