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

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It is time to recognize outstanding, sustained employee performance in Forest Service fish and wildlife conservation by preparing nominations for the Jack Adams and Lloyd W. Swift Sr. Awards. Nominees should typify the characteristics and qualities of Jack Adams and Lloyd W. Swift Sr., as described in the enclosed award descriptions and nomination criteria.

This is also a request for three nominations for the Forest Service-Bureau Land Management (FS-BLM) awards. These awards recognize exemplary conservation efforts for fisheries, wildlife, and native plants. This year the Karl Urban Celebrating Wildflowers Award will be presented along with the Conservation Leadership Partner and the Conservation Project annual awards. A description and criteria for each award is enclosed.

All award nominations should focus on key accomplishments of the nominees as they relate to the attached criteria, as well as overall benefits to fish, wildlife, or botanic resources. Please submit no more than one nomination for each award from your Region, Station, Area, or Institute, and please limit your submission to two pages for each of the joint FS-BLM awards.

The BLM Division Chief of Fish, Wildlife, and Plant Conservation, and the FS Watershed, Fisheries, Wildlife, Air, and Rare Plants Director will identify the selection committee members for these awards. All five awards will be presented during the Chief's Forest Service and Bureau of Land Management Directors Reception at the 74th North American Wildlife and Natural Resources Conference, March 15-21, 2009, in Arlington, Virginia.

The Forest Service has supported this important conference for many years, and I encourage your attendance and participation. The conference provides an excellent opportunity to maintain and expand our partnerships, and to enhance our professional resource management skills and capabilities. Please take a few minutes to fill out the nomination criteria; we know there are many nominees and projects worthy of this esteemed recognition, and we look forward to your submissions.





Regional Foresters, Station Directors, Area Director, IITF Director, Deputy Chiefs and WO Directors

All nominations should be submitted electronically to Jina Mariani, Assistant Wildlife Program Leader, <u>jmariani@fs.fed.us</u>, by January 31, 2009. If you have any questions, or need additional information please contact Jina Mariani by e-mail or by phone at (202) 205-0815.

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