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

OPTIONAL REPLY DUE 20 DEC 2019 and 23 DEC 2019

Each year, we recognize individuals and groups who make outstanding contributions to wildlife, fisheries, and rare plant management and research on our National Forests and Grasslands. There is a lot of good work going on in support of natural resource conservation. Please consider recognizing the accomplishments of your colleagues by nominating them. We look forward to your submissions.

Award-specific instructions, nomination forms, and award coordinators can be accessed on the Forest Service Watershed, Fish, Wildlife, Air and Rare Plants website

(<https://www.fs.fed.us/naturalresources/main/awards.shtml>). Submissions must use the appropriate nomination form provided on the website to be accepted and considered.

Nominations for all awards are due by 20 December 2019 and 23 December 2019, respectively.

1. Wings Across the Americas Conservation Awards: DUE 20 DEC 2019

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.

2. Forest Service - Bureau of Land Management Awards: DUE 23 DEC 2019

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

These awards will be presented at various venues in spring 2020. Forest Service award venues will be announced along with the awardees in late January 2020.

If you need assistance in submitting your nomination(s), please contact the award coordinator identified on the website above. Thank you for taking the time to nominate your colleagues for these national awards.

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