



## **ROCKY MOUNTAIN COORDINATING GROUP**

**Bureau of Indian Affairs** (Southwest, Rocky Mountain and Great Plains Regions)  
**Bureau of Land Management** (Colorado and Wyoming)  
**Fish and Wildlife Service** (Mountain-Prairie Region)  
**Forest Service** (Rocky Mountain Region)  
**National Park Service** (Intermountain and Midwest Regions)  
**State Agencies in Colorado, Wyoming, South Dakota, Nebraska and Kansas**

### **Appendix V -- RMCG Award Criteria**

RMCG recognizes individuals and/or groups for significant contributions to the betterment of interagency fire management efforts in the RMA through the presentation of awards. RMCG approves awards considering the combined effect of service performed, length of time, leadership provided, etc..

#### Categories:

1. Certificates will normally be given at the RMCG/Team meeting for the following:
  - Type 1 & 2 incident management team members who have completed a three-year commitment. Participants in the IMT program for less than a three-year commitment *may* receive a certificate of appreciation if approved by the Incident Commander.
  - Others who have made a significant contribution to the RMA of a temporary (less than one year) nature.
2. Certificates with ornamental frame will normally be given at the RMCG/Team meeting for the following:
  - Exiting RMCG Chairman
  - Exiting RMCG Committee Chairmen
  - Exiting RMA Incident Commanders
  - Team or committee members who have served their term in an outstanding manner
  - Others who have made a significant contribution to the RMA in an extended (one year or more) timeframe. Recognition for service upon transferring to another Geographic Area usually falls into this category.
3. Engraved Plaques are RMCG's highest award. They may be given at any time and will normally be presented to individuals who have made a significant contribution to the RMA over many years. Recognition for significant service at retirement usually falls into this category.
4. Other awards, tokens of appreciation (T-shirts, knives, gift certificates, trophies, etc.) or special recognition may be given at any time to acknowledge service to the RMA. These awards would typically be given to supplement a certificate/plaque for outstanding long-term service, given to members of a group whose collective activity contributed to successful outcomes during important events, or given to individuals to recognize service in a special way.

#### Process:

Nominations for any award will be presented to RMCG using the current form posted on the RMCG website. All award nominations must contain appropriate justification and may be submitted to the RMCG by anyone as circumstances warrant.

Team member awards will be coordinated by the RMA Incident Commanders, who will track team member service and inform RMCG when someone has met the criteria for an award. Names will be presented to RMCG at the winter meeting to ensure proper presentation at the spring RMCG/Team meeting.

#### Logistics:

Certificates of Appreciation and ornamental frames will be stored at RMACC. Plaques and/or other awards will be purchased and engraved as needed. The medium, printing, engraving, etc. will be purchased by interagency efforts as agency budgets allow. The value of agency purchases will be considered a contribution to the agency's fair share of RMACC operating expenses.