



**2014 WILDLIFE CONSERVATION AWARDS DINNER**  
**SEPTEMBER 18, 2014 | THE MAYFLOWER HOTEL | WASHINGTON, D.C.**

**Award Recipients and Speakers**



**Terry Tempest Williams, Legacy Award**

*(Tribute Speaker: Rick Bass)*

[Terry Tempest Williams](#) is a writer, naturalist and advocate for ecological consciousness and social change. She is currently the Annie Clark Tanner Scholar in Environmental Humanities at the University of Utah. Williams is a widely published author of multiple books, including *Refuge: An Unnatural History of Family and Place*. Her writing has appeared in *The New Yorker*, *The New York Times*, *Orion Magazine*, *The Progressive* and numerous anthologies worldwide.



**Dr. Brian Gratwicke, Spirit of Defenders Science Award**

*(Tribute Speaker: Dennis Kelly, Director of the Smithsonian's National Zoo)*

Brian Gratwicke leads the Smithsonian Conservation Biology Institute's amphibian conservation program devoted to confronting global amphibian declines. Brian also leads the [Panama Amphibian Rescue and Conservation Project](#), which aims to rescue up to 20 amphibian species threatened by an invasive fungus, as well as to develop a cure for the disease. Before working at the Smithsonian, Brian was assistant director of Save The Tiger Fund at the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation. Brian has worked on ecology projects in Africa, Asia and the Caribbean and has published more than 25 peer-reviewed papers and book chapters. Brian received a PhD in zoology from Oxford University, where he was a Rhodes Scholar. He obtained his bachelor's and master's degrees from the University of Zimbabwe.



**Representative James P. Moran, Jr., Spirit of Defenders Public Service Award**

*(Tribute Speaker: Former U.S. Representative Norm Dicks)*

[Congressman Jim Moran](#) is currently serving his twelfth term as U.S. Representative from Virginia's 8th District. A staunch advocate for conservation and imperiled wildlife, Congressman Moran has worked tirelessly to protect our nation's natural lands, preserve the integrity of the Endangered Species Act and support funding for key wildlife programs for over two decades.



**Fort Peck Assiniboine and Sioux Tribes,**

*Spirit of Defenders Citizen Advocacy Award*

*(Tribute Speaker: Jonathan Proctor, Defenders of Wildlife's Rockies and Plains Program Director)*

The Fort Peck Reservation is located in the extreme northeast corner of Montana. Encompassing 209,331 acres (approximately 3,200 square miles), the Reservation is home to the Assiniboine and Sioux Tribes. In March 2012, the Fort Peck Reservation exhibited tremendous leadership in welcoming the first Yellowstone bison ever to be relocated to the Great Plains, a huge step in bison restoration in the region. Visit [www.highplainsfilms.org/hpf/films/the\\_return](http://www.highplainsfilms.org/hpf/films/the_return) to watch an inspiring film about the return of bison to tribal lands.