The Cinnabar Foundation Board of Directors honored Land Lindbergh with its fourth Len and Sandy Sargent Stewardship Award because of his long-time leadership and community activism in the Blackfoot River watershed.

Since the mid-1960s, when he arrived in the Blackfoot Valley, Land has distinguished himself as a tireless advocate for clean water, open space, and wildlife, and for his unique ability to bring consensus to conservation advocacy. His integrity, common sense, and gentle persistence helped defuse potential conflicts whenever issues arose.

Land’s quiet and respectful work with neighbors and others built trust and found common ground that led to consensus on issues that include the creation, protection and management of the Blackfoot River recreation corridor; the introduction and adoption of the state block management program and conservation easement legislation; and the advocacy of land use planning, water management, and forest stewardship. All of these issues were enhanced by Land’s dedicated service on the boards of Trout Unlimited, the Blackfoot Challenge, the Five Valleys Land Trust, as well as his service to the governor-appointed commission of Montana’s Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks.

No matter what the challenge — river access, drought response, weed control, water allocation, or forestry — Land was always there to help. By nature a soft-spoken leader, he has a rock-solid impact on the landscape, a fine legacy for the future generations who will inherit a healthy river to run through their lives.

Land’s recognition for outstanding environmental achievement included a $5,000 Special Award grant to the Blackfoot Challenge.