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## JAMES BALOG SELECTED AS RECIPIENT OF 2007 ROWELL AWARD FOR THE ART OF ADVENTURE

**San Francisco, CA – January 13, 2008** – Author, adventurer and nature photographer James Balog has been selected as the recipient of the 2007 Rowell Award for the Art of Adventure by the Rowell Award Judging Panel.

The award will be presented on Wednesday, April 16, 2008 at 7:30 p.m. in San Francisco at the Hotel Nikko. The event is sponsored by the Rowell Legacy Committee and its partners, The Yosemite Fund and the Commonwealth Club of California.

The Rowell Award celebrates the accomplishments of famed adventurers and photographers Galen and Barbara Rowell, who died in a plane crash in 2002. The Rowell Award honors that adventurer whose artistic passion illuminates the wild places of the world, and whose accomplishments significantly benefit both the environment and the people who inhabit these lands and regions.

James Balog's images have reflected a lifelong involvement with the outdoors and his quest to understand the complex relationship between humans and the environment. His work grows out of a passion for the environment as an artist, scientist, explorer and adventurer. He is the author of six books, including *Tree: A New Vision of the American Forest* and *Survivors: A New Vision of Endangered Wildlife*, which were hailed as major breakthroughs in nature photography. Balog's work has appeared in numerous publications, including *National Geographic*, *Smithsonian*, *Outside*, *Vanity Fair* and *Life*. He is a contributing editor to *National Geographic Adventure*. His provocative photographs have received widespread international acclaim and have been exhibited in prominent arts institutions worldwide. His latest project, the Extreme Ice Survey, involves Balog and his team installing 26 time-lapse cameras on 16 glaciers in five countries that will produce over 300,000 images via satellite to document glacial melt over the next two years.

The \$15,000 cash award was established by The Rowell Legacy Committee, which is composed of family members, friends, business associates and admirers of the late Barbara and Galen Rowell.

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