

## The National Bighorn Sheep Center introduces the Townsend Youth Conservation Award

The Townsend Youth Conservation Award is dedicated in memory of Butch Townsend from Wyoming. Butch devoted much of his life to wild sheep. A director on the Wild Sheep Foundation's board, he also supported the Wyoming Wild Sheep Foundation and *keeping kids on the mountain*. A visionary, Butch knew that there wouldn't be sheep on the mountain in the future without instilling the concept of conservation in youth today. He and his wife Kathy made considerable investments in putting and keeping kids on the mountain.

**NOMINEE CRITERIA:** A youth in 7th-12th grade as of (January 2023) of the year the award is presented at Wild Sheep Foundation's national convention, the Sheep Show.

**SELECTION PROCESS:** An award committee from the National Bighorn Sheep Center and Wild Sheep Foundation will review applications and select the annual national awardee.

**AWARD:** The awardee will be invited to the Sheep Show in Reno, where the award will be presented during the Conservation Night banquet. The awardee will also be invited to receive a wild sheep conservation-related experience with the local chapter or affiliate (i.e., wild sheep capture/translocation, guzzler installation, radio telemetry monitoring, etc.) after national recognition.

**RECOGNITION:** The Townsend Youth Conservation Award plaque with annual awardees will be displayed in Bozeman, MT. Individuals will also be presented with their own plaque.

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