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## LARAMIE RESIDENT WINS NATIONAL SIERRA CLUB AWARD

SAN FRANCISCO, CALIF. – Laramie resident Connie Wilbert is among those being honored with national awards from the Sierra Club this year.

Wilbert is receiving the **Susan E. Miller Award**, which recognizes administrative contributions to Sierra Club groups, chapter and regional entities.

In her 20-year history with the Sierra Club, Wilbert has worked as a capable volunteer, with wisdom and humor at national, state and local levels. Wilbert's national contributions include: Environmental Partnerships Committee member 2003-present and chair 2005-present; the Conservation Governance Committee (CGC) 1999-2005; CGC Budget Manager 2004-2005; the Land Exchange Task Force; and the Finance Governance Committee. Wilbert's Chapter and Group endeavors reach back 20 years in various capacities. She is currently Chapter Political Chair.

Melanie Griffin, Director of Environmental Partnerships, wrote: "Connie is the best. She has been a strong supporter of the Club's public lands work for ages, providing expertise on public land in general and on Wyoming's politics, personalities and places in particular. She is very practical and down to earth, always making sure that our big picture vision will translate into real partnerships at the grassroots level. She's an unusual combination of dreamer and realist!" She adds, "As the club has explored new territory by reaching out to new constituencies and communities, Connie has provided solid leadership and vision for the program."

In her nominating letter, Medicine Bow Group Chair Martha Martinez del Rio wrote: "Connie is tireless. She has provided energy and wisdom. Her ideas have inspired action."

The award will be presented Sept. 20 during the Sierra Club's Annual Dinner in San Francisco. For more information on the Sierra Club awards program, visit [www. sierraclub.org/awards](http://www.sierraclub.org/awards).

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