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**To:** Regional Foresters, Station Directors, Area Director, IITF Director, Deputy Chiefs and WO Directors

**REPLY DUE NOVEMBER 20, 2009**

We invite you to submit nominations for the 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Elk Country Awards, the 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Mule Deer Conservation Award, and the 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Making Tracks Awards. These awards recognize outstanding projects, programs, and individual achievement in the conservation of elk, mule deer, black-tailed deer, and wild turkeys and management of their habitat. We have significant wildlife-related work that is being accomplished by dedicated and conscientious employees every year in partnership with the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation, the Mule Deer Foundation, and the National Wild Turkey Federation. Please take the time to nominate your employees or co-workers that deserve special recognition.

The enclosed Summary of Awards describes each award, general award requirements, and specific criteria for eligibility. If you would like to re-submit a project, program, or individual that was not selected for an award in previous years, please update your nomination and send it to the coordinator identified for that award. All nominations are due by November 20, 2009. Submissions that do not use the appropriate nomination form will not be accepted. Late submissions might not be accepted. Please contact the Elk Country, Million Bucks, or Making Tracks coordinator for further information or if you need any assistance in submitting your nomination(s).

Awards will be presented at the partners' annual conventions. Award winners and all partners will be acknowledged again at the 75<sup>th</sup> North American Wildlife and Natural Resources Conference to be held in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, in March 2010.

Please take this opportunity to recognize outstanding wildlife conservation projects and programs performed in partnership with the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation, the Mule Deer Foundation, or the National Wild Turkey Federation.

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