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## MISSOULA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS ANNOUNCE 2014 LAND STEWARDSHIP AWARD RECIPIENT

Missoula County Commissioners are pleased to announce Bud Moore of the Swan Valley as posthumous recipient of the 2014 Land Stewardship Award. The County Commissioners will present the award to Bud's family at the opening reception for the Bud Moore papers. The event is Thursday, August 7<sup>th</sup> in the Mansfield Library's Theta Rho Room on Level 4, and it is free and open to the public.

The Land Stewardship Award recognizes landowners and residents who are taking stewardship of land and water seriously and embarking on projects and practices that make a difference—for land, water, forests, wildlife, and communities. Missoula County, with the leadership of the County's Open Lands Citizen Advisory Committee, would like to thank these outstanding stewards and, more importantly, learn from them through the annual Land Stewardship Award program. To learn more about the program, visit the County's [website](#).

Upon retiring from a long career as a forester for the U.S. Forest Service, Bud and his wife purchased an 80 acre piece of land he called "Coyote Forest." Bud spent the next thirty-some years restoring a once-degraded forest while also harvesting timber in a manner that maintained the ecological integrity of the land. These practices were a part of the ecosystem management plan he wrote for Coyote Forest and the surrounding area. Bud Moore's legacy is built not only on the thoughtful stewardship he practiced, but also his work with youth, foresters, neighbors, and landowners teaching about the importance of ecosystem management and conservation.

For more information about the program, contact Kali Becher with Missoula County's Community and Planning Services at 258-3432.

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