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

OPTIONAL REPLY DUE DECEMBER 18, 2015

Each year, along with our partners, we are pleased to honor those who have exhibited leadership in our fisheries/aquatic ecology, hydrology, air, and soil science programs across the country. Once again, we ask your assistance in identifying those top performers who have made outstanding contributions to fisheries, hydrology, air, soils, and watershed resource management on our National Forests and Grasslands.

A summary of the award categories is enclosed, along with a nomination form. Note that several of the awards can be given to either internal or external individuals or groups. We anticipate the National Rise to the Future - Fisheries, Hydrology, Air and Soil Science Resource Awards will be presented in the spring of 2016, with the likely location to be at the National Archives in Washington, DC.

Please share this nomination request widely, both internally and externally. Completed forms should be sent to Mr. Nathaniel Gillespie, Assistant National Fisheries Program Leader, no later than December 18, 2015. Nathaniel will coordinate with the Watershed Program, Air Program, and Soil Program leaders to provide appropriate review of the nominations for each category. If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Nathaniel Gillespie at (202) 697-1055, or by email at ngillespie@fs.fed.us.

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