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2015 Awards for Outstanding Leadership in the Radical Center

The Ninth Annual Awards for Outstanding Leadership in the Radical Center are dedicated to the four legs of the Quivira Coalition's original chair—ranchers, conservationists, civil servants and researchers. We wish to recognize those individuals in each category who have shown remarkable and enduring leadership in the difficult job of working in the radical center. As described by conservation leader Bill DeBuys, this is the place where people come together to explore their common interests rather than argue their differences.

We believe that the radical center is where real change happens—in Aldo Leopold's words, on the "actual landscape of the back forty." Change needs strong leadership, especially in this era of seemingly endless partisanship. We continue to honor those who have advanced the cause of the radical center with integrity, vision and determination, sometimes against long odds. Each has inspired us with their dedication to family, community, healthy lands and advancement through their teaching, writing, research, service, work and good humor. Through their efforts and leadership, they have been a strong voice for the common bonds that unite us. We are proud to recognize these fine people.

On behalf of Quivira Coalition staff, in 2015 we are honored to present the Awards for Outstanding Leadership in the Radical Center to the following recipients:

RANCHING: MARK TORRES was born in Northern New Mexico. He attended the University of New Mexico and worked for the Albuquerque Bernalillo County Water Authority until retirement, when he transitioned into a leadership role in the family's ranching business. Mark is the fourth generation to work on the family ranch. His great great grandfather managed livestock herds grazing in the Sangre de Cristo Mountains. In 2014, Mark was elected president of the Valle Vidal Grazing Association. He has become an essential partner in land restoration efforts in many places in Northern New Mexico and is an important partner to Quivira and the other members of the Comanche Creek Working Group in our continued efforts to improve conditions in the Valle Vidal Unit of the Carson National Forest.



CONSERVATION: ANN ADAMS has been a Holistic Management Certified Educator since 1998 and has practiced and taught Holistic Management® in multiple capacities for 17 years. She currently serves as executive director for Holistic Management International and is responsible for day-to-day management and strategic planning. She has created and directed multi-state programs, utilizing more than 100 collaborative organizations to create positive impact among producers and land stewards seeking to build and maintain sustainable farms, ranches and healthy land. Ann also has facilitated classes (onsite and distance learning), taught workshops and presented at conferences.



She has written countless articles, helped develop agriculture-based software for financial and grazing planning, and written a training handbook, *At Home with Holistic Management: Creating a Life of Meaning*, published in 1999. She owns a small farm in the Manzano Mountains southeast of Albuquerque, New Mexico where she raises goats and chickens.

CIVIL SERVICE: JUDITH DYESS has a degree in Environmental Resources in Agriculture from Arizona State University, and serves as assistant director of rangeland management for the Southwestern Region of the Forest Service. Her work has primarily focused on rangeland, riparian and fire management and monitoring throughout the western U.S. In addition to the Forest Service, Judith has worked with the Natural Resources Conservation Service, Agricultural Research Service, and the National Park Service. She is a Certified Professional in Range Management by the Society for Range Management. She has been stationed in Arizona, Idaho, Wyoming, Texas and New Mexico and has served for approximately 30 years. She enjoys working with a diversity of people and communities to improve and maintain multiple-use management on national forest system lands.



RESEARCH: HANNAH GOSNELL is an associate professor of geography in the College of Earth, Ocean, and Atmospheric Sciences at Oregon State University. Her research focuses on agricultural landscape change, water resource management, climate change and environmental governance in the context of rural working landscapes, and how laws and institutions might evolve to better reflect changing geographies and facilitate social-ecological transformation when necessary. As a social scientist, most of her research focuses on the human dimensions of rangeland management. She has been funded by the U.S. Department of Agriculture to investigate the role that rangeland managers can play in various payments-for-ecosystem services schemes, including voluntary and compliance carbon markets in the U.S., Australia and New Zealand. Her recent research in Australia focused on sheep and cattle farmers' experiences transitioning from conventional range management to Holistic Management. She is particularly interested in the social, cultural, and psychological aspects of the transition to regenerative agriculture and the implications for landowners' capacity to adapt to social, economic and environmental change. Her other research interests include public lands ranching, collaborative conservation and ESA implementation. Hannah earned her PhD in Geography from the University of Colorado in 2000 and has authored or coauthored more than 40 peer-reviewed scientific articles and book chapters.

