

*In word and deed,
Michael Currier stood
for the integration of
an environmental ethic
in all aspects
of daily life.*

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The Michael S. Currier Environmental Service Award honors individuals for their contributions to the environmental health of the North American Southwest.

The recipient might be a thinker or scientist, an activist, rancher, land manager, or individual or group of individuals whose efforts have made a difference in protecting and improving the quality of our land, water, and air. The field of endeavor of the honoree(s) might lie anywhere within the Four Corners states of New Mexico, Arizona, Colorado, and Utah, and the adjoining border region of northern Mexico.

The award carries a prize of \$20,000 and is made not more often than every two years. It is administered by the New Mexico Community Foundation and sponsored by the Thaw Charitable Trust. A small committee of nominators, working anonymously, selects and reviews candidates for the award and forwards its recommendation to the sponsor and the community foundation. Unsolicited nominations will be returned.

PAST HONOREES

- 2001 Terrell H. Johnson
- 2003 Tweeti and Linn Blancett
Chris and Kay Velasquez
- 2005 Juan Butron
- 2007 Vernon Masayesva
Nicole Horseherder
Marshall Johnson

2010 HONOREE COURTNEY WHITE



A former archaeologist and Sierra Club activist, Courtney dropped out of the 'conflict industry' in 1997 to co-found The Quivira Coalition, a nonprofit dedicated to building bridges between ranchers, conservationists, public land managers, scientists and others around the idea of land health. Today, he is focused on building economic and ecological resilience on the working landscapes of the American West, with a special emphasis on carbon ranching and the new agrarian movement.

His writing has appeared in numerous publications, including *Farming, Rangelands, and the Natural Resources Journal*. His essay "The Working Wilderness: a Call for a Land Health Movement" was published by Wendell Berry in 2005 in his collection of essays titled "*The Way of Ignorance*."

In 2008, Island Press published Courtney's book *Revolution on the Range: the Rise of a New Ranch in the American West*. He co-edited, with Dr. Rick Knight, *Conservation for a New Generation*, also published by Island Press in 2008. More of Courtney's work can be found on his web site: www.awestthatworks.com

He lives in Santa Fe, New Mexico, with his family and a backyard full of chickens.



MICHAEL S. CURRIER

1960-1998

In his short life, Michael Currier touched many lives and organizations with his generous spirit, warm personality, and commitment to the common good.

He founded the New Cycle Foundation in 1985 to reach out to underprivileged children, initially focusing on projects that gave inner city youth a chance to strengthen their self-esteem. As time went on, Michael enthusiastically expanded his vision to include grants to international human rights efforts, environmental causes, and health research.

When Michael moved to Santa Fe in 1989, he became involved in issues relating to children, families, and education. He also supported community economic development, land conservation, and energy efficiency efforts. Although most of his grants were anonymous, Michael brought strong personal vision and leadership to the projects he supported.

His philanthropic legacy continues to inspire those who knew him and the many organizations and individuals he helped.

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