

MWCA Awards History

(Records are as complete as found –or not- in past newsletters! Some years, awards were not given in categories.)

Weed Stopper of the Year

- 1989 - Steve Beck, Pondera County & Reeves Petroff, Gallatin County
- 1990 – Celestine Lacey, Reeves Petroff, Ed Billingsley, Stan Huhtala,
Stan Surber & Orlando Terland
- 1991 - John Day, Ron Barondeau & Larry Beneker
- 1992 – James Kinniburgh & Donald Roe, Flathead County
Scott Lusk, Sula Ranger Dist.
Bob Wison, Lincoln County
Bob Rich, Dept. of State Lands, Msla County
- 1998 – Judy Wargo
- 2001 – Pfaffinger Ranch
- 2002 – Jennifer Cramer
- 2003 – Tom Leo & Mary Ann Anderson
- 2004 – Matthew Stewart, Jay McPhail & Leo Cunningham & Kara Davis
- 2006 – Mark Blomberg & Scott Fillingham, Ravalli County
- 2007 – Brad Sturdevant, Ravalli County
- 2009 – Mark Petroni & Peter Lesica

Youth Award

- 1984 – Norma Lynn, Martins Dale Rough Riders 4H Club
- 1985 – Mike Stoltz, Vailer
Beck Knapp, Hysham
Casey Mueller, Polson
John Elliot, Chinook
- 1986 – Koy Holland, Dillon
- 1989 – Sara Sartorious, Helena High School
- 1990 - Bobby Fouhy, Daniels County
- 1998 – Jesse Hanna, Sanders County,
- 1993 – Lyle Shammel, Hilger.
- 1999 – Tyson Stratton, Whitehall HS
- 2000 – Mary Anne Anderson, Big Timber
- 2001 – Josh Lewis, Chester
- 2002 – Daniel Truesdell & Alicia Cox
- 2003 – Jennie Esp, Big Timber
- 2004 – Reid Buckley, Roundup
- 2005 – Danielle Erickson, Ramsey & Maleaya Lee, Superior
- 2006 – Townsend Bug & Weed Mapping Kids
- 2007 – MT. Conservation Corp
- 2008 – Cindy Vaughn
- 2008 – Logan McNeil, L & C County 4-H

Youth Group Award

- 1991 - Heart of the Snowies 4H Club
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- 1994 – Toston Blue Ribbon 4H Club
- 2002 – WOW, Whitehall HS
- 2003 – Colstrip HS Advanced Science Class

Agency Weed Fighter

- 1998 – Scott Powers & Beaverhead County & Whitepine Happy Workers 4-H club
- 1999 – Martha Jo Smith, Sanders Co Rush Skeleton Weed Project
- 2001 – Craig Roberts, DNRC
- 2002 – Hank McNeel, BLM
- 2003 – Fred King, FWP
- 2004 – Larry Beneker, BIA
- 2005 – Dan Williams, DOT
- 2006 – Mike Mooney, BLM
- 2007 – Dr. Rodney Kott
- 2008 – Susan McNeill, USFS
- 2009 – Gil Gale, USFS

Weed District of the Year *(must go five years before nominee can be awarded again.)*

- 1988 – Lewis & Clark County
- 1989 – Roosevelt County, Henry Lannen
- 1990 – Jerry Weber, Carbon County
- 1991 – Terry Turner, Hill County
- 1992 – Reeves Petroff, Gallatin County
- 1993 – Neil Peterson, Madison County
- 1994 – Dale Hankins – Chouteau County
- 1995 – Jim Freeman- Cascade County
- 1996 – Jack Eddie- Beaverhead County
- 1997 – Bob Carlson- Butte Silverbow County
- 1998 – Marcy Williams, Lincoln County
- 1999 – Dave Burch, Jefferson County
- 2000 – Jim Ghekiere, Liberty County
- 2001 – Jed Fisher, Flathead County
- 2002 – Scott Bockness, Yellowstone County
- 2003 – Paul Wick, Teton County
- 2004 – Jennifer Cramer, Treasure County
- 2005 – John Day, Ravalli County
- 2006 – Jason Smith, Powell County
- 2007 – Dan Williams, Lincoln County
- 2008 – Rick Stellflug- Valley County

2009 – Terry Turner, Hill County

Outstanding Commissioner

2005 – Garth Haugland, Beaverhead County
2006 – Dave Schulz, Madison County
2007 – Arnie Gettel, Teton County
2008 – Tom Rice, Beaverhead County
2009 - Ken Ronish, Fergus County Weed

Outstanding Weed Board Member

2003 – Pat Zeiler, Ravalli County
2004 – Dean Stanchfield, Beaverhead County
2005 – Colleen Gustafson, Glacier County
2006 – Johnnie Johnston, Richland County
2007 – Bob Siebrasse, Hill County
2008 – Eugene Larson, Roosevelt County
2009 – Bill Michaels, Jr – Yellowstone County

Weed Fighter of the Year

1984 – Celestine Lacey, MSU
1985 – Bill Reilly, Standford, MT.
1986 – Robert Pugsley, Chester, MT.
1987 – Bill Dopp, Flathead Co.
1988 – Stan Huhtala, Bureau of Reclamation
1989 – Lavern & Vivian Keil, Conrad, MT.
1990 - Pat Kane, MDOT, Butte
1991 – Blanche Rodgers of Wipe Out Weed
1992 – Donna Pratt, Scobey MT.
1994 – Phelan Ranch, Mile City
1999 – Jim Larson, Columbus HS Vo-Ag
2000 – Hank McNeel, BLM & Wayne Pearson, Stillwater County
2001 – Siv Seidensticker, Twin Bridges, MT
2002 – Marina Smith, Cameron, MT
2003 – Maureen Connor, Philipsburg, MT
2004 – Bob Bushnell, Lincoln, MT
2005 – Wayne & Rosella Meredith
2006 – Clinton Phipps
2007 – Fred Hoff
2008 – FE Mars, Diamond Cross Ranch
2009 – Diana Ericson, Buxton

Weed Fighters United

- 1999 – Beaverhead County Search & Rescue
- 2002 – Teton River Watershed Group
- 2003 – Madison Valley Ranchlands Group Weed Committee
- 2004 – WOW Whitehall HS
- 2005 – Birney Landowner Group
- 2006 – MDA girls, Tonda Moon, Carol Bearden & Kim Johnson
- 2007 – Big Hole Watershed Weed Committee
- 2008 – Stillwater Weed Management Area
- 2009 – Smith River Habitat Project

Outstanding Industry Representative

- 2003 – Steve Saunders, Dow AgroSciences
- 2004 – Butch Holec, Warne Chemical
- 2005 – Jim Gordon, UAP Timberland
- 2006 – Shawn Jones, J2 Weed Control
- 2007 – Will Hogan, Heliworks
- 2008 – Westland Feeds
- 2009 – Jim Gordon, Crop Protection Services

Monumental Screw-up of the Year

- 2003 – Steve Saunders, Dow AgroSciences
- 2004 – Dale Butori, Fallon County Weed & Jack Eddie Beaverhead Co.
- 2005 – Dave Rickett, Dawson County Weed District
- 2006 – Todd Maki, Maki Weed Control & Terry “Tordon” Turner, Hill County Weed
- 2007 – Jack Eddie, Beaverhead Weed District
- 2008 – Lacy Decker, Butte BLM
- 2009 – Dan Dobler, DNRC, Helena.

Barb Mullin Lifetime Achievement

- 2002 – Jim Olivarez, USFS
- 2003 – Hank McNeel, BLM & Wayne Pearson, Stillwater County Weed District
- 2004 - Jerry Marks, Missoula County Extension Agent
- 2005 – John Day, Ravalli County & Jerry Weber, Carbon County
- 2006 – Judee Wargo, Choteau County Extension
- 2007 – Rob Johnson & Stan Huhtala
- 2008 - Celestine Duncan
- 2009 – Fred King, FWP