

## 2009 WYOPASS Award Winners

WYOPASS was pleased to announce the winners of the 2009 WYOPASS Awards at the annual Western Planner Conference in Spearfish, South Dakota, September 9-11, 2009.

**Urban Planning Project of the Year** was given to the **Cheyenne Metropolitan Planning Organization** for the Cheyenne Wayfinding Plan. The MPO teamed up with the Cheyenne Area Convention and Visitors Bureau to create the plan, which includes wayfinding signs which highlight Cheyenne's "distinctive history, culture and identity." The Cheyenne Wayfinding Plan is an all encompassing document that will allow the community to brand itself using its unique history and culture, as well as allow for a sign system that will build community character and make Cheyenne an enjoyable experience for tourists and locals alike!

The award for **Rural Planning Project of the Year** was given to **Marlin Johnson in conjunction with the Town of Wheatlead/Platte County, Wyoming** for the Platte County Wind Energy Siting Regulations. The State of Wyoming is currently facing large scale development of wind power technology in the state and the document developed by Platte County serves as a model for what the future of wind energy regulation could look like in Wyoming. Marlin took the initial step to get Platte County "ahead of a potential boom" of wind development, which would locate several thousand megawatts of production in South Central Wyoming.

**Jeanie Anderson**, Planner II for the City of Cheyenne was named **New Planning Professional of the Year** by WYOPASS. According to her nomination, "Jeanie was hired during a time of "transition" in the Cheyenne Development Office and has had to learn her job on the fly." Jeanie came to Cheyenne a year ago with a background in Landscape Architecture and has gone above and beyond in aiding City agencies in site plan review and design work.

Finally, **Lowell Ray Anderson**, from the City of Cody Planning, Zoning and Adjustment Board was named **Commissioner of the Year**. Lowell was appointed to the Board in the mid-1980's and remains a dedicated citizen and committed public servant today. "Not only does he attend every Planning, Zoning and Adjustment Board meeting, he also participates in most of the City Council Meetings. It is rare not to see Mr. Anderson at the many events and functions held in the community."

Congratulations to all of this year's award winners!