

GOLDEN SMOKEY BEAR AWARD HISTORY
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After World War II, the public use of the national forests quickly surpassed previous visitor records by 1950. Fire prevention was a real concern since 9 out of 10 wildfires were human caused during the period 1946 to 1950. But compared with 1941, there was an annual decline in the number of national wildfires, a drop attributed to public cooperation with Forest Service fire prevention efforts.

The main fire prevention effort was the Smokey Bear Cooperative Forest Fire Prevention Campaign co-sponsored by the National Association of State Foresters, The Advertising Council, Inc., and the USDA Forest Service. Although the fire prevention campaign originated as part of the war effort, it evolved into an enduring legacy when a 1945 poster bear painted by Albert Staehle became personified by a real bear cub found in a New Mexico fire in 1950. Rudy Wendelin, a Forest Service artist, helped re-design the poster bear from Staehle's original 1944 cartoonish image into the more robust version popular today.

During the mid-1950s, scrolls were given out as awards for fire prevention activities. Wendelin was assigned by Clint Davis of The Advertising Council the task of developing a statuette to be awarded by the three partners in the fire prevention campaign—State Foresters, The Advertising Council, Inc., and the USDA Forest Service—to outstanding organizations (and later individuals as well) for their help in fire prevention on a national level. Rudy Wendelin modeled the statuette in clay that was similar in design to the Hollywood "Oscar." It was a simple design which symbolized the shape of Smokey Bear. In 1957, the outdated scrolls were officially replaced by the statuette that was gilded.

By working connections with Sherman Adams, the White House Chief of Staff, President Eisenhower gave out the first Golden Smokey Bear awards in 1958 to mark the fine fire record achieved in 1957. Judy Bell, daughter of Ruth and Ray Bell who had nursed the real cub back to health after his rescue from the Lincoln National Forest fire, received the first golden Smokey Bear statuette from President Dwight D. Eisenhower on behalf of the "fine cooperation the children of America have given forest fire prevention." These and later recipients are listed below. The Golden Smokey Bear Award is presented to individuals for their proven record of service in wildfire prevention on a national scale.

Silver Smokey Bear statuettes were later developed and first awarded in 1967 to recognize regional organizations or persons for a proven record of service in regional (multi-state) areas. A new Bronze Smokey Bear award, beginning in 1962, is also awarded yearly as well (previously, it was called the Smokey Bear Plaque). The Bronze Smokey Bear Award is presented for outstanding contributions to statewide wildfire prevention efforts.

Nominations are accepted each fall. Representatives from the National Association of State Foresters, the USDA Forest Service, and The Advertising Council, Inc., jointly select the annual Smokey Bear Award winners from the pool of nominated candidates.

As of 2011, only three people have won all three levels of Smokey Bear Awards: Harry R. "Punky" McClellan, Edwin Earl Rodger, and Fred X. Turck.

SMOKEY BEAR AWARD RECIPIENTS
(BY YEAR OF AWARD)

GOLDEN STATUETTE

- 1957 The Advertising Council, Inc.
American Forestry Association
American Forest Products Institute
The Children of America (Judy Bell)
- 1958 The Radio and Television Broadcasters of America
- 1959 Foote, Cone, and Belding
Newspapers of America:
National Editorial Association
Newspaper Advertising Executives Association
American Newspaper Publishers Association
United States Postal Service
- 1960 National Association of Transit Advertising, Inc.
- 1961 None Given
- 1962 National Education Association
Society of American Foresters
- 1963 General Federation of Women's Clubs
Native Sons and Daughters of the Golden West
- 1964 Russell Z. Eller, Volunteer Advertising Coordinator for the CFFP Program
National Council of State Garden Clubs, Inc.
- 1965 Ideal Toy Corporation
National Zoological Park, Washington, DC
- 1966 Western Forestry and Conservation Association
- 1967 Fire Weather Service (The U.S. Weather Bureau)
- 1968 "The Lassie Show"
- 1969 Philmont Scout Ranch and Explorer Base

GOLDEN STATUETTE RECIPIENTS – Continued

- 1970 Liller, Neal, Battle & Lindsay, Inc.
(Received Smokey Bear Plaque in 1963)
- 1971 Walt Disney Productions
- 1972 Rudolph A. Wendelin, Illustrator, USDA
(Received Silver Smokey in 1968)
- 1973 None Given
- 1974 None Given
- 1975 Macy's Department Store
- 1976 James P. Felton, Volunteer Advertising Coordinator for the CFFP Program
Virginia Division of Forestry
- 1977 None Given
- 1978 Pennsylvania Bureau of Forestry
- 1979 California Department of Forestry
- 1980 Canadian Forestry Association
City of Torrence, California and Torrence's RoseFloat Association
- 1981 None Given
- 1982 "Romper Room"
- 1983 None Given
- 1984 Boy Scouts of America
- 1985 John Bethea
USDA Pacific Southwest Region
America's Outdoor Writers
- 1986 Joe Baker
James R. Miller

GOLDEN STATUETTE RECIPIENTS – Continued

- 1987 Nancy A. Budd
William Keim
Harry R. "Punky" McClellan (received Silver-1977 & Bronze-1985)
- 1988 Cable News Network's Weather Channel
Del Hall
- 1989 John N. Graff
- 1990 Arthur Creelman
- 1991 Nelson/Weather-Rite Company
Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association
- 1992 None Given
- 1993 Foote, Cone & Belding (received Golden-1959 and 2000)
The Advertising Council, Inc. (received Golden-1957)
Jack Elrod
- 1994 Bill Clark
Elsie W. Cunningham
Donna M. Paananen
- 1995 Patrick T. Durland (BLM-received Bronze-1993)
Rodney C. Kindlund (USFS-received Bronze-1985)
- 1996 Friends of Smokey Bear Balloon
- 1997 Alfred E. and Sylvia Grimes
Michael Martin Murphey (Country and Western Performer)
Nancy Lyn Porter (USFS)
- 1998 None Given
- 1999 Paul S. Newman (posthumous, Author of Smokey Bear Comic)
Lewis F. Southard, Jr. (Virginia Forest Protection Team Leader)
- 2000 Foote, Cone & Belding (received Golden 1959 and 1993)
Jeannette Hartog, USFS, Utah (received silver 1995)
Safeco Corporation (Seattle, Washington)

GOLDEN STATUETTE RECIPIENTS – Continued

- 2001 Border Agency Fire Council of San Diego
- 2002 Florida Division of Forestry (L. Earl Peterson and James Harrell)
Jack Cohen (USFS Researcher, Montana)
- 2003 Ruder Finn (Smokeybear.com)
Texas Forest Service (James B. Hull)
- 2004 William Sweet
Paul Metcalf (Groveland Ranger District)
- 2005 Peter Carl Martin
Joan O'Hara Wehner (National Association of State Foresters)
- 2006 Richard Gibson
Stanford M. Adams
- 2007 None Given
- 2008 Edwin Earl Rodger (retired, VA Division of Forestry; received Silver in 1984;
Bronze in 1975)
- 2009 None Given
- 2010 Fred X. Turck (VA Division of Forestry; received Silver in 2003; Bronze in 2004
as Team Leader of Shenandoah Valley Interagency Team)
- 2011 Betty Brinn Children's Museum & USFS Urban Connections Team
National Garden Clubs, Inc.

SILVER STATUETTE RECEIPIENTS

- 1967 Raymond M. Connarr (Mississippi Forestry Commission)
Clinton L. Davis (Forest Service – Washington Office)
Albert K. Wiesendanger (Keep Oregon Green Association, Inc.)
- 1968 James Q. Rikard (New Hampshire Div. Resources Development)
Rudolph A. Wendelin (received Golden-1972)
Barney Wozniak (Keep Idaho Green Program)
- 1969 C. H. "Hux" Coulter (Florida State Forester)
Francis Raymond (California State Forester)
Archer Smith (Southeastern S&P Area Fire Chief)
- 1970 William W. Huber (USFS – Atlanta, Georgia)
Merle S. Lowden (USFS – Washington Office)
Elmer S. Osterman (California Division of Forestry)
- 1971 Eugene F. McNamara (Pennsylvania Bureau of Forestry)
Northeastern Forest Fire Protection Commission –
(Maine is a member)
(NY-Maine and Quebec)
- 1972 Kenneth A. Burkholder (BLM)
- 1973 Alan B. Beaven
Malcolm E. Hardy
- 1974 Richard J. Ernest
Curtis S. Nesheim
- 1975 Joe Delucchi (received Bronze Plaque-1971)
Richard Johnson
- 1976 W. F. (Bill) Myring
- 1977 Edwin Loner (received Bronze Plaque-1973)
Harry R. "Punky" McClellen (received Gold-1987, Bronze-1985)
Don K. Porter
- 1978 Merlin J. Dixon (received Bronze Plaque-1973)
Northwest Interagency Prevention Group (Oregon & Washington)

SILVER STATUETTE RECEIPIENTS-Continued

- 1979 David D. Devet
E. Feldman Corn
Richard T. Ford
- 1980 Marvin E. Newell
Middle Atlantic Interstate Forest Fire Protection Compact
- 1981 Rudy A. Andersen
Earl Meyer
Richard F. "Dick" Thomas
- 1982 Luigi W. DeBernardo
Max L. Doolittle
- 1983 Jackson Weaver
Harry Rossoll (received Bronze Plaque-1970)
- 1984 Edwin Earl Rodger (VA Dept. of Forestry; received Gold 2008, Bronze 1975)
Michael Marchese
- 1985 Bill Bergoffen
John Pager
- 1986 Maynard Stoddard
- 1987 Lori Shar
- 1988 Frank P. Dorchak
Bentley Humphrey (received Bronze Plaque-1977)
Arthur Sutton
- 1989 Loren Poore
- 1990 None Given
- 1991 Oakland Athletics
San Diego Padres
California Angels
Sierra Front Wildfire Cooperators
Weyerhaeuser Corporation

1992 Utah Jazz Basketball Organization
Gene Dowdy (received Bronze-1989)

SILVER STATUETTE RECEIPIENTS-Continued

1993 Russell G. Johnson

1994 Baltimore Orioles Baseball Team
Alfred and Sylvia Grimes
Images in Motion, Lee Armstrong and Kamela Portuges
Peter Carl Martin
Wesley L. Wells

1995 Steven R. Frady
Jeannette Hartog (USFS) (received gold 2000)
Nancy L. Porter (USFS)
Billy Jack Terry (USFS)

1996 John Balyney
Knott's Berry Farm
Mike Long
Minnesota Incident Command System Fire Prevention Committee
Pat Mullaney (BLM)
Jim Sorenson (USFS)

1997 Timothy J. Banaszak (USFS – NEA)
Malcolm Gramley (USFS – R8)
Anna and David Lang (USFS – NEA)

1998 Maureen Brooks
Bruce Turbeville (USFS – R5)
Jimmye Turner (USFS)
The Wildfire Prevention Working Team
(State Foresters of IN, IL, IO, MO and NEA)

1999 James Brenner
Kelly Klien
John Skinner (BLM)

2000 Karen Bergethon (USFS-Colorado)
Northwest Fire Prevention Interagency Workshop Committee
Richard Reitz (USFS-New Mexico)

2001 None Given

2002 None Given

SILVER STATUETTE RECIPIENTS-Continued

- 2003 Arthur G. Cox (Virginia Division of Forestry – Blood Hounds)
Dean L. Burnham (BLM-MT, WY, CO, Idaho)
Nanette Madden (USFS-R5)
Fred Turck (Virginia Division of Forestry; received Gold 2010, Bronze 2004)
Faye Christiansen (USFS-Idaho, WY, OR, CA)
- 2004 Vi Hillman (BLM/USFS-R4)
- 2005 Dennis Turco (Jackson County Fire District No. 3)
Sue McCourt (Beckworth Ranger District, Plumas N.F.)
Barbara Rebiskie (USFS-R5)
- 2006 Cathy Scofield (USFS-R1)
Gwen Beavans (USFS-R8)
Great Lakes Forest Fire Copact Prevention Committee
- 2007 Robert “Bob” Vogltance (Nebraska FS – received Bronze-1987)
Teresa Rigby (BLM, Salt Lake Field Office)
- 2008 Sandra Groth (Idaho Panhandle NF, USFS, ID)
- 2009 Kentucky Fire Prevention and Education Team (multi-agency)
Nebraska Partners in Prevention (volunteers)
- 2010 Alan Dozier (GA Forestry Commission)
Maureen Brooks (USFS, Northeastern Area State & Private Forestry)
- 2011 Ray Kresek (volunteer, Washington State DNR)

BRONZE STATUETTE - (Until 1980, a bronze plaque was awarded)

- 1962 Custer Volunteer Fire Department (South Dakota)
Don Dederer, Columnist (Arizona)
Great Northern Paper Company (Maine)
Liller, Neal, Battle and Lindsay, Inc. (received Golden-1970) (R8)
Mr. X. L. Peulluer (Florida Board of Forestry)
- 1963 Henry E. Norton (NV)
Salt Lake City Junior League (UT)
Seaboard Air Line Railroad (Virginia)
- 1964 Idaho Junior Chamber of Commerce
Earnest H. Linford (Educational Writer-Salt Lake City Tribune-UT)
Mississippi Forestry Association
Sessions S. "Buck" Wheeler (NY)
- 1965 Oswald F. Casanova (Prosecuting Attorney-Michigan)
Warren Chandler(KLZ TV – CO)
Mary Lea Griggs (Sumner, Washington)
Texas Forestry Association
- 1966 Bernell M. Calderwood (KSL TV-UT)
California Federation of Women's Clubs
J. O. Matlick (Kentucky Department of Natural Resources)
John F. Norlan (HS Art Instructor-CA)
Roger Pusey (The Desert News Staff Writer – UT)
WMTV, Channel 9 (Michigan)
- 1967 Harold S. Coons (USFS – UT)
William Goni (NV)
Oscar (Gladys) Hippe (MT)
Ollie L. Knotte (Georgia Forestry Commission)
Oklahoma Department of Libraries, Special Services Branch (OK)
- 1968 Alabama Forest Products Association
Rudy K. Anderson (Black Hills National Forest-South Dakota)
Crest Forest Fire District of San Bernardino County (CA)
Clyde A. "Skinny" Fite (FL)
Wayne Leeman (St. Louis Post – Missouri)
Phillip R. Lightner (PA Dpt of Forests, Waters, Parks-Artist)
David C. Phillips (Pike National Forest – CO)

Robert R. Radford (Watershed Fire Council of Southern CA)

BRONZE STATUETTE – Continued

Florida State Fireman's Association

- 1969 Emmet R. Aston
Gilbert B. Doll
Virgil Fite
Jalmar Johnson
William R. Ross
Carl W. Smith
Andrew F. Van Horn
Washington Forest Protection Association
- 1970 Walter T. Ahearn (South Carolina State Forestry Commission)
Thomas B. Borden (CO State Forester)
John C. Capell (Meteorologist-KGW TV-OR)
Franklin O. Carroll (USFS-NM)
Louis F. Deaton (Georgia Forestry Commission)
The Idaho Statesman (Newspaper-Idaho)
Paul R. Kramer (Texas Forest Service)
Jack McBride (South Dakota Dpt Game, Fish, Parks)
Hunter T. Reynolds (Alabama Forestry Commission)
Harry L. Rossoll (USFS-Georgia – received Silver-1975)
- 1971 Charles Crandall
(Senior Locomotive Inspector-NY Bureau of Forest Fire Control)
Frank Craven (Georgia Forestry Commission)
Joe Delucchi (CA Fire Prevention Committee–rcvd Silver-1975)
Loren B. Good (Redwood Region Conservation Council – CA)
Sam Hancock (Correspondent, United Press Intrnl – Illinois)
KRCR-TV, Channel 7 (CA)
Fred Lovin (Raymond, California)
George Murray (BLM-Alaska)
Peshtigo Fire Centennial Committee (Wisconsin)
The City of Revelstoke (British Columbia, Canada)
- 1972 Maurice B. Crosen (So. Calif. Edison Company)
John B. Fortin (USFS-UT)
KCBS-AM Radio Station (CA)
L. P. Mallory (US Weather Bureau-Forecaster – UT)
Pocono Forestry Association (PA)
Frederick W. Rungee (BLM – Alaska)
Dewey Schales (Louisiana Forestry Commission)

BRONZE STATUETTE – Continued

- 1973 Merlin J. Dixon (received Silver-1978)
John A. Henler
Clarence Hilburn
Edwin Loners (received Silver-1977)
George L. Porter
Victor E. Sisson
James C. Sorenson
Ralph T. Wall
Nancy Zwak
- 1974 Gladys Buckelhaupt
William Folkman
John McMahon
Robert Nelson
Eugene C. Pulliam
Stephen Sandfort
- 1975 "Bill" Laughinghouse & Channel 9 TV
William T. Chapman
Asher Kelly
Bernard Klugow
Fred R. Miller
Edwin Earl Rodger (VA Dept. of Forestry; received Gold in 2008, Silver 1984)
J. L. Standford
Roland Treubig
Georgia Zappettini
- 1976 Anchorage School District
Cocoa Junior Women's Club
Bruce Ferguson
Edward Jacoby (received Bronze-1987 & 1995)
Fleming L. Pope
Charles M. Smith
Keep South Dakota Green Association
Thomas L. Trahan
- 1977 Arthur N. Creelman
Mary Ellen Hawkins
Bentley Humphrey (received Silver-1988)
KSL Corporation

Donald T. Westover

BRONZE STATUETTE – Continued

- 1978 Rogue Valley Prevention Cooperative
Sam (Alice) Thulin
- 1979 Gordon T. Rowley
Roy G. Hatcher
Bill Bell
Myron E. Ostrowski
Authur Briggs
James T. Lennox
R. Ben Kinsey
Bobby H. McLand
New Milford Volunteer Fire Company 2
Paul H. Faubell
George "Bud" Beachwood
- 1980 Arthur S. Brimrose
Calvin L. Frink
Paula Hanninen
Dick Ray
Southwest Lincoln County Fire Prevention Cooperative
Texas State Radio Network
Wanatchee World
- 1981 Jack J. Cychosz
Glatfelter Pulpwood Co
Rep. Thomas L. Hazouri
KELO-LAND TV
Central Oregon Fire Prevention Cooperative
Lloyd Simmons
Southern Pacific Transportation Co.
Tennessee Division of Forestry
- 1982 Robert S. Jackson
Nelson L. Peach
Horace McQueen
WSAZ-TV
- 1983 Bud Garner
Leo W. Wilson
WTTV, Channel 4
WTOU-TV, Channel 9
WENH, Channel 11

Duhammel Broadcasting

BRONZE STATUETTE – Continued

Hugh Graham

Ted Hopkins

Mary Sue Topper

1984 Cablevision of Shreveport
Keep Montana Green Association

1985 Randy Biswell
Richard H. Hamilton
Division of Parks and Forestry
South Carolina Network
"Smokey and the Pros" (Group Award)
Harry R. "Punky" McClellan (received Silver-1977, Golden-1987)
Russ Johnson
Rod Kindlund (received Golden-1995)
Jack Wiest

1986 Mike McGowan
Betty Hite
Bob Vogltance
Beverly Stout

1987 Patsy Bisceglia
California Federation of Women's Club, California Juniors
Dean Carson
Captain Kutz
Missoula County Fire Protection Association
Captain Jim Van Meter
Edward F. Jacoby, Jr. (rcvd Bronze Plaque-1976, Bronze-1995)
Al Murphy

1988 Tom Hall
Don Morton
Gordon Rowley
Lee "Rusty" Lafferty
Beecher Colvin
John Logan (Maine) (Was a news media person also)
Lauderdale County Assoc. of Volunteer Fire Departments, Inc.
Jonelle Moore

BRONZE STATUETTE – Continued

- 1989 Andrew Nadeau
Wayne Brown
WSET Channel 13
Harold Mikel
Dave Reinecke
Jim Fisher
Howard Thronson
WSUS Radio & RV
Sharon Torrence
Lisa Cheisea
Gene Dowdy
- 1990 Maureen Brooks
James D. Coats, RPE
Dave W. Doughty
Garland County Fire Prevention Cooperative
Michael and Carla Godby
New Jersey Outdoors
Bruce Turbeville
Jack P. Wengert
William L. Pierce
- 1991 Rebecca Cabe
Florida Alert Association
Joe Hughes
Charles Schultz
James Whitson
Betty Sutton
Richard Just
James M. Dale
- 1992 Pat Kidder
William R. Baker
Susan Benson
Kroger Company
Golden Eagles Hockey Club

BRONZE STATUETTE – Continued

- 1993 Ron and Sandra Glass
George Alex
Milt Williams
Patrick T. Durland (received Golden-1995)
WABI-TV
WLBZ-TV
Jon Agner
James Downie
James T. Gowdy
Fred Judd
Manning, Salvage, and Lee Advertising
National Automobile Museum, Reno-NV
Chuck Robinson
Beverly S. Stout (received Bronze-1986)
Dan Whittaker
Tim Whitten
- 1994 Jacob C. Bruckler
Department of Agricultural Communications, Texas A&M Univ.
Glen's Market's, Inc., Gaylord, MI
Jule Huffman
WGME-TV, Channel 13
WMUR-TV, Channel 9
WQCB-FM Radio (Q106.5)
- 1995 Rose Ann Edmondson
Lou Gugliotta
Edward F. Jacoby (received Bronze Plaque-1976, Bronze-1987)
KOZI Radio
KPQ Radio
Eileen Machovina
Kathy Sullen
Arthur J. Yagel
WYOU-WABI Radio

BRONZE STATUETTE – Continued

- 1996 Kenneth W. Cabe
Cynthia L. Frenzel
George Geer (USFS)
James E. Grant, Jr.
John Jackson
Tara Johannsen
Kurt Pagel
Philip Stromberg
- 1997 Patrick Costales (R5)
David Filmon (Canada)
High Desert Fire Prevention Association (R5)
Nancy Jemmett (R3)
Danny Jones (R5)
Kootenai County Fire Prevention Cooperative (R4)
Tom Ninnemen (R4)
Louis Norvell (Northeast Area)
Oregon State University
Shoshone County Fire Prevention Cooperative
Denise Tomlin (R2)
- 1998 California Fire Safe Council
Ray Durham
Gary Laco
Kimberli Lanier
M.C. Axe and the Firecrew
Paul F. Sebasovich
Dr. and Mrs. Edwin Smith
Doug Voltolina
- 1999 Gerogean Burton and Cory Child
California Federation of Women's Clubs
Randy Eardley (BLM)
Harry Kepler
Sue McCourt
Don and Mary Ohrt
Gerald Parsons

Ed Smith
Matt Weinell
Teresa Winovitch

BRONZE STATUETTE – Continued

- 2000 Denise Germann
Mary K. Hicks
Gary Marshall (Fire Marshall, City of Bend Fire Department -
received a separate Bronze award as well) (Oregon)
City of Bend Fire Department (OR)
Pikes Peak Wildfire Prevention Partners
- 2001 Fire Safe Council of Nevada County
Tracy Hensley
John Mingus
Roxanne Provaznik
- 2002 Superior National Forest & Minnesota Dept. of Natural Resources
N.A. "Turk" Baz and WDEB Radio (TN)
Christopher Thomsen (Virginia Department of Forestry)
James Hart (USFS – Florida)
Sunriver Owner's Association (OR)
- 2003 Big Cottonwood Canyon Wildfire Council (UT)
Pine Ridge Property Owners Association (PRPOA) (California)
Seminole County Forestry Unit (Georgia)
Cynthia A. Kohles (Wisconsin)
- 2004 Kathy Hammons and Janet Johnson (UT Division of Forestry)
Shenandoah Valley Interagency Wildfire Prevention and Education Team
(Virginia Department of Forestry, Fred Turck team leader))
Nebraska Partners in Prevention – Nebraska (Rhonda Cerny, Stu Wilsman, Jay
Templar, Mark Gaf, Don Kuhl)
Merlin Miller (BLM-Idaho)
Gary Carpenter (Florida Division of Forestry and USFS)
Gayle Thrash and Jay Boykin (USFS-Mississippi)
- 2005 Bob Bannon (Washington Division of Forestry)
Kentucky Division of Forestry (Contact Bernie Andersen)
Blackwater Forestry Center (Contact Sonny Greene)

2006 Kelly Cardoza (Boise National Forest)
Eliseo (Chito) Garcia
Gerry J. LaCavera
Okeechobee Fire Prevention Committee (Contact David Gomez)

BRONZE STATUETTE – Continued

2007 Wade Alonzo (WA State Dept. of Natural Resources)
Marion County Multi-Agency Wildland Taskforce
Ronda Sutphen (FL Division of Forestry)
Thomas Lund (BLM-AZ Strip District) & Darrel W. Monger (USFS-R4)
Mike Beaulieu & Michelle Reynolds (Red Lake Band of Chippewa)
Maris Gabliks (NJ Forest Fire Service)

2008 Annaleasa Winter (FL Division of Forestry)
FL Fire Weather Team (FL Division of Forestry)
Larry Benham (USFS, Humboldt-Toiyabe NF, NV)
Spooner Advocate (a WI newspaper)
TX Hurricane Wildfire Prevention and Mitigation Task Force (TX Forest Service)
Wilfred 'Pie' Steele (Bureau of Indian Affairs, NM)

2009 Ashley Ward (DE Forest Service)
John Boal (The Ad Council)
Melissa Yunas (FL Division of Forestry)
Genie Hall (volunteer; FL Division of Forestry)
Suwannee Forestry Center Fire Prevention Committee (FL Division of Forestry)
Greg Strenkowski (GA Forestry Commission)
Ed Smith & Sonya Sistare (University of NV)

2010 Roxanne Savoie (MA DCR Bureau of Forest Fire Control)
Reid Shelley (US Forest Service, UT)
Texas Forest Service Fire Prevention Team (TX Forest Service)
Everglades District Fire Prevention Committee (FL Division of Forestry)
Ted Nuggent (volunteer; TX Forest Service)

2011 Bill Swartley (North Carolina Forest Service)
Julie Oliver & Sandra Williams (WA Department of Natural Resources)
Perry District Fire Prevention Committee (FL Division of Forestry)
Linda G. Starling (FL Division of Forestry)
J. Foster Fanning (WA Department of Natural Resources)