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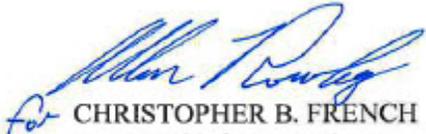
**REPLY DUE NOVEMBER 15, 2019**

We invite you to submit nominations for the fiscal year (FY) 2019 Making Tracks Awards and FY 2019 Mule Deer Conservation Award. The Making Tracks Awards recognize outstanding projects, programs, and individual achievement in the wild turkey conservation and habitat management. Dedicated and conscientious employees are accomplishing significant work in partnership with the National Wild Turkey Federation. The Mule Deer Conservation Award recognizes a Forest Service unit or individual(s) for outstanding achievements in the conservation of mule deer/black-tailed deer and their habitats. 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 employees or coworkers to recognize their accomplishments. Award-specific instructions and nomination forms are enclosed.

**Nominations for these awards are due on November 15, 2019.** Late submissions and submissions that do not use the appropriate nomination form will not be accepted. Nominations for the **FY 2019 Making Tracks Awards** should be submitted to Kelle Reynolds, National Making Tracks Program Coordinator, via email at [kelle.reynolds@usda.gov](mailto:kelle.reynolds@usda.gov). Nominations for the **FY 2019 Mule Deer Conservation Award** should be submitted to John Shivik via email at [john.shivik@usda.gov](mailto:john.shivik@usda.gov). If you have any questions regarding the nomination process, please contact Kelle at (404) 347-4082 or John at (801) 625-5667.

The **FY 2019 Mule Deer Conservation Award** will be presented at the Mule Deer Foundation Annual Convention February 13–16, 2020, in Salt Lake City, Utah, in conjunction with the Western Hunting and Conservation Expo. The **FY 2019 Making Tracks Awards** will be presented at the National Wild Turkey Federation Convention and Conservation Conference February 12–16, 2020, in Nashville, Tennessee. Ideally, we would present these awards to each recipient in person. We recognize that with continued efforts to manage travel costs this may not be an option. 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 and Mule Deer Conservation programs.

  
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Enclosures

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