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Wisconsin Journalist Receives National Sierra Club Award

(San Francisco) – Wisconsin journalist Ron Seely has been named the recipient of the Sierra Club’s 2014 David R. Brower Award, which recognizes outstanding environmental reporting. He will receive the award in San Francisco Nov. 21.

Seely spent 20 years covering science and the environment for the *Wisconsin State Journal*. He is a three-time winner of the Wisconsin Press Association’s award for environmental reporting, as well as the recipient of an investigative reporting award from the Society of Environmental Journalists and the American Chemical Society’s prestigious James T. Grady - James H. Stack Award.

Since retiring from the Journal in 2013, Seely has worked as an editor and reporter at the Wisconsin Center for Investigative Journalism, focusing on environmental issues.

In addition to his work as a journalist, Seely has served as a senior lecturer in University of Wisconsin-Madison’s Life Sciences Communication Department for the past 15 years. In 1997, he co-wrote and narrated a Wisconsin Public Television documentary titled “Love of the Land,” which focused on private landowners who have adapted Aldo Leopold’s land ethic.

The Sierra Club is the nation’s largest and most influential grassroots environmental organization, with more than two million members and supporters. David Brower was the first executive director of the Sierra Club and a pioneer of modern environmentalism. Through Sierra Club Books, Brower launched the genre of large-format conservation photo books to heighten public awareness of wildlands.

Previous recipients of the David R. Brower Award include Charles Kuralt, Philip Shabecoff, Molly Ivins, Thomas Friedman, David Brancaccio and Elizabeth Kolbert.

For more information on the Sierra Club awards program, visit www.sierraclub.org/awards.

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