The Wyoming EPSCoR Science Reporting Award will honor a writer for consistent excellence in a body of work on scientific issues that include, but are not limited to, environment, water, energy, wildlife and technology. Stories should include scientific information that communicates and relays data, research, and/or evidence in ways that are engaging to the reader. Stories should describe the scientific process behind issue. Work submitted to the 2023 Pacemaker Contest can also be submitted for this award.

Judging criteria will include four categories: (1) Writing quality, which includes clarity, grammar, style, organization and engagement of lead; (2) Command of content knowledge; (3) Consistent quality among all submitted stories; (4) Relevance and “so what” factor, which includes information about why this scientific issue is important.

Entries must have been published between Nov. 1, 2022 and Oct. 31, 2023. Entries will be judged as a body of work. Each entry can consist of up to three individual stories or series. Series must be limited to no more than three pieces.

The winner will be selected by a panel of judges, including a member of Wyoming EPSCoR and a faculty member from the University of Wyoming’s Department of Communication & Journalism.

Email entries by Dec. 08, to the WPA at wyopress@wyopress.org. The winner will be announced on Sat. Jan. 20 at the 125th Annual WPA Convention in Casper at the Ramkota Hotel & Conference Center.