

2006 Awards Making Tracks Program

LAND STEWARDSHIP AWARD: SOUTHERN REGION, CHUCK MYERS RF

Chuck Myers, Southern Region Regional Forester accepted Land Stewardship award for the Southern Region. The USDA Forest Service Southern Region earned the award for its land management efforts on behalf of wild turkeys and wildlife through their State and Private Forestry organization. The group provides technical and financial assistance to landowners and resource managers to help sustain the nation's forest and protect communities and the environment.



WHEELIN SPORTSMEN NWTF AGENCY ACHIEVEMENT AWARD: FOREST SERVICE

Anne Zimmerman, WO Director of Watershed, Fish, Wildlife, Air and Rare Plants, Chuck Myers, R8 Regional Forester, and Gary Peters, Wildlife Program Leader, Francis Marion and Sumter National Forests accepted the award. The Wheelin Sportsmen NWTF Agency Achievement award is presented to a natural resource agency in recognition of their support in providing outdoor activities for disabled participants.

HABITAT PROJECT – INDIVIDUAL: STEVE BLATT, LOGAN RD, WASATCH CACHE NF

Steve Blatt, Logan Ranger District of the Wasatch-Cache National Forest in Utah, received a National Making Tracks Habitat Management Projects award. Blatt received the award for his participation in the Willow Springs and Lower Mill Hollow Riparian Enhancement projects.

L to R: Tom Peterson, R8 DRF, Steve Blatt, and Fred Norbury.



HABITAT PROJECT – GROUP: TELLICO RANGER DISTRICT, CHEROKEE NF AND PARTNERS

With thousands of miles of power lines streaming across state and federal forests, utility rights of way have great potential to provide food and cover to wildlife, especially wild turkeys. The Native Grass Establishment in Utility Corridors Partnership and the Cherokee National Forest received the National Making Tracks Habitat Management Projects award for enhancing habitat for wildlife on more than 18 miles of transmission lines.



L to R: Jerrod Brackett, Ft Loudon Electric Cooperative, Greg Colvin, Southern Appalachian Chapter NWTF, Mary Dodson, Tellico RD WL biologist, David Whitehead, TN Wildlife Resource Agency, Sam Brocato, Friends of the Cherokee NF, Tom Peterson R8 DRF, Fred Norbury.

CONSERVATION PROGRAM – SHAWNEE NF

For more than 20 years, the National Wild Turkey Federation has partnered with the U.S.D.A. Forest Service and the Illinois Department of Natural Resources to enhance wild turkey habitat in the Shawnee National Forest.

This partnership, which has enhanced thousands of acres of wildlife habitat on the largest block of public land in Illinois, earned the Shawnee National Forest the National Making Tracks Habitat Management Programs award. “The Shawnee National Forest is a popular hunting and recreation destination in Illinois,” said Dr. James Earl Kenamer, NWTF senior vice president for conservation programs. “The Forest Service has been dedicated to enhancing this area for the benefit of all.”



L to R. Steve Widowski Forest WL Biologist, Jeff Seefeldt, Vienna/Elizabethtown Districts Ranger, Allen Nicholas, Forest Supervisor, Rod McClanahan, East Side WL Biologist, Tom Peterson, R8DRF, Nick Giannettino, Resource Staff Officer, Dan Lentz, Jonesboro/Murphysboro Districts Ranger, Fred Norbury.