We invite you to submit nominations for the fiscal year (FY) 2016 Making Tracks Awards and for the FY 2016 Mule Deer Conservation Award. These awards recognize outstanding projects, programs, and individual achievement in the conservation of wild turkeys, mule deer, and black-tailed deer and management of their habitats. Significant wildlife-related work is being accomplished by dedicated and conscientious employees every year in partnership with the National Wild Turkey Federation and substantial benefits are being achieved for deer populations and habitat through the combined efforts of our dedicated employees in partnership with the Mule Deer Foundation. Please take the time to nominate your employees or co-workers that deserve special recognition for these activities. Award-specific instructions and nomination forms can be accessed on the Forest Service WFWARP-Wildlife awards website (http://www.fs.fed.us/biology/main/awards.html).

Nominations for these awards are due on October 15, 2016. Late submissions and submissions that do not use the appropriate nomination form provided on the website will not be accepted. Nominations for the FY 2016 Making Tracks Awards should be submitted electronically to Tracy Grazia, National Making Tracks Program Coordinator, via email at tgrazia@fs.fed.us. Nominations for the FY 2016 Mule Deer Conservation Award should be submitted electronically to John Shivik, via e-mail at johnashivik@fs.fed.us. If you have any questions regarding the nomination process, please contact Tracy at (803) 637-7508 or John at (801) 625-5667.


Ideally, we would like to present these awards to each recipient in person but recognize with continued efforts to manage travel costs this may not be possible. If personal attendance is not possible, we encourage recognition of the awardee at the local level and/or by participation in the awards ceremony via video conference.
We look forward to this opportunity to highlight excellence in wildlife conservation and we encourage your participation in identifying individuals and their accomplishments for national recognition in our Forest Service Making Tracks program and Mule Deer Conservation program.

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