

1. Linda Seibert Career Achievement Award

- Bureau of Land Management Biologist or Manager who exemplifies the characteristics and professional dedication of one of BLM's finest biologists
- Employee who has significantly contributed to the conservation of fish, wildlife, and/or botanic resources over the course of their career

Criteria

1. developed strong working relationships with other individuals or organizations
2. made consistent contributions to natural resources
3. had a long-term natural resources career (20+ years)
4. accomplished work through innovation and creativity, and
5. established and developed partnerships throughout their career

2. Jim Yoakum Emerging Professional Award

Recognizes an early to mid-career BLM wildlife biologist or fisheries biologist who has demonstrated a high level of professionalism, leadership, and commitment to managing wildlife and fisheries on public lands

The *Jim Yoakum Emerging Professional Award* recognizes the accomplishment of early to mid-career BLM wildlife or fisheries biologists who have shown the initiative to make notable contributions to their profession.

The award is presented to a current early to mid-career (first 10 years of employment) Wildlife or Fisheries Biologists whose leadership, projects, or programs have been recognized by others as advancing the goals of improving or conserving wildlife and fisheries resources.

- Nominations should describe how the nominee has demonstrated exceptional dedication to resolving complex or controversial wildlife management or conservation issues.
- Nominees should also possess outstanding communication skills and a proven track record of productive working relationships with other federal/state agencies and stakeholders.
- Nominees should have demonstrated active participation at local, regional, or national levels in appropriate professional societies, such as The Wildlife Society, The American Fisheries Society, Ecological Society of America, and Society for Conservation Biology.

Nominations will be accepted from:

- State Directors
- Other Agencies
- Professional Societies
- Non-Governmental Organizations

Nominations must be submitted to **Geoff Walsh, Wildlife Biologist**, at gwalsh@blm.gov **no later than January 10, 2018**