



## **Excellence in Wildlife Stewardship through Science and Education**

### **Wildlife Professional Award Call for Nominations**

The New Mexico Chapter of The Wildlife Society is soliciting nominations for the Wildlife Professional Award. This award will be presented on February 8<sup>th</sup>, 2019 at the Joint Annual Meeting of the New Mexico and Arizona Chapters of The Wildlife Society and the Arizona/New Mexico Chapter of the American Fisheries Society in Flagstaff, AZ. Please **submit nominations by December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2018** electronically to **Dr. Bill Dunn** ([Bill@BigPictureConservation.com](mailto:Bill@BigPictureConservation.com)).

**Description:** The Wildlife Professional Award is bestowed annually upon a wildlife professional for outstanding contributions to their field within the state of New Mexico. Recipients may be practitioners in research, education, management, conservation, law enforcement or legislation, but must have demonstrated excellence in their field related to wildlife in the state of New Mexico. The award is based on the significance of contributions made to the field, and may include contributions made over an entire career or over a shorter period of time. Recipients should be currently employed or recently retired wildlife professionals in one of the above-stated fields.

**Nomination Format and Evaluation Criteria:** The nomination should be a brief (no more than 1 page), but persuasive narrative describing why the nominee is deserving of the Wildlife Professional Award. Nominations should address the specific significance of the contribution(s) to wildlife management or wildlife biology in the state of New Mexico for which the individual is being nominated. These contributions may include pioneering or innovative wildlife research or management strategies, performance exceeding normal job requirements, or exemplary leadership within the array of wildlife-related professions described above. Contributions may also include efforts leading to increased public awareness of a specific wildlife-related issue, or demonstrated excellence in surmounting obstacles in pursuit of improved management and/or conservation. Nominations should also include contact information for the nominee, as well as a synopsis of their educational and professional background.

**Award Decision:** Members of the board of the New Mexico Chapter of The Wildlife Society review nominations prior to the Joint Annual Meeting, and present the award at that meeting. Additional information on the recipient of the award may be requested from nominators prior to the Joint Annual Meeting.