

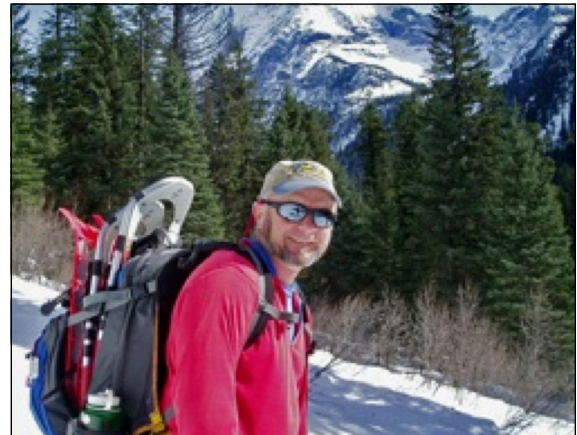
LEN & SANDY SARGENT STEWARDSHIP RECIPIENT

2006

Keith Hammer

The eighth Len and Sandy Sargent Stewardship Award recognized Keith Hammer, active citizen and founder of the Swan View Coalition.

It is said that democracy belongs to those who show up. In a 2004 article for the Swan View Coalition newsletter, Keith wrote: "Stand firmly upon the land you love when you write your next letter to the editor, legislators, or congressperson. The path ahead begins with where you stand." There never has been any doubt about where Keith stands on issues of conservation and environmental protection. Whenever those values are challenged, Keith Hammer shows up.



Keith's record of accomplishments is long and proud, beginning with an introduction to the landscape as both a logger and an employee of the U.S. Forest Service. He emerged from these experiences with a dedication to the land and the life of the forest that has not wavered over three decades. During that time, Keith created the Swan View Coalition, defended the landscape from damaging timber and road projects, reined in rampant ORV use, embraced reclamation of ravaged places, protected endangered wildlife, and challenged intemperate mining proposals. When his adversaries turned "hard right," Keith stood firm against the peddlers of hate, threat, and intimidation. And when the dust settled, he remained standing — unbowed.

Keith's recognition for outstanding environmental achievement included a \$5,000 Special Award grant to the Swan View Coalition.