

Jackie Diedrich Excellence in Leadership Award
2019 — Cathi Bailey

Cathi was the Bureau of Land Management's National Wild and Scenic Rivers Lead. Her commitment to guiding regional and local staff by providing them with the proper tools to manage wild and scenic rivers has resulted in perpetuating the conservation ethic in river management plans. Over the course of her 30-year career, her ability to navigate laws and policies surrounding wild and scenic rivers has helped other river managers strengthen their decision making through collaboration. As an advocate for wild and scenic rivers training, Cathi guided a team through development of the first national Bureau of Land Management National Wild and Scenic Rivers Training. This training assists specialists and managers in understanding, interpreting, and effectively implementing the National Wild and Scenic Rivers Act. Cathi maintained valuable connections with interagency colleagues throughout her career. She demonstrated the value of these relationships through her work, leading the first interagency wild and scenic rivers review to assess management plan effectiveness on the Rio Chama Wild and Scenic River, co-managed with the Forest Service. Her ability to lead from a service-driven perspective has led to projects and accomplishments that will help others to meet the National Wild Scenic Rivers Act vision for the future.

