

## **Montana Association of Land Trusts Honors Montana Land Reliance**

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The Montana Association of Land Trusts recently honored Rock Ringling (left) and Bill Long of the Montana Land Reliance for their leadership in securing congressional passage of the Conservation Tax Incentives of 2006. Ringling and Long are directors of the Montana Land Reliance, and worked for nearly six years on passage of federal legislation that expands opportunities for farm and ranch owners to receive federal tax incentives for conserving agriculture lands through conservation easements.

The Montana Land Reliance is headquartered in Helena, with offices in Bigfork and Billings. The Conservation Tax Incentives of 2006 was passed by Congress and signed into law by President Bush in August 2006.

The Montana Association of Land Trusts is a non-profit organization comprised of 11 Montana land trusts who work landowners on voluntary private land conservation projects. The association membership presented the award to the Montana Land Reliance at the association's meeting in Helena on September 29.