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Subject: Request for Nominations for 2019 National Rise To The Future and Jack Adams/Lloyd Swift Awards for Fisheries, Hydrology, Wildlife, Air, and Soil Science

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

OPTIONAL REPLY DUE ~~DECEMBER 20, 2019~~

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

The enclosed nomination form provides a summary of the categories. Each category has different eligibility and nomination criteria that can include Agency employees, individuals, or groups outside the Agency. Please note a **new Early Career Professional Excellence Award**. This category was created to recognize Forest Service individuals with up to 10 years' experience in their profession who have made significant contributions to the field and exemplify outstanding professionalism in the fisheries or watershed programs. Nominations should clearly identify the proposed award recipient(s) and individual(s) recommended for the award.

In June 2020, we anticipate having a ceremony in Washington, D.C., at the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Jamie L. Whitten Building to present the National Rise to the Future - Fisheries, Hydrology, Wildlife, Air and Soil Science Resource Awards and the Jack Adams/Lloyd Swift Awards.

Please share this nomination request widely, both internally and externally. **All nominations are due by ~~December 20, 2019~~.**

Please send completed forms for all Rise to the Future Award nominations to Nathaniel Gillespie, Assistant National Fisheries Program Leader, at nathaniel.gillespie@usda.gov. If you have any questions on these awards, please contact Nathaniel Gillespie at (202) 697-1055. Please send completed Jack Adams and Lloyd Swift Award nominations to Brian Logan, National Wildlife Program Leader, at brian.logan@usda.gov. If you have any questions on these awards, please contact Brian Logan at (703) 236-0727.


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Enclosures