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## PRESERVING AMERICA'S WILDERNESS

**Chris Brown, Director of Wilderness & Wild and Scenic Rivers, U.S. Forest Service**

More than 45 years after passage of the Wilderness Act, the U.S. Forest Service manages more than 190 million acres of national forests and grasslands nationwide, including 36 million acres of Wilderness areas. Wilderness areas on national forests provide incredible opportunities for hunting, fishing, and outdoor recreation and also safeguard vital habitat, clean water, and solitude.



Chris Brown will discuss the opportunities and challenges associated with protecting wilderness values on national forests and highlight

the roles that hunters, anglers, and conservationists can play in safeguarding some of America's most special places.

## CONSERVATION LUNCHEON

**Phyllis A. Green, Superintendent, Isle Royale National Park**

Phyllis Green is leading National Park Service efforts to stop the spread of aquatic invasive species via ballast. She implemented ballast water treatment on a Park Service motorized vessel and scaled up those treatment options for the largest ships on the Great Lakes. Green also worked with grassroots groups and national experts to find other solutions that are fast and easy to implement. Green (second from right) was recognized for this work with the League's Honor Roll Award, which she received yesterday at the National Awards Lunch. She's pictured here with (from left to right) Jim Madsen, Dave Zentner, and Jill Crafton. Today, Green will give an overview of her strategy for protecting the Great Lakes – from building emergency response capacity to tools for treatment.

## TODAY'S SCHEDULE AT A GLANCE

7:00 – 8:45 am Membership Awards Breakfast	<i>Majestic Ballroom</i>
7:00 am – 12:00 pm Registration/Sales	<i>Hotel Lobby</i>
9:00 – 11:00 am General Session	<i>Grande Ballroom</i>
11:00 am – 12:00 pm Board of Directors Meeting	<i>Grande Ballroom</i>
12:30 – 2:00 pm Conservation Luncheon	<i>Majestic Ballroom</i>
2:00 – 4:30 pm Convention Sales	<i>Hotel Lobby</i>
2:15 – 4:15 pm Workshops on	<i>See Program Insert for Rooms</i>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Conservation Projects</li><li>• Shooting Sports for Chapter Recruitment</li><li>• Shooting Range Lead Management</li><li>• Upper Mississippi Restoration</li><li>• Web Tools 101</li></ul>
5:00 pm Great American Picnic	<i>Meet in Hotel Lobby for Buses</i>



## LAST CHANCE: PRESERVING LIFE ON EARTH

Larry Schweiger, President and CEO of the National Wildlife Federation, gave an overview of scientific findings regarding climate change and spoke about the need for sportsmen to take action to protect the at-risk natural resources we care about. "I grew up as son of hunter and sportsman. He told me one day out in the field, 'Anyone can become a hunter, but to be a real sportsman you have to be concerned about what we're enjoying out here.'" Being a conservation sportsman is not easy. The Izaak Walton League has come together to speak out nationally and that's something to be proud of."

Schweiger called for national legislation that would

- Cap emissions
- Put us on a path to end imported oil
- Recharge the economy
- Provide funds for wildlife adaptation

"We can and we must win this fight. I think we are facing that last chance today, and if we fail to win that battle, we will see terrible losses on this planet."

## NATIONAL AWARDS

At yesterday's awards luncheon, we had the pleasure of recognizing individuals and organizations from across the country who made a difference in conserving outdoor America in their local communities, states, and on a national level.

### 54 Founders Award

Two long-time League activists were recognized with the League's most prestigious honor: Tim Reid, who served as national president 2005-2007 and many years as Chairman of the Executive Board, and Mike Williams, who passed away earlier this year while serving his third term as national president. Both men exemplify the League's mission as defenders of soil, air, woods, waters, and wildlife, and the League is proud to honor them with this award.



Tim Reid (second from left) was speechless after receiving the 54 Founders award – a rare event! His wife Pat and grandson Zach were on-hand yesterday to help celebrate his achievements.



Conda Williams and son Will accepted the 54 Founders Award on behalf of Mike Williams from Jim Madsen (left) and Roger Sears (right).

Other awards handed out yesterday include the Hall of Fame, Honor Roll, Conservation, and Save Our Streams awards. Check the League Web site and the next issue of *Outdoor America* for a full list of winners and their accomplishments on behalf of the League and our conservation mission.

## EVERYONE LOVES A PARADE

Part pool party, part roving picnic, the Parade of States was another success. Ikes from across the country brought local delicacies for everyone to enjoy. We sampled chocolate from Hershey plus Great Lakes beer, Maryland crab balls, Virginia ham, Cincinnati chili, Illinois prime rib, salmon from Indiana, South Dakota pheasant, venison meatballs from Iowa, and much more. Thank you to all our party hosts.

