

The long-term goal of the WNR Foundation Board of Directors is that the Olin Sims Endowment provides significant long-term financial support for the conservation of Wyoming's rich natural resources, invest in her people, and be responsive to an ever changing environment.



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In December 2007, Wyoming experienced the tragic loss of a committed conservationist and leader when Olin Sims passed away as a result of a ranch accident.

Olin served for over 20 years as district supervisor on the Medicine Bow Conservation District Board, 6 years as President of Wyoming Association of Conservation Districts, and was the founding Chair of the Western Coalition of Conservation Districts. At the time of his death Olin was serving as President of the National Association of Conservation Districts.

Olin was exemplary in his commitment, leadership and dedication to the conservation efforts of districts across Wyoming and the nation.


The Sims family designated the Wyoming Natural Resource Foundation, sister organization to the Wyoming Association of Conservation Districts, for those wishing to contribute in Olin's memory.

This permanently endowed fund will further grass roots conservation efforts in Wyoming. The Olin Sims Endowment will provide long-term support for the conservation, protection and management of Wyoming's rich natural resources.

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NATURAL RESOURCE FOUNDATION OLIN SIMS ENDOWMENT

As the endowment grows through generous contributions, interest earnings from the endowment will be utilized for the following priorities:




The WNRF Board of Directors will allocate grant funds to local Conservation Districts for the establishment of Olin Sims Living Legacy natural resource conservation projects. These on-the-ground conservation projects will be recognized through signage as "Olin Sims Endowment Living Legacy Project". These projects will serve as a lasting example of Olin's commitment first and foremost to on the ground natural resource conservation

The goal will be to achieve an Olin Sims Endowment Living Legacy Projects in each of the 34 Conservation district in Wyoming.



The Foundation, in the spirit of Olin's leadership, energy and enthusiasm, has designated the development of leadership as a priority. The Foundation will provide scholarships to elected district supervisors and conservation district personnel who strive to expand their leadership capabilities and experience by attending the National Association of Conservation Districts annual meeting and/or annual conference in Washington, D.C. This will help ensure that the organizational strength that Olin helped create continues into the future.



Lastly, Olin was a dynamic leader who stayed abreast of current issues and actions affecting the wise and multiple use of our natural resources. He recognized the need to be actively involved in local, state and national issues serving as the voice for conservation. In the spirit of dynamic change and organizational effectiveness, funds will be utilized for addressing current issues and projects through the Foundation. This will allow the Foundation to grow the capacity to affect and develop conservation programs at the local and state level.