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**GENE GRAND**, left, former state supervisor for the Fish and Wildlife Services of Montana and now retired, receives recognition for 33 years of service to the program. Making the presentation is George Rost, regional supervisor for the Fish and Wildlife Services in Albuquerque.

## CANON CITY MAN CITED BY WILDLIFE SERVICE

Eugene (Gene) Grand, 1325 Parkmoor Road, was recognized Wednesday for 33 years of service to the Fish and Wildlife Service, the last 18 of which were spent as Montana State Supervisor.

Making the presentation were George Rost, regional supervisor of the Fish and Wildlife Service from Albuquerque, and Lee Bacus, state supervisor from Denver.

"Since joining the Bureau of Biological Survey, predecessor agency of the Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife, Grand has filled all positions with distinction and

made noteworthy contributions to the cooperative program," the citation said.

The letter was accompanied by a pin and medallion award for meritorious service from the Department of Interior.

Under Grand's direction as supervisor for the Fish and Wildlife Service of Montana, the economic predator and rodent damage to livestock, field crops and range forage were significantly reduced.

Grand was also instrumental in state legislation which created the Montana Governor's Advisory Committee on Animal Control and initiated a simplified reimbursable financial system which improved the program's administration, the citation said.

Grand and his wife moved to Canon City two years ago from Billings, Mont., when he retired in December of 1965.

Born in New York and educated in France, Grand came to Guffey, Colo., as a young man and worked for ranchers in the area, including Dave Walker, Walter Nash and Frank M. Pigg. His wife is the former Mildred Pigg.

Grand began work for the Fish and Wildlife Service at the Gov. Sweet ranch in Pinion, Colo., on a part time basis in 1927. He worked as a supervisor for animal control in a civilian conservation corps camp during the depression and for the Shelter Belt program with the North Dakota forest service before moving to Montana and becoming state supervisor of the Fish and Wildlife Service in 1947.

The Grands have two children, Ronald Grand of Los Angeles, and Suzanne Lombardozi of Billings, Mont.

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