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Subject: Regional Foresters Honor Awards, Calendar Year 2006

To: All Region 2 Employees

Each year the Regional Forester Honor Awards are presented for outstanding achievement by Forest Service employees and our partners. The Rocky Mountain Region reserves this award as its highest honor. The Regional Forester Honor Awards banquet, recognizing work achievements during calendar year 2006, was held the evening of December 13, in Broomfield, Colorado. The following awards were presented:

Internal Award Categories

District of the Year:

- Leadville Ranger District – Pike-San Isabel NFs and Cimarron-Comanche NGs

R-2 Leadership:

- Environmental Management System Design and Implementation Team – Grand Mesa, Uncompahgre and Gunnison NFs

Team Members:

Larry Hill
Clay Speas

Outstanding Teamwork:

- Dawes and Sioux County Fire Complex – Nebraska NF

Team Members:

Don Bright
Timothy Buskirk
Cassius Cash
Dave Clements
Brian Daunt
Janet Krivacek
Charles Marsh
Clint Phillips
Allan Setzer

Business Administration Support:

- Robin Winston – Arapaho-Roosevelt NFs and Pawnee NG



Financial Excellence:

- Budget and Finance Group – Medicine Bow-Routt NFs

Team Members:

Lori Kelly
Becky Bean

Partnership Success:

Aspen-Sopris Recreation Shop - White River NF

Team Members:

Martha Moran
Brent Allred
Jim Kirschvink
Tim Lamb
Mateo Sandate
Jon Thompson
Peggy Jo Trish

Civil Rights Leader:

- Glenn Adams – White River NF

Staff Support:

- Michael Foley – Arapaho-Roosevelt NFs and Pawnee NG

On-the-ground Excellence: (2 awardees)

- Phil Nyland – White River NF

- Pawnee National Grassland/Rangeland Management Specialists and Wildlife Biologist - Pike-San Isabel NFs and Cimarron-Comanche NGs

Team Members:

Steven Currey
Randy Reichert
Elizabeth Humphrey
Kim Obele

Rocky Mountain Legacy:

- Inyan Kara Mountain Task Group – Black Hills NF

Team Members:

Steve Kozel
Carol Agard
Frank Carroll
Gary Chancey
Susan Corey
Terra Houska
Dennis Mauch
Dave McKee
Stephanie Shivley
Julie Wheeler
Elaine Quiver, Pine Ridge Reservation

Sustainable Operations:

- Pikes Peak Ranger District Green Team – Pike-San Isabel NFs and Cimarron-Comanche NGs

Team Members:

Jeff Hovermale
Sue Miller
Alissa Roeder
Jeff Vanis

Volunteer Leadership: (2 awardees)

- Kristy Wumkes – Arapaho-Roosevelt NFs and Pawnee NG
- Wendy Sutton – Bighorn NF

Customer Service:

- Deborah Evans – Nebraska NF

Safety:

- Todd Hess – Arapaho-Roosevelt NFs and Pawnee NG

External Award Categories**Recreation Partner Award:**

- Wyoming State Parks and Cultural Resources, Trails Program (nominated by Medicine Bow/Routt NF and Bighorn NF)

Caring for the Land Stewardship Award: (4 awardees)

- Friends of the Dillon Ranger District (nominated by White River NF)
- Neiman Enterprises, Inc., Hulett, WY (nominated by Black Hills NF)
- Pope and Talbot, Inc., Spearfish, SD (nominated by Black Hills NF)
- Uncompahgre Plateau Native Plant Program (nominated by GMUG NFs)

Cooperative Support/Community Connections: (2 awardees)

- Public Lands Partnership of Delta, Montrose, Ouray, and San Miguel Counties, Colorado (nominated by GMUG NFs)
- Russell George, Executive Director, Colorado Department of Natural Resources (nominated by Rocky Mountain Regional Office)

Sustainable Operations: (7 awardees)

- **Colorado Ski Country USA** (nominated by RO Recreation, Heritage and Wilderness Resources)
- **Aspen Skiing Company** (nominated by RO Recreation, Heritage and Wilderness Resources)
- **Copper Mountain Resort** (nominated by RO Recreation, Heritage and Wilderness Resources)

- **Crested Butte Mountain Resort** (nominated by RO Recreation, Heritage and Wilderness Resources)
- **Steamboat Ski and Resort Corporation** (nominated by RO Recreation, Heritage and Wilderness Resources)
- **Vail Resorts** (nominated by RO Recreation, Heritage and Wilderness Resources)
- **Wolf Creek Ski Area** (nominated by RO Recreation, Heritage and Wilderness Resources)

Congratulations to all CY 2006 Regional Forester's Honor Award recipients!

/s/ Rick D. Cables
RICK D. CABLES
Regional Forester

cc: Melissa Halliday