



The
Climate Change Leadership Institute

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William deBuys
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Dear Mr. deBuys,

We are delighted to present you with the 2022 Climate Conservation Award for raising awareness of the primacy of nature through your writing and your action endeavors.

We appreciate your work, we regard you as a splendid conservationist and we value your prose. Certainly you have inspired many through your prolific book writing — which includes at least a dozen wonderful titles from *The Walk* (which I have just read and really enjoyed) to the *Last Unicorn* and more recently *The Trail to Kanjiroba*. These works of literary art help us all relate to and connect with the natural world and explore our role in safeguarding it.

The Climate Change Leadership Institute is a community focused non profit organization in New Mexico. We spearhead direct action campaigns and honor stellar displays of teamwork (visit our website www.takeresponsibility.us for more information). Each year we give out seed grant leadership awards for courage, justice, innovation, action, education and conservation — all ingredients we must ramp up and solidify in order to prevail in the climate crisis.

The Climate Conservation Award is symbolically important for many reasons including that we must embrace a culture of conservation and not only rely on clean technology as the way to combat global warming and bring forth restoration.

Thank you for the exquisite writing you do, for walking the walk in environmental stewardship and for helping restore in us a healthy relationship to Mother Earth.

With gratitude,

Robb Hirsch — Founder and Executive Director