**National Wilderness Stewardship Alliance and Society of Wilderness Stewardship**

**National Wilderness Stewardship Awards**

**Wilderness Rising Leader Award**

**Purpose:** To recognize young stewards who have demonstrated outstanding potential to lead the stewardship community into the future.

**Background:** We typically give awards to those who are later in their career for outstanding projects or career long accomplishments. This award is to recognize a newcomer to wilderness stewardship, who through their dedication and passion shows outstanding leadership potential, dedication to wilderness, and the ability to accomplish important tasks early in their careers. This award is intended to recognize an individual who will one day become a future leader for the wilderness community.

**Eligibility:** This award is intended for anyone involved in wilderness stewardship who:

1.)    Has not previously held a full-time professional position in the wilderness stewardship field (part-time, seasonal, and internship positions shall NOT exclude an individual from nomination).

2.)    Is under the age of 25 at the time of nomination.