



## News Release

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### **Mountain Recognized for Grasslands Leadership by U.S. Forest Service**

**(LARAMIE, Wyo.) May 21, 2012** – Bob Mountain, Rangeland Management Specialist with the Medicine Bow-Routt National Forests and Thunder Basin National Grassland, is the 2011-12 recipient of the U.S. Forest Service’s “Grassland Leadership Award.” This national award, made by the National Grassland Council, recognizes Mountain for his outstanding leadership, mentoring, collaboration and technical skills in rangeland management on the Thunder Basin and Pawnee National Grasslands.

For the better part of four decades Mountain has dedicated his career to improving rangeland resources and developing range professionals. Collaborating across boundaries with diverse resource professionals and the public has been integral to his success. He was specifically recognized for the following outstanding personal and professional attributes and accomplishments:

- His skills in coordinated resource management are highly regarded internally and externally. He assisted the State of Wyoming in developing and implementing the *Wyoming Permittee Rangeland Monitoring Guide* (now in its third printing). He has served on technical review teams for the State to provide expert range contributions to objective assessments on controversial land management issues on public and private lands.
- Mountain is known across the National Grasslands by employees, livestock permit holders and community members as a man who can solve problems.
- He has provided many years of direct support to National Grasslands across the agency. When the National Grassland Council was first established in the mid-1990s, he was an integral part of the effort. His years of service on the Council helped shaped the support system for range conservationists and other resource professionals dealing with unique challenges on these diverse landscapes.

Mountain has demonstrated an open, collaborative approach to rangeland science his whole career. He has taken on tough issues, pointed out mistakes as well as successes and ultimately focused himself and his colleagues on making a positive difference on the ground.

Mountain will be presented with this award by the Forest Supervisor for Medicine Bow-Routt National Forests and Thunder Basin National Grassland at an upcoming employee meeting.

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