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### **Stanford Addison of Stanford Addison Ranch is Named Home-Based Business Champion of the Year 2009**

**Riverton** – The U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) has named Stanford Addison of Stanford Addison Ranch in Arapahoe, as Home-Based Business Champion of the Year 2009. This award will be presented to him on Tuesday, April 7, 2009, at the 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Wind River Business Conference to be held at the Central Wyoming College Robert Peck Art Center. Steven Despain, District Director of the Wyoming Small Business Administration, will be presenting Mr. Addison with this award. Stanford was nominated by Lisa Wagner, Director, Wind River Development Fund.

This award is presented to an individual/organization that has engaged in entrepreneurial training, policy development efforts, or financial or business planning specifically tailored for home-based businesses; has demonstrated interest in home-based business and has measurable accomplishments in advancing home-based businesses, such as adoption of public policy or expansion of a program.

The primary goal of Stanford Addison Ranch is to provide individuals with the opportunity to practice respect across many boundaries that have been known to challenge human tolerance including racial groups, physical disabilities, age groups, spiritual beliefs and between humans and animals. This is done using a business structure through providing horse clinics. Perhaps most unique about the business is that Stanford is a paraplegic and practices this horse training method from a wheelchair.

Through Stanford Addison Ranch, Stanford has provided employment opportunities not only for his family but for at-risk youth in the community. He devotes his own time and money to teach these youth and help them build a foundation that will move them towards a healthy and happy future. This is all part of Stanford's business experience. Stanford is an inspiration to those around them. He has shown the power of perseverance and, with his transition to a for-profit company in 2008, is setting a model for economic and business development on the Reservation through a home-based business.

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