

2008 Leadership in the Radical Center Award Recipients

Ranching



Tuda Libby Crews and Jack Crews have done it all with their Ute Creek Cattle Company, located in Harding County, NM: they have applied 'New Ranch' principles for a sustainable agricultural operation; restored a riparian area with the help of the National Wild Turkey Federation; created a wild bird sanctuary on their property; promoted agrotourism locally; worked closely with many individuals and agencies; and hosted numerous workshops. In 2006,

they won the New Mexico Chapter of the Society for Range Management's 'Excellence in Range Management' award. But their proudest accomplishment is working side by side with their children and grandchildren – extending the ranch into its eighth generation!

Conservation



Tom Morris has worked for seventeen years for the Navajo Nation Environmental Protection Agency as a Senior Environmental Specialist, with an emphasis on water quality and quantity on the reservation. He has a background in agriculture, biology, and reclamation and has been active in conservation work for most of his adult life. He has been instrumental in pushing forward innovation riparian restoration and grazing projects on Navajo lands, working collaboratively with ranchers, agencies, and consultants, including Bill Zeedyk and Kirk Gadzia.

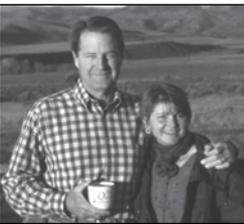
Civil Service



Throughout her career in wildlife biology, Beverly de Gruyter has demonstrated and promoted sustainable land management. She worked her way up in the Forest Service to the level of Forest Wildlife Biologist for all of the Cibola National Forest and Grasslands (located in New Mexico, Oklahoma and Texas). Beverly now manages the largest wildlife program in the Southwestern Region of the Forest Service. However, she is still on-the-ground working with innovators in land stewardship like Bill Zeedyk. She is dedicated to

furthering innovative and sustainable methods of land stewardship in everything she does, both on and off the job. Beverly de Gruyter epitomizes innovative land stewardship while building bridges between groups that don't always see eye-to-eye.

Research



Rick Knight is a master at identifying and chronicling innovative land use initiatives that bridge the perceived gap between sustainable stewardship and creative conservation. In addition to editing books full of conservation and ranching success stories, his well known articles are a light in the window to those who believe there is a better way to do business than indulging in conflict. His students revere him and more importantly are learning about a new order of business and a "west that works". The outreach

provided through his legendary conferences at Colorado State University showcases and creates awareness about sustainable land stewardship, successful collaborations and rangeland leadership. These gatherings celebrate pro-active examples about how people on the land and those who care about the land have found they really value the same thing – a place where both community and the resource thrive.