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### Montana's 2018 Outdoor Hall of Fame Inductees Announced – Banquet Set for Dec. 1 in Helena

The Montana Outdoor Hall of Fame (MOHF) announced today its class of inductees for 2018.

“It is a remarkable list of men and women whose accomplishments span a lifetime of keeping watch over Montana’s natural wonders,” said Bruce Whittenberg, director of the Montana Historical Society and member of MOHF.

This year, a review group led by the MOHF executive committee selected 16 inductees from 39 candidates nominated by the public. The new class of Montana Outdoor Hall of Famers—the third since 2014—will be honored during an induction ceremony and banquet on Dec. 1 at the Marriott Colonial Hotel in Helena.

The MHOFF was created to honor individuals, both living and posthumously, who made lasting contributions to the restoration and conservation of Montana’s wildlife and wild places. The awards also seek to capture the stories of those enshrined to enhance public awareness of Montana’s conservation history.

“The Hall of Fame inductees cover a range of personalities who worked in the public and private sectors, and more times than not on their own, to advance what could be called Montana’s conservation consciousness,” said Thomas Baumeister who chairs the MOHF.

This year’s honorees are:

- Charles Allard–Ravalli and Michel Pablo–Pablo. For bison conservation
- Jack Atcheson, Sr.–Butte. For public access advocacy
- Arnold and Helen Bolle–Missoula. For forestry education and wilderness advocacy
- Dale Burk–Stevensville. For environmental journalism
- Smoke Elser–Missoula. For wilderness outfitting and advocacy
- George Grant–Butte. For fly-fishing innovations and Big Hole River conservation
- Stan Meyer–Great Falls. For fish, wildlife and land conservation
- Len Sargent and Sandy Sargent–Cinnabar Basin. For environmental philanthropy
- P.D. Skaar–Bozeman. For stewardship and study of native birds
- Gail Small–Lame Deer. For environmental protection in Indian Country
- Phil Tawney and Robin Tawney-Nichols–Missoula. For environmental advocacy
- Jack Ward Thomas–Missoula. For establishing ecosystem management priorities at the U.S. Forest Service

In addition to the Montana Historical Society, other partners involved in the MHOFF include the Montana’s Outdoor Legacy Foundation, Montana Wildlife Federation, Montana Wilderness Association, Montana Trout Unlimited, and Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks.

MOHF inductees are archived at the Montana Historical Society in Helena.

For more information and to purchase tickets for the December 1st banquet, visit [www.montanaoutdoorhalloffame.org](http://www.montanaoutdoorhalloffame.org). Contact Ariel Rademaker at [ariel.halloffame@gmail.com](mailto:ariel.halloffame@gmail.com) or Mitch King at 406-897-2570.