

## LEN & SANDY SARGENT STEWARDSHIP RECIPIENT

2017

Tim Aldrich

Tim Aldrich was selected as the 18th Sargent Stewardship Awardee for his willingness to jump into a fire — whether as a standout Grizzly basketball player, a longtime smokejumper, a dedicated Forest Service administrator, or an enthusiastic all-around outdoorsman. Raised by his parents to “never doubt that you could do something” was a lesson Tim took to heart.

After a long and distinguished career with the U.S. Forest Service, Tim “retired” to embrace his family’s legacy of conservation and went right back to work as a volunteer. Like his father, the legendary Don Aldrich, Tim has never been bashful about speaking up and sharing his perspective on myriad conservation issues. At the same time, he built a reputation as a good listener and dependable team player.

From an early age, Tim realized that success is not about the individual — it’s about the team — and modeled that philosophy as president of the Montana Wildlife Federation, a founder and president of Hellgate Hunters and Anglers, and the chair of Missoula’s Open Space Committee. His common sense and ability to puzzle through complex problems informed his service as a charter member of Montana Fish, Wildlife and Park’s Region 2 Citizen Advisory Council, as well as membership in the department’s Finding Common Ground Working Group and its Licensing and Funding Advisory Council. Tim’s ability to identify commonalities and work through differences earned him a 2017 gubernatorial appointment as a member of the Montana Fish and Wildlife Commission. Earlier, Missoula’s Conservation Roundtable recognized his leadership with an award named in his father’s honor: the Don Aldrich Fish, Wildlife and Conservation Award.

Tim Aldrich’s recognition for outstanding environmental achievement within Montana and the Greater Yellowstone Ecosystem was accompanied by a special grant of \$5,000 from the Cinnabar Foundation, which he designated to be shared by the Montana Wildlife Federation and the National Wildlife Federation.



*Robin Tawney Nichols, Cinnabar Foundation chair, presenting Sargent Stewardship Award to Tim Aldrich.*