

# Conservationist receives coveted Trout Unlimited award

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*Dave Sweet of Cody, Wyo., was recently honored by Trout Unlimited, receiving the prestigious Distinguished Service Award at the Trout Unlimited 2011 annual meeting held in Bend, Ore. Sept. 14-18. Photo by Mike Jensen/Wyoming Newspapers*

Sweet has been instrumental in the "Save the Yellowstone Cutthroat" campaign, which is garnering national attention and momentum. He currently serves as Wyoming Council of Trout Unlimited project manager for that all-important program and he's working passionately with all partners involved to effectively remove Lake Trout from Yellowstone Lake to benefit the native Yellowstone Cutthroat population in the park.

"I can unequivocally state that Dave has had an impact on the trout and volunteer leaders of TU in Wyoming that is immeasurable," said Jim Broderick, chairman of the Wyoming Council of Trout Unlimited. "There could be no higher, nor more appropriate honor for Dave than the Distinguished Service Award."

Sweet is not only respected by his peers in Wyoming, but also by many around the country for his volunteer, conservation and educational efforts.

"We consider him to be amongst our very best and we are thrilled that Dave has been recognized for his work on a national level," said Wyoming coordinator for Trout Unlimited Scott Christy.

Each year, Trout Unlimited (TU) recognizes the outstanding achievements of its members, chapters and councils that have embodied the spirit of Trout Unlimited and fulfilled its mission to conserve, protect and restore North America's cold-water fisheries and their watersheds.

And this year's winner of the Trout Unlimited Distinguished Service Award has done just that.

Dave Sweet of Cody, Wyo. has been selected to receive the prestigious national award at this year's TU annual meeting, held in Bend, Ore., on Sept. 14-18.

Sweet has been active in Trout Unlimited for nearly 30 years and has always exhibited a passion for cold-water conservation in Wyoming. He has been very active and served in several capacities in the East Yellowstone Trout Unlimited Chapter including president, treasurer, fundraising chairman and board member.

Sweet has also served as chairman of the Wyoming Council of Trout Unlimited and currently serves as past chairman and treasurer for the organization. His solid leadership skills, passion and talents helped make the council a more relevant and effective organization that is working on a multitude of conservation and habitat issues around the state.

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