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Mick McMurry Receives *IPAMS' Wildcatter of the Year Award* *Wyoming oilman recognized with lifetime achievement award*

(Denver) –The Independent Petroleum Association of Mountain States (IPAMS) announced that Mick McMurry is the 2008 recipient of its distinguished *Wildcatter of the Year* award. The announcement was made during IPAMS' annual Wildcatter Gala on April 26th.

"To be named *Wildcatter of the Year* is a tremendous honor and represents a lifetime achievement of distinguished service," said Marc W. Smith, Executive Director of IPAMS.

Nominations for *Wildcatter of the Year* are based on the unique contributions and accomplishments of the individual, particularly regarding: (1) successful longtime natural gas and oil exploration and production in the Intermountain West, (2) community service, and (3) support of oil and gas industry activities and organizations. The annual event attracts a "who's who" of independent oil and natural gas producers in the Intermountain West.

2008 marks IPAMS' 26th *Wildcatter of the Year* Award presentation. "We are deeply honored to have an individual such as Mick McMurry in our industry. He has accomplished so much in his career. His colleagues within the natural gas and oil community of the Intermountain West are absolutely delighted to bestow this prestigious award on him. We recognize his exceptional contributions, to not only the industry, but also to his employees and to his community," said Smith.

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Mick McMurry joins an elite group of Wildcatter Award winners. Prior award winners include: William W. Ballard, Edward J. Ackman, Dr. George G. Anderman, William J. Barrett, Robert L. Bayless, Wayne T. (Dusty) Biddle, Cortlandt S. Dietler, Raymond Duncan, George H. Fancher, Samuel Gary William C. Goodin, Kenneth D. Luff, Frederick R. Mayer, F. H. (Mick) Merelli, Rex Monahan, Robert L. Nance, Thomas A. Petrie, Conley P. Smith, John C. Snyder, H. A. (Dave) True, Harry Trueblood, Jr., Thomas G. Vessels, James B. Wallace, Donald L. Wolf, and Harvey E. Yates.

The award was presented during a black tie gala at the Denver Center for the Performing Arts, which was attended by nearly 800 natural gas and oil industry leaders.

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IPAMS, founded in 1974, is a non-profit trade association representing more than 400 independent oil and gas producers, service and supply companies, banking and financial institutions and industry consultants committed to environmentally responsible oil and gas development in the Intermountain West. More information on IPAMS and its members is available at www.ipams.org.