Rangeland Restoration Awards 2026

BOLD-ERDENE PUNSALDELEG (BOLDOO)

Community Conservation Leader & Champion of Protected Rangelands

From Bayanbulag Bagh, Bulgan Soum, Arkhangai Province, Mongolia



ABOUT HIM

- Lifelong herder from Bulgan Soum, Arkhangai Province, with more than 35 years of experience
- Conservation leader and Board Director of the Khoid Mogoitin Gol Teel Local Protected Area
- Recognized in 2026 as the Best Community-Based Organization Leader in Bulgan Soum

THE LAND HE RESTORES

- The Khoid Mogoitin Gol Teel Local Protected Area in Arkhangai Province, Mongolia
- Conserves grasslands, forests, springs, and habitats for threatened wildlife species
- Demonstrates how community stewardship can sustain biodiversity, healthy rangelands, and traditional nomadic pastoralism

KEY CONTRIBUTIONS

Expanded Community Conservation

- Led the expansion of the Khoid Mogoitin Gol Teel Local Protected Area from **137,018 to more than 242,000 hectares**

Mobilized Herder Communities

- Supported the growth of community-based organizations, engaging **599 herders from 351 households** in conservation efforts

Restored Forests and Rangelands

- Promoted rotational grazing, forest restoration, spring protection, and sustainable pasture management to improve ecosystem health

Protected Wildlife

- Established community-led monitoring and patrols, achieving zero poaching while supporting recovery of key wildlife species

Strengthened Community Livelihoods

- Developed cooperatives and savings groups that improved market access, household incomes, and resilience to climate shocks