

# VOLUNTEER SHOWCASE

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## Well-Known, Active Montana Citizen Makes for an Exceptional Earth Team Volunteer

When you're looking for a biologist and a guy who can get things done, you're glad to have the assistance of a volunteer like Gordon Haugen.

In the past three years, Haugen has volunteered more than 300 hours with the Montana Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) State Office in Bozeman. He has helped coordinate with many wildlife-oriented non-governmental organizations (NGOs) and worked on a project to identify and implement potential upland bird habitat on state trust lands and associated private lands.

Haugen hails from Billings, MT and holds both a bachelor's and master's degree in Wildlife and Fisheries Management from Montana State University (1962 and 1969, respectively). He worked initially for nine years in Alberta, Canada as a biologist and then spent 30 years with the U.S. Forest Service working primarily with fishery issues in the Western U.S.

Not one to let the grass grow under his feet, Haugen served as President of the State and Regional American Fisheries Society and on many NGO Boards over the years including the Montana Trout Foundation and the Fish, Wildlife and Parks Foundation. He currently serves on the Upland Game Bird Habitat Enhancement Program Advisory Council.

Haugen meets with landowners, takes photographs and helps with interagency coordination given his many contacts throughout Montana. Gordon says he's looking to slow down a bit, but he truly wears the cloth of Montana's Earth Team by helping NRCS evaluate complex resource concerns and develop unique solutions to restore and protect our natural resources.



*An active citizen in Montana, Gordon Haugen has proven to be a valuable asset to the state office.*



The Earth Team is the volunteer component of the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), a USDA agency. For more about NRCS and the Earth Team, visit [www.usda.nrcs.gov](http://www.usda.nrcs.gov).

If you are interested in volunteering, call (888) 526-3227 or visit your local NRCS office to learn about volunteer opportunities.