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## **NANPA Foundation Announces 2010 Recipient of the Philip Hyde Grant** *Award Highlights Use of Photography in Conservation Efforts*

Wheat Ridge, CO (December 22, 2009) – The NANPA Foundation has announced that Paul Colangelo of Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada is the recipient of the 2010 Philip Hyde Grant for his work in British Columbia. This \$5,000 peer-reviewed grant is awarded annually to an individual member of the North American Nature Photography Association who is actively pursuing completion of an environmental project. The award will be presented at the 16th Annual Nature Photography Summit presented by NANPA, February 16-21, 2010 in Reno, Nevada.

*Sacred Headwaters, Sacred Journey* is a documentary project of the Sacred Headwaters. Wildlife and nature photographer Paul Colangelo and writer Amanda Follett plan to raise awareness of this remote land and the issues surrounding it. See [www.paulcolangelo.com](http://www.paulcolangelo.com) and <http://www.sacredheadwatersjourney.com/> for more information about Paul and the project.

Paul specializes in editorial assignments and conservation efforts. His work has been exhibited at the Smithsonian Institute, was awarded an honorable mention in the International Photography Awards, and named a finalist in BBC's Wildlife Photographer of the Year. Paul lives in Vancouver, British Columbia.

In northern British Columbia, three of the province's greatest salmon-bearing rivers (the Skeena, the Stikine and the Nass) are formed in the subalpine basin known as the Sacred Headwaters. The land has one of the largest intact predator-prey systems in North America, earning it the nickname, "Serengeti of the North," and is the traditional territory of the Tahltan First Nation. It also is the location of natural resources such as coal and coal-bed methane and gold.

The Headwaters is at the center of a dispute between the Tahltan, resource development industries, government and environmental groups. Competing interests concerning land use, mining and hunting have created divides and put the future health of the Sacred Headwaters at risk.

The NANPA Foundation develops, supports and implements nature photography projects jointly with the North American Nature Photography Association and other organizations. It initiates, partners, operates and generates funding for projects that advance awareness of and appreciation for nature through photography. For information about the NANPA Foundation, visit its website at [www.nanpafoundation.org](http://www.nanpafoundation.org). For information about NANPA and the Annual Summit, visit [www.nanpa.org](http://www.nanpa.org).

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