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Mr. Bob Abbey  
Director, Bureau of Land Management  
U.S. Department of the Interior  
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Dear Mr Abbey:

The 2012 National Smokey Bear Awards nomination period is now open. As you know, this prestigious award program recognizes organizations and/or individuals for outstanding service in wildfire prevention programs. These awards remind us of the hard work our employees and cooperators do to reduce the threat of human-caused wildfires. This award program is sponsored by the U.S. Forest Service, the Ad Council, and the National Association of State Foresters.

The three nomination categories are Gold, Silver, and Bronze. Award categories recognize outstanding, sustained service of at least two years with significant program impact in wildfire prevention at the national level (Gold), multi-state level (Silver), and statewide level (Bronze).

The nominations will be evaluated against specific criteria that measure the scope, program impact, partnerships, and unique qualities of each nominee. You will find the nomination form enclosed. The nomination form and other award program related information are on the following web site: <http://www.smokeybear.com/awards/>.

Please have nominators send a copy of all nominations by close of business February 17, 2012, to the following two people (one copy to each):

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And (via express delivery)



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Please include all supporting documentation and materials with your nomination package. Electronic nominations will also be accepted. Nomination packages must be complete, as they will be evaluated as submitted. Jon Skinner and Helene Cleveland can also answer any questions about the nomination process.

Thank you for your continued support of the National Smokey Bear Awards. I look forward to receiving your nominations.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "J. Hubbard".

JAMES E. HUBBARD  
Deputy Chief, State and Private Forestry

cc: Helene Cleveland, Jonathon Skinner

Enclosure