

# Stacked Lazy 3 Ranch named winner of Leopold Conservation Award

The Stacked Lazy 3 Ranch, owned and managed by Keven and Sandi Turecek, has been selected as the recipient of the 2016 Colorado Leopold Conservation Award.

In 1949, renowned conservationist Aldo Leopold published a book entitled "A Sand County Almanac." He called for an ethical relationship between people and the land they own and manage, which he called "an evolutionary possibility and an ecological necessity." The Leopold Conservation Award is given in his honor and recognizes extraordinary achievement in voluntary conservation. The award aims to inspire landowners and provide a visible forum where farmers, ranchers, and other private landowners are recognized as conservation leaders.

Located near Deer Trail, Colo., the Stacked Lazy 3 Ranch is a diversified enterprise with a commercial cow-calf herd, as well as dry-land crops. The Tureceks have worked diligently to convert hundreds of acres of marginal farm ground back to native grass pastures. They have installed over 50,000 feet of terraces, repaired riparian areas and planted thousands of trees into shelter belts, as well as repairing old and building new retention dams. As a way to prevent erosion and retain the limited soil moisture, the family converted their operation to no-till crops many years ago. They also manage their cow herd with conservation in mind.

The Tureceks will receive their award at the Colorado Cattlemen's Association annual convention June 13 in Colorado Springs. As the winner, they will receive a crystal trophy depicting Aldo Leopold and a \$10,000 cash award.

For application information about the award, go to [www.leopoldconservationaward.org](http://www.leopoldconservationaward.org).

-Colorado Cattlemen's Association