

Wyoming Senator Dave Kinsky (Sheridan) and Wyoming Representative Dan Laursen (Powell) are the 2016 recipients of the Wyoming Weed and Pest Council's (WWPC) Guy Haggard Award for their outstanding support of the WWPC during the 2015 legislative session. (Sheridan Press Staff Reports November 8, 2016)



Adrian Hunolt, President WY Weed and Pest Council, Josh Shorb, Supervisor Park County Weed and Pest, Rep. Dan Laursen, Sen. Dave Kinsky, Luke Sander Supervisor Sheridan Weed and Pest District

Due to extreme budget cuts during that session, all the funds that were traditionally allocated to control noxious weeds and pests on state lands were eliminated. Kinsky and Laursen led efforts to restore half of the original allocation to continue control programs. Many of the programs, which are coordinated and implemented by Weed and Pest Districts, are large landscape or watershed level projects where cooperation from all landowners are crucial for program success.

The Guy Haggard Award was initiated by the WWPC in 2007 in honor of Guy Haggard, a long time loyal friend of this organization. This award is given in honor of an individual who has provided motivation, friendship, loyalty, camaraderie, and support of the people and to the organization. On Nov. 2, Kinsky and Laursen were jointly awarded the Guy Haggard Award at the 72nd annual Wyoming Weed & Pest Council annual conference banquet that was held at the Cody Holiday Inn.