

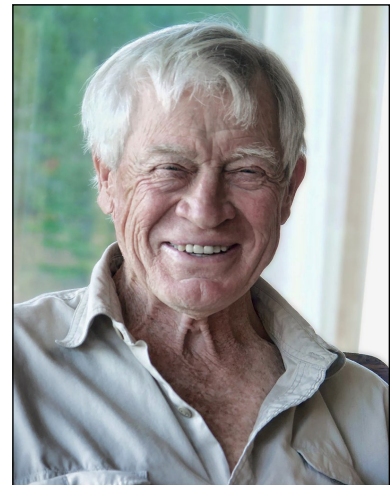
## LEN & SANDY SARGENT STEWARDSHIP RECIPIENT

2021

Farwell Smith

Farwell Smith, a longtime friend of the Sargents, was selected as the 20th Sargent Stewardship Awardee. Like the award's namesakes, Farwell has devoted much of his life to protecting and conserving landscapes in Montana and this region with passion, skill and insight. He, too, exemplifies effective and informed volunteer environmental activism and great generosity, which are indispensable to success.

After beginning his career as an investment banker, Farwell joined the Carter Administration, in the 1970s, to work on energy research and development issues that were and are so crucial to the equilibrium and evolution of the biological communities in which we live. He soon realized that he could do more to safeguard those communities by working with The Wilderness Society (TWS) to help set aside large, relatively untouched areas of our national landscape in which natural processes could be observed, understood and appreciated. Before long, Farwell became the organization's chief fundraiser.



*Farwell Smith*

Upon moving to Montana decades ago, Farwell settled into a new career as a rancher and brought the same environmental focus and intense commitment he had exerted on the national stage. While continuing his role as a trustee of national organizations such as the Environmental Defense Fund, he shifted his attention to Montana and the Greater Yellowstone Ecosystem, serving on the boards of and financially supporting the Absaroka-Beartooth Wilderness Foundation, the Cottonwood Resource Council, the Greater Yellowstone Coalition, High Country News, the Montana Chapter of the Nature Conservancy, and the Land and Water Fund of the Rockies. Together, he and his wife Linda have also made significant gifts to many regional nonprofits including the Northern Plains Resource Council and the Montana Environmental Information Center.

Farwell's recognition for always standing up, confronting opposition directly, and making the case for fighting to preserve and protect our wildlands, wildlife, and natural resources was accompanied by a special grant of \$5,000, which his widow designated to be shared equally by Greater Yellowstone Coalition and Northern Plains Resource Council.