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NACo, WIR presents public service award to Lassen County Supervisor Brian Dahle

WASHINGTON, D.C. – National Association of Counties' (NACo) Western Interstate Region (WIR) recently presented Lassen County Supervisor Brian Dahle with the 2012 Dale Sowards Award.

The award recognizes individuals who have demonstrated outstanding service to public lands counties and draws attention to a county official's accomplishments and the public policies he or she represent. The award is named after former Conejos County, Colo. Commissioner Dale Sowards, who was instrumental in the creation of WIR, and was a long time advocate for public land counties.

Elected as a county supervisor for in 1996, Supervisor Dahle has long been active in NACo and WIR. WIR President Ron Walter said Supervisor Dahle has effectively worked with others and has held several leadership positions addressing many important issues affecting western counties, including:

- Past president, NACo Western Interstate Region;
- Chair, NACo Energy Environment Land Use Committee;
- Chair, California Housing & Finance Corporation;
- Chair, National Housing & Finance Corporation;
- Past chair and current board member, Regional Council of Rural Counties; and
- Circle of Service Award, California State Association of Counties.

The award is open to elected officials of counties with substantial amount of public lands in states covered by the WIR Bylaws. The emphasis for the award will be on demonstrated service and accomplishments on three levels; local, state and nationally.

The award was presented during the NACo's WIR Conference, May 16-18, in Santa Fe County, N.M. WIR is affiliated with NACo and is dedicated to the promotion of western interests within NACo. Its membership consists of 15 western states with membership funded through the individual state associations.

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