



*Freedom's Frontier National Heritage Area presents the annual*  
**BILLINGS MOST VALUABLE PARTNER (MVP) AWARD**

**What is the Billings MVP Award?**

Judy Billings, Retired President and CEO of Destination Management, Inc., served as the founding Executive Director of Freedom's Frontier National Heritage Area (FFNHA) from 2006-2012 and was instrumental advocating for National Heritage Area designation. To honor her work, the FFNHA board has established an award that will recognize individual partners (current or retired) for their contributions to the FFNHA

The Billings MVP award honors outstanding commitment to the advancement of the FFNHA Goals and adherence to FFNHA Guiding Principles over an extended period of time.

**FFNHA Goals**

1. Build awareness of the struggles for freedom that took place within the boundaries of Freedom's Frontier for current and future generations.
2. Enhance, sustain and preserve the unique cultural and historic assets within our nationally important physical and cultural landscape that fostered these stories.
3. Inspire tolerance and respect for multiple perspectives.
4. Preserve and share our nationally important authentic stories in an engaging way.

**FFNHA Guiding Principles**

1. We will be tolerant and respectful of diverse stories from multiple perspectives.
2. We will respect property rights.
3. We will focus on authentic and engaging experiences.
4. We will honor the region's peoples, past and present.
5. We will appreciate unique cultural and historical assets within the nationally important landscape.
6. We will invest in community engagement, education and empowerment.
7. We will sustain and grow a sense of place.
8. We will value and protect the natural environment.
9. We will consider future generations in everything we do.

**Billings MVP Award Nomination Form**

**Nominee Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Nominee Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Nominee Telephone:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Nominee Occupation:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Attach additional sheet(s) with the following information:**

1. Describe activities and/or programs that demonstrate advancement of the FFNHA Goals and adherence to FFNHA Guiding Principles. Include key dates and contacts/references with which the nominee is/was involved.
2. Identify how the activities performed by the nominee have advanced FFNHA.
3. Describe why the advocacy award is deserved by the nominee.
4. Enclose 3-12 digital photos illustrating the nominee and representative projects/activities. Written descriptions should accompany each photo submitted.

**Nomination Submitted by:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Telephone:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

## Billings MVP Award Nomination Form Instructions

Nominations must be received by September 30, 2016

Send:

1. Completed Billings MVP Award Nomination Form.
2. Complete answers to items numbered 1-3 on the Nomination Form.
3. Enclose 3-12 digital photos illustrating the nominee and representative projects/activities.  
Written descriptions should accompany each photo submitted.

Nominations can be emailed to Julie McPike at [jmcpike@freedomfrontier.org](mailto:jmcpike@freedomfrontier.org).

Nominations delivered by mail, delivery service or by hand should be submitted on a CD.

Mailing Address:

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Lawrence, Kansas 66044

Incomplete nominations cannot be considered. Materials submitted will remain with FFNHA and may be used for publication and awards presentations.

**The Billings MVP Award will be presented at the annual meeting of FFNHA to be held in December at a location within FFNHA to be determined each year.** In addition to recognition of winners at the event, appropriate news releases to home towns will be sent and presence on the FFNHA website will be given to recognize winners.

### For Further Information

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