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Natural Resource Conservation

To: Regional Foresters, Station Directors, Area Director, IITF Director, Deputy

Chiefs, WO Directors

#### **OPTIONAL REPLY DUE DECEMBER 16, 2016**

We are seeking nominations for awards in Natural Resource Conservation. Take a few minutes to consider the accomplishments of your colleagues and prepare nominations. We know there are many potential nominees and projects worthy of such esteemed recognition, and we look forward to your submissions.

Award-specific instructions, nomination forms, and award coordinators can be accessed on the <u>Watershed, Fish, Wildlife, Air and Rare Plants Award</u> Web site to assist in preparing your nominations. Submissions must use the appropriate nomination form provided on the Web site to be accepted and considered.

## 1. Jack Adams and Lloyd W. Swift Sr. Awards

These are two career achievement awards in natural resource management. Nominees should demonstrate the characteristics and qualities of Jack Adams and Lloyd W. Swift Sr., as described in the award descriptions and nomination criteria.

#### 2. Forest Service - Bureau of Land Management Awards

Two categories of award recognize exemplary joint agency conservation efforts for fisheries, wildlife, and native plants. Up to two Forest Service-Bureau of Land Management awards are presented annually in the categories of Conservation Leadership Partner and Conservation Project.

### 3. Wings Across the Americas Conservation Awards

This award program involves the entire Forest Service – the National Forest System, State and Private Forestry, Research and Development, and International Programs – and recognizes outstanding bird, bat, butterfly, and dragonfly conservation work by Forest Service personnel and partners.





# 4. Presidential Migratory Bird Stewardship Award

The Presidential Migratory Bird Stewardship Award is presented by U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, on behalf of the Council for the Conservation of Migratory Birds, annually to recognize a project or action conducted by an Agency or in a partnership that contributes to migratory bird conservation. The Agency/action demonstrates a leadership role in inspiring others to take action in migratory bird conservation, and can include developing and implementing best-management practices, a policy action, or research. The action could also include influencing entities at a local, regional, or global scale to adopt and implement similar actions or practices.

All nominations are due December 16, 2016; late submissions will not be accepted. If you need assistance in submitting your nomination(s), please contact the award coordinator identified in the information provided on the Web site above.

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