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## 2023 Minerva Hoyt California Desert Conservation Award Nomination Guidelines

The nomination form and supporting materials must be completed and received at the above address no later than Wednesday, July 17, 2024. Please submit a maximum of two typewritten pages. Additional supporting materials will not be considered.

**Purpose:** The Minerva Hoyt California Desert Conservation Award annually recognizes individuals or organizations that have made notable achievements in the areas of leadership, protection, preservation, research, education, and stewardship, leading to a significant and lasting contribution on behalf of the deserts of California.

**Eligibility:** Any person or group is eligible to receive the award except for Joshua Tree National Park Association (JTNPA) board of directors or staff and members of their immediate families. Non-residents of California are eligible, but nominations must be for conservation accomplishments in the California deserts. Candidates must be at least 18 years old.

**Criteria:** Nominees will have made a notable achievement on behalf of the deserts of California in one or more of the following areas:

- 1) Provided leadership resulting in legislative action or public policy
- 2) Advanced research leading to improved conservation knowledge, techniques, or strategies
- 3) Fostered conservation partnerships and collaborations
- 4) Created stronger public stewardship through education and outreach activities

**Nomination and Selection Procedures:** JTNPA will oversee the annual nomination and selection process. Nominations will be accepted from any interested individual or organization. Self-nominations will not be considered. JTNPA staff will review all submissions for eligibility, and qualifying nominations will be forwarded to the Minerva Hoyt California Desert Conservation Award selection committee, which will select one award winner. The award winner will be notified before August 31, 2024.

**Presentation of the Award:** The award will be presented during a public event in the California deserts (date TBD).

2023 Minerva Hoyt California Desert Conservation Award Nomination Form

Sponsored by the Joshua Tree National Park Association

Nominee

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Institution: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Submitted By

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Institution: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Please describe the nominee's accomplishments with regards to the following questions as applicable. Please do not submit more than two typewritten pages.

- 1) What did the nominee do to qualify for the Minerva Hoyt California Desert Conservation Award?
- 2) What conservation problem did this nominee address? What was the geographical area involved?
- 3) What role did the nominee play? Who else was involved, and what roles did they play?
- 4) Did this achievement result in any new legislative action or public policy benefiting California deserts?
- 5) Did this nominee develop any research leading to improved knowledge, techniques, or strategies for the conservation of desert natural and cultural resources?
- 6) Did this nominee foster any partnerships or collaborations on behalf of California deserts?
- 7) Did this nominee help to create stronger public stewardship through education and outreach activities?
- 8) Was there a quantifiable element to this achievement? (Number of acres preserved, dollars raised, number of students taught, number of communities impacted, etc.)

Please submit your nomination, using the above format, by Wednesday, July 17, 2024, to Joshua Tree National Park Association, 74485 National Park Drive, Twentynine Palms, CA 92277, or [jacqueline@joshuatree.org](mailto:jacqueline@joshuatree.org).

For further information or requests for accommodations, please contact Jacqueline Guevara at 760 361-9359 or [jacqueline@joshuatree.org](mailto:jacqueline@joshuatree.org).

Thank you for your interest in the Minerva Hoyt California Desert Conservation Award.