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### **FOREST SERVICE EMPLOYEES RECOGNIZED AT REGIONAL BANQUET**

**Vernal, Utah, (April 17, 2006)** – On March 29, 2006, at the Intermountain Region Forest Service Awards Banquet held in Ogden, Utah, three Ashley National Forest employees received special awards.

Darlene Koerner, Watershed Program Manager for the Ashley National Forest, is the Intermountain Region's nominee for the National Field Soil Scientist of the Year. Earl Kerns, Eco System Group Leader, and Kelly Wilkins, Resource Specialist, were recognized for their outstanding support to the mission of the Region's Vegetation Management Program.

"These three individuals reflect the high commitment and dedication of our employees, said Forest Supervisor Kevin Elliott. "Their efforts are truly making a difference in caring for the land and serving people."

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