Aldo Leopold’s Land Ethic: The Past, Present, and Future

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From the Dust Bowl to the Anthropocene, join us as Buddy Huffaker, President of the Aldo Leopold Foundation, traces how Aldo Leopold’s seminal book – A Sand County Almanac – in which he calls for a Land Ethic emerged in the 20th Century and continues to influence conservation in the 21st Century.

BIO For over 20 years Buddy has been instrumental in advancing the Aldo Leopold Foundation’s efforts to both care for the foundation’s own land and inspire others to care at all about land. Among the projects he has overseen are the ecological management of the Leopold Shack and Farm National Historic Landmark, the establishment of the 12,000 acre Leopold-Pine Island Important Bird Area, the construction of the LEED Platinum Leopold Center, the Emmy Award winning documentary film Green Fire, multiple translations of A Sand County Almanac, and the soon to be completed Future Leaders Center. The foundation has recently been recognized for its development of My Wisconsin Woods, the innovative landowner education program and the outreach tools necessary to target and encourage unengaged landowners to implement their own land ethic. Buddy’s extensive private landowner experience at the local, regional and national scale led to his 2014 appointment to the Forest Resource Coordinating Committee (FRCC) which is a Federal Advisory Committee to the Secretary of Agriculture on private forest conservation. Recognized as a leading voice on the need to develop stronger ethics to guide humans’ relationship to nature, Buddy has contributed to numerous publications, addressed national conferences and participated in three White House Conferences on conservation and environmental education.