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## Memorandum

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**TO:** Deputy Chief, National Forest System, U.S. Forest Service, Washington, D.C.

**FROM:** John R. Gray, U.S. Geological Survey Representative, Subcommittee on Sedimentation (SOS), Reston, VA, on behalf of SOS Chair Matt Römken

**SUBJECT: Outstanding Service Recognition: Forest Service's John Potyondy**

The Advisory Committee on Water Information's Subcommittee on Sedimentation has voted unanimously to confer its Outstanding Service Recognition Award to John Potyondy of the U.S. Forest Service.

John has served as the Program Manager for the Stream Systems Technology Center in Ft. Collins, CO, since 2004. Since then, he has served in an exemplary manner as the Forest Service's representative on two top-level sediment-coordinating committees: the Technical Committee of the Federal Interagency Sedimentation Project; and the Advisory Committee on Water Information's Subcommittee on Sedimentation.

John's participation on these committees was always positive and most productive. Committee members came to expect his insightful and sage perspectives. And he always did his homework – well, all but once. It took last November's heart-bypass surgery to hold him back from the fall meeting of the Technical Committee.

John has been a delight to work with and has been a credit to the Forest Service. For his astute and untiring efforts on behalf of the Technical Committee and Subcommittee on Sedimentation, it is my pleasure to present the Subcommittee on Sedimentation's Outstanding Service Recognition Award to John, with best wishes for a long and happy retirement.