

LEN & SANDY SARGENT STEWARDSHIP RECIPIENT

2005

Gene and Linda Sentz

The seventh Len and Sandy Sargent Stewardship Award honored Gene and Linda Sentz for demonstrating the importance of coupling conservation advocacy with community service.

As active participants in their community, Gene and Linda bring well-deserved credibility and power to the lengthy debate over the future of the Rocky Mountain Front. For nearly 20 years, their persistent, reliable and effective work has far exceeded what any other two people might hope to accomplish and have been instrumental in preserving the Front as a conservation masterpiece.



As active and vocal opponents of oil and gas exploration along the Front, Gene and Linda demonstrate more than passion for landscape and an intimate knowledge of the resource issues fueling the debate over this wild place. They also are profoundly entwined and committed to the human community of the Rocky Mountain Front, helping their less fortunate neighbors by distributing food; raising money to help pay for basic needs, including heat, lights, childcare and housing; and literally holding the hands of the dying. The local Kiwanis Club affirmed the value of their community work by naming Linda Sentz, Choteau's 2004 "Citizen of the Year."

The Sentz's recognition for outstanding environmental achievement included a \$5,000 Special Award grant to the Montana Wilderness Association.