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ANF Silviculturist Receives National Award



Warren, Pa. (October 19, 2015) – Allegheny National Forest Silviculturist Andrea Hille received the USDA Forest Service 2015 National Silviculture Award. The prestigious award recognizes employees for their significant achievements in the silviculture field. Silviculture is the practice of controlling the establishment, growth, composition, structure, health, and quality of forests to meet society’s needs.

The award recognized Hille for her “outstanding ability to implement traditional silvicultural practices; her passion about interactions between forest health (especially invasive species) and silviculture and for her active engagement with a diverse array of partners.”

Hille will accept her award at the National Silviculture Workshop in Baton Rouge, Louisiana on November 5.

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