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

**National Wilderness Awards**

**Wilderness Stewardship Organization of the Year Award**

**Purpose:** To recognize a wilderness stewardship organization that has demonstrated outstanding ability to steward their wilderness areas, be a valuable partner with the Federal agencies, and complete many needed accomplishments.

**Background:** This award is intended to recognize a wilderness stewardship organization who has been successful in the stewardship of their local wilderness areas. The recipient will have shown a high level of stewardship accomplishment, a successful partnership with their federal agency, and growth in their own organization. The successful recipient organization should be recognized by their peers as a prime example of a successful stewardship organization.

**Eligibility:** This award is intended to recognize an outstanding wilderness stewardship for accomplishments in any given year who:

1.)    had a high level of stewardship accomplishment, a vibrant volunteer and/or crew environment, a successful partnership with a federal agency, and is recognized among its peers as an outstanding example of a stewardship organization.

2.)    is a NWSA member organization or participant in a SWS program.