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THE 2007 HEROES OF CONSERVATION AWARDS



CONSERVATION'S MAIN EVENT Clockwise from left: F&S Editor-in-Chief Sid Evans, Hero of the Year Brian Maguire, and U.S. Secretary of the Interior Dirk Kempthorne; the gala's host, Tucker Carlson; finalists Philip Babe, Maguire, Harlan Kredit, Chris Scalley, Joan Vernon, and Robert Miles; Evans, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Director H. Dale Hall, Boy Scout Award winner Michael Browne, and Carlson.



Heroes of the Year

THE SECOND ANNUAL GALA HONORS THE EFFORTS OF SPORTSMEN

THE NATION BEHAVES well if it treats the natural resources as assets which it must turn over to the next generation increased; and not impaired in value," wrote Theodore Roosevelt in 1910. These words are etched in a wall of the American Museum of Natural History in New York City, where FIELD & STREAM Editor-in-Chief Sid Evans quoted them to open the second annual Heroes of Conservation Awards Gala in September.

Brian Maguire of Portland, Ore., was named the Conservation Hero of the Year, winning a 2007 Toyota Tundra for working to protect mule deer habitat under the federal Lewis and Clark Mount Hood Wilderness Act of 2007. "It's critically important to save these lands for our children," says Maguire. "My dad worked to save them for me, and I'm saving them for my kids. People don't think an individual can make a difference, and that's just not true."

In addition to Maguire, F&S honored five finalists: educators Harlan Kredit of Lynden, Wash., and Robert Miles of Slippery Rock, Pa., who have used their classrooms to teach conser-

vation; Philip Babe of East Tawas, Mich., and Chris Scalley of Roswell, Ga., who are helping restore freshwater fisheries in their states; and Joan Vernon of Key Biscayne, Fla., who's leading an effort to preserve billfish populations.

The night's event also paid tribute to Eagle Scout Michael Browne, 16, who won the Boy Scout of the Year Award for working to remove lead from fishing in his home state of Massachusetts. H. Dale Hall, the director of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, presented him with the award.

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Members of the Twin Rivers Chapter of Pheasants Forever were recognized as the Conservation Chapter of the Year for purchasing land for public access in Jones County, Iowa. Bill Stevens, retired conservation manager for Federal Premium Ammunition, received the Lifetime Achievement Award for working to establish nontoxic shot for waterfowl hunting and for creating 4-H conservation and shooting programs.

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