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NWRA/NFWF to recognize Refuge System Standouts

Washington, D.C. – The National Wildlife Refuge Association and the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation will honor National Wildlife Refuge System supporters and employees in March and April with the presentation of the 2008 National Wildlife Refuge System Awards.

The 2008 Refuge Manager and Employee awards will be presented in conjunction with the 73rd North American Wildlife and Natural Resources Conference, March 25 through 29 in Phoenix, AZ during the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation/U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Director's Reception at 7 p.m., March 27 in the Hyatt Regency Phoenix.

- **Paul Kroegel Refuge Manager of the Year Award, Kevin Brennan, Fergus Falls Wetland Management District, MN**
- **Refuge System Employee of the Year, Clyde Morris, Don Edwards San Francisco Bay National Wildlife Refuge, CA**

The 2008 Volunteer and Friends Group awards will be presented in conjunction with the 2008 "Friends for the Future" National Friends Conference, April 4 through 6 at the National Conservation Training Center (NCTC) in Shepherdstown, WV during the Refuge System Awards Reception at 6:30 p.m., April 5 in the NCTC Commons.

- **Volunteer of the Year Award, John Bertrand, Bosque del Apache National Wildlife Refuge, NM**
- **Friends Group of the Year Award, Friends of Sherburne National Wildlife Refuge, MN**

Visit www.refugeassociation.org/Awards.html to learn more about this year's incredible award recipients. For more information about either awards ceremony, contact NWRA at (202)333-9075 or via e-mail at nwra@refugeassociation.org.

A nonprofit established by Congress in 1984, the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation (NFWF) sustains, restores and enhances the Nation's fish, wildlife, plants and habitats. Through leadership conservation investments with public and private partners, NFWF is dedicated to achieving maximum conservation impact by developing and applying best practices and innovative methods for measurable outcomes. For more information, visit www.nfwf.org.

A nonprofit established in 1975, the National Wildlife Refuge Association is the only organization dedicated exclusively to protecting, enhancing and expanding the National Wildlife Refuge System. With the support of more than 140 refuge Friends group affiliates, the Refuge Association seeks to ensure our country continues to support a diverse spectrum of plants and wildlife well into the future. For more information, visit www.refugeassociation.org.