

2016 AGENCY PERSONNEL AWARD

Jean Cole Chief Fiscal Division,
Wyoming Game & Fish Department

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The Game and Fish Department is honored Jean Cole is being recognized by the Wyoming Outfitters & Guides Association – but not at all surprised. She may need to get a bigger office to hang all her awards. Her work ethic and efficiency with the Game and Fish also earned her the “Fiscal Division Employee of the Year” in 1996 and 2004 and the department’s highest honor – the “Director’s Award” – in 2000.

As the Game and Fish’s license manager from 1994-2013 she’s oversaw the start of online license application and issuance and the preference point system, lifetime licenses and many other changes to the Wyoming hunting and fishing license system. In April 2013, Jean was promoted to be the Game and Fish’s Fiscal Division chief.

“Jean is extremely knowledgeable when it comes to the draw odds and the preference point system,” said Todd Stevie of Thompson Outfitters, who nominated Jean for the award. “Anytime we have



invited her to a convention or meeting, she has always attended and provided powerful presentations. We appreciate all the work she has done for us.”

Jean was born in Omaha, Nebraska, moved to Cheyenne in 10th grade and graduated from East High School in 1977. After earning a bachelor’s degree in business administration with honors from the University of Wyoming in December 1984, she taught business education at Laramie High School. In 1990, she joined the Wyoming State Auditor’s Office and transferred to the Game and Fish in 1993.

Jean and her husband of 32 years, Don, a prominent Cheyenne trial attorney, enjoy traveling and tackling home improvement projects in their spare time.

“It’s an honor to be recognized by the Wyoming Guides and Outfitters Association,” Jean said. “It’s been fulfilling working together developing a system to get big game hunters their licenses and refunds as effectively and efficiently as possible.” –Jeff Obrecht-WGFD 🍷