

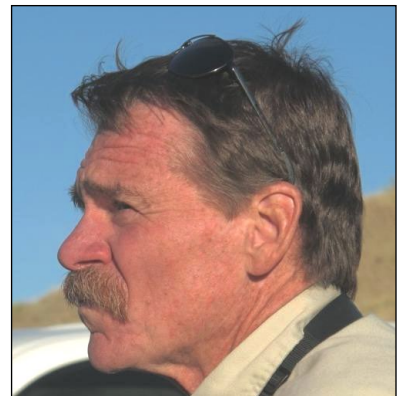
LEN & SANDY SARGENT STEWARDSHIP RECIPIENT

2022

Rick Potts

Rick Potts was selected as the 21st Len and Sandy Sargent Stewardship Awardee. Time and time again, he, like the award's namesakes, rolled up his sleeves to support Montana's many nonprofit conservation organizations after an impressive career with various agencies in the U.S. Department of Interior.

While at the DOI, Potts managed National Parks and Wildlife Refuges all over the country, including the Charles M. Russell National Wildlife Refuge in Montana. His work in training wilderness managers and developing policies for wilderness and back country conservation and recreation made a positive impact on Montana's wild places as well as on wildernesses and wild lands throughout the nation.



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Potts' volunteer conservation commitments included serving as President of the Missoula Chapter of Back Country Horsemen and as a board member, board president, and, finally, interim executive director of Montana Conservation Voters. Potts' participation and leadership in these and many other organizations always came with a smile.

Cinnabar also recognized his longstanding efforts to engage youth in outdoor recreation and conservation by developing and implementing governmental and nongovernmental programs to get kids into the outdoors where they could learn to appreciate our wildlands. Potts has been steadfast in helping ensure future generations of enthusiasts and supporters of Montana's learn air and water, its wildlife and its wild places.

Potts' recognition for outstanding achievement in conservation for the people, critters and wild places of Montana and the Greater Yellowstone Ecosystem was accompanied by a special grant of \$5,000, which he has designated to be shared by Backcountry Hunters and Anglers (Montana Chapter), Montana Conservation Voters Education Fund, and the Montana Natural History Center.