# AWARDS

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# PAST WINNERS

## 2014

### Wildlife

* Forest Service/Mule Deer Foundation Award – Curtis Keetch; Wildlife Biologist; Grand Mesa, Uncompahgre, Gunnison NF, Region 2
* Jack Adams Award – Mary Maj, District Ranger/Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest-Cle Elum Ranger District.
* Lloyd Swift Senior Award - Melanie Woolever (retired), Wildlife Program Leader/National Bighorn Sheep (Full Curl) Program Leader, Rocky Mountain Region.
* Forest Service/Bureau of Land Management “Joint Conservation Partner”: Wildlife Forever
* Forest Service/Bureau of Land Management “Joint Conservation Project”: Upper Wind river/Dubois Wildlife Habitat Conservation Cooperative Initiative in Wyoming.
* Making Tracks/Wild Turkey –
* HABITAT MANAGEMENT PROJECT AWARD recipient is The Pinaleño Ecosystem Restoration Project Award on Coronado National Forest.
* CONSERVATION EDUCATION AWARD recipient is Chattohoochee-Oconee National Forest in Georgia.
* PARTNERSHIP ACHIEVEMENT AWARD recipient is The Land Between The Lakes National Recreation Area in Kentucky and Tennessee.
* Elk Country/RMEF Awards – No Award Presented

### Rise to the Future

* **Tribal Accomplishment:** The Hoopa Valley Tribe, Six Rivers National Forest
* **Aquatic Recreational Accomplishment:** The National Professional Anglers Association and The Future Angler Foundation, Eastern Region of the Forest Service
* **Collaborative Aquatic Stewardship:** Colorado Division of Parks and Wildlife, San Juan National Forest’s Columbine Ranger District & Trout Unlimited’s Five Rivers Chapter San Juan National Forest
* **Friends of the Fish/Watershed:** Southwest Regional Office GIS Unit, Region 3 Regional Office
* **Public Awareness:** Karl Morgenstern, Eugene Water & Electric Board, Willamette National Forest
* **Line Officer:** Dave Halemeier, Blue Mountain Ranger District, Malheur National Forest
* **Partnership:** The Klamath Basin Rangeland Trust, Fremont-Winema National Forest
* **Professional Excellence – Fish Management:** Dr. Bruce Hansen, Pacific Northwest Research Station
* **Professional Excellence – Fish Management (posthumous):** Greg Killinger, Tongass National Forest
* **Jim Sedell Research Achievement:** The Kings River Experimental Watershed Group, Pacific Southwest Research Station
* **Field Soil Scientist of the Year:** Jim Hurja, Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest
* **“Wagon Wheel Gap” Hydrology:** William Swartz, Colville National Forest
* **Paul Miller Air Award:** Dr. Mark Fenn, Pacific Southwest Research Station
* **Special Category for “Private Citizen Commitment to Watershed Restoration”:** Stanley Petrowski, Umpqua National Forest
* **Special Category for “Collaborative/Integrated Aquatic Stewardship”:** Best Management Practices (BMP) Program Implementation Team, Rocky Mountain, Pacific Southwest, Pacific Northwest Regions, Washington Office and Northern Research Station

## 2013

### Wildlife

* Forest Service/Mule Deer Foundation Award - Julie Grode; Wildlife Biologist (Retired); Grand Mesa, Uncompahgre, Gunnison NF, Region 2
* Jack Adams Award - Bobby Grinstead (retired), Forest Fisheries Biologist, National Forests in Florida.
* Lloyd Swift Senior Award - Gene DeGayner (retired), Director of Renewable Resources Management, Northern Region.
* Forest Service/Bureau of Land Management “Joint Conservation Partner”: Wild Sheep Foundation (WSF)
	+ No “Joint Conservation Project” award presented.
* Making Tracks/Wild Turkey –
* HABITAT MANAGEMENT PROJECT AWARD recipient is Richard Carpenter
* CONSERVATION EDUCATION AWARD recipient is The Hoosier National Forest in Indiana.
* PARTNERSHIP ACHIEVEMENT AWARD recipient is The Ottawa National Forest in Michigan.
* Elk Country/RMEF Awards – No Award Presented

### Rise to the Future

* Collaborative/Integrated Aquatic Stewardship Award: The Allegheny Watershed Improvement Needs (WINS) Coalition
* Friend of the Fish/Watershed Award: Mike Karr - Umpqua National Forest/Diamond Lake Ranger District
* Line Officer Award: Lynn Burditt - Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area
* Partnership Award: Big Blackfoot Chapter of Trout Unlimited
* Professional Excellence - Fish Management Award:
	+ Dr. Nick Schmal; USFS/Eastern Regional Office
	+ Richard Standage; Ouachita National Forest
* Public Awareness Award: Peter Schneider - Tongass National Forest/Juneau Ranger District
* Tribal Accomplishment Award: Nez Perce Tribe - Department of Fisheries Management
* Jim Sedell Research Achievement Award: Dr. Wendell Haag - Southern Research Station
* Special Category for Lifetime Achievement Award: Dr. Gordon Reeves - Pacific Northwest Research Station
* Special Category for Mentoring Award: Terry Kaplan-Henry - Sequoia National Forest
* Field Soil Scientist of the Year Award: Terry Craigg - Deschutes National Forest/Sisters Ranger District
* 'Wagon Wheel Gap' Hydrology Award: Caty Clifton - Umatilla National Forest
* Paul Miller Air Award: Dr. Robert Musselman - Rocky Mountain Research Station

## 2012

### Wildlife

* Jack Adams Award – Len Walch (Retired 2012), Forest Fish Biologist, Helena National Forest.
* Lloyd Swift Senior Award - Clint McCarthy, Regional Wildlife Ecologist, Intermountain Region.
* Forest Service/Bureau of Land Management “Joint Conservation Project” - Integrated Bird Monitoring in Bird Conservation Regions (IMBCR) Project
* Forest Service/Bureau of Land Management “Joint Conservation Partner” - Trout Unlimited

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### Rise to the Future

* Aquatic Recreational Accomplishment - The Happy Meadows Team, including the South Park Ranger District on the Pike and San Isabel National Forests and Cimarron and Comanche National Grasslands
* Collaborative/Integrated Aquatic Stewardship - The Salmon River Estuary Project on the Siuslaw National Forest
* Field Soil Scientist of the Year - Dave Hoppe, Field Soil Scientist on the Chequamegon-Nicolet National.
* Friend of the Fish/Watershed - Brian Austin, Civil Engineer on the Green Mountain & Finger Lakes National.
* Line Officer - Timothy Love, Seeley Lake District Ranger on the Lolo National.
* Partnership - Miller Coors.
* Professional Excellence - Fish Management: Jim Herrig from the Cherokee National Forest.
* Public Awareness - The Wild and Scenic Snake River Headwaters Interdisciplinary Team of the Bridger-Teton National Forest.
* Tribal Accomplishment - Tony Christianson of the Hydaburg Cooperative.
* Jim Sedell Research Achievement - Dr. Pete Bisson of the Pacific Northwest Research.
* Special Category for “Professional Accomplishment – Soil Science: Nancy Burt, Forest Soil Scientist of the Green Mountain and Finger Lakes National Forests.
* “Wagon Wheel Gap” Hydrology - Dana Butler of the Pike and San Isabel National Forests and Cimarron and Comanche National.
* Paul Miller Air Award - Janice Peterson of the Mt. Baker-Snoqualmie National.

## 2011

### Wildlife

* Mule Deer Conservation Award – Bob Christensen - Ashley National Forest.
* Jack Adams Award – Nancy Warren, Intermountain Region, Threatened & Endangered Species Program Leader.
* Lloyd Swift Senior Award – Don DeLorenzo, Southwestern Region, Director of Wildlife, Fish and Rare Plants.

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* Aquatic Recreational Accomplishment - The Manistee River Rainbow Bend – Bear Creek Universal Access Partnership
* Collaborative/Integrated Aquatic Stewardship - Mike Lambert, Umatilla Basin Manager for the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation (CTUIR)
* Collaborative/Integrated Aquatic Stewardship - The Tongass National Forest’s Craig Ranger District and The Nature Conservancy.
* Field Soil Scientist of the Year - Jim Archuleta, Forest Soil Scientist on the Umatilla National Forest.
* Friend of the Fish/Watershed - Sandra Wilson Musser, Pacific Northwest Regional Office Geotechnical Engineer
* Line Officer - John Erickson, Emmett District Ranger on the Boise National Forest
* Partnership - The Americorps Watershed Stewards Program
* Partnership - Winston County Smith Lake Advocacy Group
* Professional Excellence - Fish Management: Rodger Nelson from the Payette National Forest
* Public Awareness - The STEWARDS Program of the South Santiam Watershed and Sweet Home Ranger District of the Willamette National Forest
* Professional Excellence Research Achievement - Kelly Burnett of the Pacific Northwest Research Station
* Special Category “River Champion” - Robert Hunter, WaterWatch of Oregon
* Special Category for “Aquatic Technology Training” - The USFS Aquatic Organism Passage Cadre: Dan Cenderelli, STREAM Systems Technology Center; Bob Gubernick, Engineering Geologist for Region 9; Mark Weinhold, Hydrologist White River National Forest Region 2; and Kim Johanson (retired), Engineer Willamette/Siuslaw National Forest Region 6.
* “Wagon Wheel Gap” Hydrology - Louis Wasniewski, hydrologist on the Caribou-Targhee National Forest

## 2010

### Wildlife

* Mule Deer Conservation Award - Gary Rotta and George Garcia of the Plumas National Forest.
* **Elk Country/RMEF -** Individual Achievement: Kathy Johnson, Ely Ranger District, Humbolt-Toiyabe NF, R4
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### Rise to the Future

* Aquatic Recreational Accomplishment: Willamette National Forest Recreation and Aquatic staff
* Collaborative/Integrated Aquatic Stewardship: Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks, Turner Enterprises, and the Gallatin National Forest Fish Team
* Friend of Fish/Watershed: Bruce Prudhomme, Hydrologist; Kisatchie NF
* Line Officer: Allan Hahn of Lakeview/Bly Ranger District; Fremont-Winema National Forest
* Partnership: Joe McGurrin and Rob Roberts of Trout Unlimited (TU)
* Professional Excellence “Rise to the Future” - Fish Management: Ben Van Alen; Juneau Ranger District - Tongass National Forest
* Public Awareness: The John G. Shedd Aquarium
* Professional Excellence Research Achievement: Dan Isaak; Rocky Mountain Research Station
* Special Category “Champion for Water Education of Agency Leaders”: Renotta McNair, Forest Supervisor on the Idaho Panhandle National Forest
* Special Category “Lifetime Achievement Aquatic Technology Transfer”: Kerry Overton, Fisheries Biologist; Rocky Mountain Research Station
* “Wagon Wheel Gap” Hydrology: Jim Frazier of the Stanislaus NF in Region 5 and Dale Higgins; Chequamegon-Nicolet of Region 9
* Field Soil Scientist of the Year: George Robertson and Steve Strenger; Southwestern Region of the Forest Service

## 2009

### Wildlife

* **Elk Country/RMEF -** Individual Achievement: Melanie Woolever, R2 – Dedication to wildlife programs and habitat improvement in elk country
* **Elk Country/RMEF -** Habitat: Modoc NF, R5
* **Elk Country/RMEF -** Partnership Award (Partner Coordination): Mark Henjum, Blue Mountains Elk Initiative, R6
* **Elk Country/Special Recognition –** Tom Toman, RMEF
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* Aquatic Recreational Accomplishment - ***Stop Aquatic Invasives*** *–* Oregon Multi-Agency Project; Oregon State Marine Board, Portland State University, Oregon Dept of Fish and Wildlife, US Army Corps of Engineers, Bureau of Land Management, and USDA Forest Service (Willamette NF, Deschutes NF, Umpqua NF, and Rogue River-Siskiyou NF).
* Collaborative Aquatic Stewardship - **Leopard Darter Recovery Team –** Ken Collins (USFWS), Daniel Fenner (USFWS) and Brent Bristow (USFWS), Robert Bastarache (USFS) and Richard Standage (USFS).
* Director's Award - **Jeff Uebel;** Assistant Regional Fish and Aquatic Program Leader, Pacific Northwest Region (R6)
* Friend of the Fish Award - **Regional Engineering Transportation Team – Steve Coupal, Scott Mitchell, Jeff Moll;** Rocky Mountain Region (R2)
* Line Officer Award - **Kurt Wiedenmann** – District Ranger, La Grande Ranger District, Wallowa-Whitman National Forest, Pacific Northwest Region (R6)
* Partner Award - **Trout Unlimited Idaho Water Project** – Kim Trotter and Jim Gregory
* Professional Excellence - Fish Management: **Jerry Boberg** - Forest Fisheries Program Manager Six Rivers NF – Pacific Southwest Region (R5)
* Public Awareness - **Washington Watershed Restoration Initiative (WWRI) –** Washington State Dept of Ecology, Washington Dept of Fish and Wildlife, Alpine Lakes Protection Society, American Whitewater, Cascade Chapter-Sierra Club, Conservation Northwest, Gifford Pinchot Task Force, North Cascades Conservation Council, Olympic Forest Coalition, Pacific Rivers Council, Pilchuck Audubon Society, The Mountaineers, The Wilderness Society, Washington Trails Association, Washington Wilderness Coalition and Wildlands CPR.
* Research Achievement - **Long-Term Brook Trout Habitat and Population Dynamics Project**; Dr. Kyle Hartman -West Virginia University, Dr. Mary Beth Adams - Fernow Experimental Forest, Michael D. Owen - Monongahela National Forest, Thomas Cain - Monongahela National Forest, Michael Shingletom - West VA Division of Natural Resources, Jay Engle, and Aaron Plaugher -Mead Westvaco.
* The National Field Soil Scientist Award - **Dr. David D’Amore**, Pacific Northwest Research Station, Anchorage, AK
* The “Wagon Wheel Gap” Hydrologist of the Year Award - **William Hansen** – Forest Hydrologist, Francis Marion and Sumter National Forest (R8)

## 2008

### Wildlife

**Elk Country/RMEF - Individual Achievement:** Jeff Bohler, Umpqua NF, R6 - Long Term Commitment to Wildlife Habitat Projects

**Elk Country/RMEF - Land Protection:** Elkhorn Ranch Acquisition - Dakota Prairie Grasslands and R1 Lands

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* **Public Awareness:** Wildlife Forever - Eastern Region (R9) & Beyond!
* **Aquatic Recreational Accomplishment**: David C. Byrd - Fisheries Biologist, Kisatchie NF - Southern Region (R8)
* **Collaborative Aquatic Stewardship:** The Resurrection of Resurrection Creek, Chugach NF, Seward RD, Enterprise Teams, & Tongass National Forest, Alaska Region (R10)
* **Research Achievement:** Douglas P. Peterson - US Fish and Wildlife Service
Bruce E. Rieman, Jason B. Dunham, & Michael K. Young – RMRS
Kurt D. Fausch - Department of Fishery - Colorado State University
* **Mentor**: Arnie (Skip) Rosquist – Hydrologist & Watershed Program Manager, Lolo NF - Northern Region (R1)
* **Professional Excellence - Fish Management:** James Capurso - Forest Fisheries Biologist, Caribou-Targhee NF - Intermountain Region (R4)
* **Director's Award:** Scott Peets – Fisheries Biologist, Siuslaw NF - Pacific Northwest Region (R6)
Liaison with the Oregon Plan for Salmon and Watershed Recovery
* **Line Officer Award**: Allen Nicholas - Forest Supervisor, Shawnee NF – Eastern Region (R 9)
* **Friend of the Fish Award:** Geoff Chandler - Ecosystems Group Leader, Chequamegon-Nicolet NF – Eastern Region (R9)
* **Partner Award:**
	+ Jim Sparks, Gayle Sitter, & Jay Parks - Billings Field Office, Bureau of Land Management
	+ Joe Platz & Wendy Warren - Miles City Field Office, Bureau of Land Management

## 2007

### Wildlife

* **Elk Country/RMEF - Individual Achievement:** Craig Grother, Grand Mesa, Uncompahgre and Gunnison National Forest, R2; Long-standing commitment to excellence in elk management and habitat enhancement
* **Elk Country/RMEF - Habitat:** Fishlake NF, R4; Excellence in restoring the long-term health and productivity of elk populations and their habitat at a landscape level.

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* Professional Excellence Management: **Amy Unthank** - Regional Fish Program Leader - Region 3
* Professional Excellence Research: **Bret Harvey** – Research Fishery Biologist - Pacific Southwest Research Station
* Recreational Fishery Resources Accomplishment: **Middle Rogue Steelheaders TU Chapter** – Rogue-Siskiyou NF - Region 6
* Mentor: **Mark Hudy** - Eastern Aquatic Ecologist - Washington Office
* Public Awareness: **Nooksack Salmon Enhancement Association** – Mt. Baker-Snoqualmie NF –Region 6
* Collaborative Aquatic Resource Stewardship: **Eagle River Watershed Council and Holy Cross RD** – White River NF – Region 2
* Monitoring: **Shawnee National Forest Resource Team** - Region 9
* Line Officer: **William T. Bass** - Forest Supervisor - Bighorn NF – Region 2
* Friend of Fish: **Barry Jones** – Engineer – NF in North Carolina – Region 8
* Partner: **Wallowa Resources** - Wallowa-Whitman NF – Region 6

## 2006

### Wildlife

* **Elk Country/RMEF - Individual Achievement:** David L. Heft, Cibola NF, R3 - Long-term Commitment to Wildlife Habitat Projects
* **Elk Country/RMEF - Habitat:** Wildlife Habitat Restoration in LSRs, Gifford Pinchot NF, R6

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* **Professional Excellence Management:** Jim Doyle**,** Mt. Baker-Snoqualmie National Forests
* **Professional Excellence Research:** Dr. Susan Adams, Southern Research Station
* **RecFish:** Shawnee National Forest
	+ Brad Fink
	+ Mike Welker
	+ Jeff Seefeldt
	+ Frank Ireland
	+ Kurt Daine
	+ Allen Nicholas
* **Mentor:** Karen Chang, Mt. Baker-Snoqualmie National Forests
* **Public Awareness:** Sean Ferrell, Santa Fe National Forest
* **Collaborative Aquatic Resource Stewardship:** Pat Trainer, Payette National Forest
* **Monitoring:** Okanogan-Winatchee National Forests
* **Line Officer:** Mark Petroni, District Ranger, Madison District, Beaverhead-Deerlodge National Forests
* **Individual or Group Research:** NE Minnesota Mercury-in-Fish/Fire Study Group
	+ Trent Wickman
	+ Jason Butcher
	+ Ken Gebhardt
	+ Stewart Behling
	+ Dr. Randy Kolka
* **Hutton Scholar:** Chelsea Gayle
* **Hutton Mentor:** LeRoy Cyr

## 2005

### Wildlife

* **Elk Country/RMEF - Individual Achievement:** Michael D. Feiger; Ochoco NF, R6 - Long-term Commitment to Volunteer Aspen Projects
* **Elk Country/RMEF - Habitat:** Grassland & Water Restoration, Tusayan & Williams RD, Kaibab NF, R3
* **Elk Country/RMEF - Land Protection:** Taylor Fork Land Acquisition, Gallatin NF, R1
* **Elk Country/RMEF - Conservation Education:** “Don’t Poach the Powder”, Bridger-Teton NF, R4

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## 2004

### Wildlife

* **Elk Country/RMEF - Individual Achievement:** Jim McGowan, Colville NF, R6 – Long Term Commitment to Wildlife Habitat
* **Elk Country/RMEF - Habitat:** Adams Head Ecosystem Restoration, Powell Ranger District, R4 – Dixie NF
* **Elk Country/RMEF - Land Protection:** Homestake Waterlands Acquisition, Black Hills NF, R2
* **Elk Country/RMEF - Conservation Education:** Elk and Bison Prairie Display, Land Between the Lakes National Recreation Area, R8

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## 2003

### Wildlife

* **Elk Country/RMEF - Individual Achievement:** Jodie Canfield, Helena NF, R1 – Elkhorns Collaborative Initiative
* **Elk Country/RMEF - Habitat:** Anderson/Pyle Restoration, Emmett Ranger District, R4 – Boise NF
* **Elk Country/RMEF - Land Protection:** Watershed Acquisition, Pintler Ranger District, R1 – Beaverhead Deerlodge NF

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### Rise to the Future

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# WFWARP STAFF AWARDS

# Awards Presented to the WFWARP Staff

## 2012

**EPA Silver Medal Award Winner - Chris Carlson** received the 2012 Environmental Protection Service - Office of Water's (EPA) National Honor Award for contributions in protecting the nationxs waters from harmful effects through their work on the Forest Roads team. Paul Anderson (USFS) and Stephanie Johnson (USDA Office of General Council) shared in the award. Awardees received the silver medal for superior performance at an Environmental Protection Agency ceremony in December 2013. Chris Carlson (PhD) is the National Groundwater Program Leader/Groundwater Team Lead in a shared position between Watershed, Fish, Wildlife, Air & Rare Plants (WFW) and the Minerals & Geology Management Staffs.

## 2008

**USDA Secretary's Honor Award - Rhonda Stewart and Rick Henderson**, former WFW staff members. Rhonda and Rick were on the KIW-Team receiving this great award.

Members of the Kids in the Woods Inter-Deputy Team were recognized at the 2008, 61st Annual USDA Secretary's Honor Award Ceremony on October 22, 2008. USDA Secretary Ed Schafer and Under-Secretary Mark Rey were on hand to congratulate the Team for outstanding teamwork and exceptional commitment to facilitating learning and organized activities that expose thousands of children to healthy, outdoor, active, lifestyle choices while reconnecting them with American's natural heritage. Group Leader is NFS Deputy Director, Gloria Manning, Members include Drew Burnett, Sandra Frost, Jacqueline Emanuel, Ellita Harrington, Richard Henderson, Anne Hoover, Patricia Jackman, Susan Mochenhaupt, Kristen Nelson, Danielle Price, Rhonda Stewart, and Craig Willis. Both Rhonda Stewart and Rick Henderson were core members of the team, representing the Watershed-Fish-Wildlife-Air-Rare Plants Staff in the Washington Office.