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WASHINGTON BULLETIN WA360-9-13

SUBJECT: PER - Fiscal Year 2009 Earth Team Awards

Purpose. To submit nominations for Earth Team Awards

Expiration Date. October 31, 2009

ACTION REQUIRED BY OCTOBER 15, 2009

Earth Team volunteers donate their time, talents and energy to help us accomplish the NRCS mission. It is important to recognize not only our Earth Team volunteers, but also the NRCS employees and partners who work with them.

Once a year we have the opportunity to nominate individuals and groups for Earth Team national awards. National awards are presented in the following categories.

Earth Team Individual Volunteer Award	NRCS Employee Earth Team Award
Earth Team Group Volunteer Award	Earth Team Volunteer Coordinator Award
National Volunteer Service Award - Chief's Cup	Chief's Field Award
RC&D/NRCS Earth Team Award	National NACD/NRCS Earth Team Award

Included with this bulletin is a description of each category. Information to include in the nomination can be found on the forms which are attached. Photos, newspaper articles, etc., should not accompany the nomination.

A panel of judges from outside NRCS makes the selections for all awards and forwards winning nominations to the national volunteer coordinator.

I appreciate you taking time to submit nominations and look forward to recognizing individuals/groups in each of the categories. Please submit nominations to your area coordinator by October 15, 2009.

/s/ Roylene Rides at the Door

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State Conservationist

Attachments

DIST: E, Conservation Districts

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NATIONAL EARTH TEAM AWARDS

Earth Team Individual & Group Volunteer Award

This award is presented to an outstanding volunteer and group who have helped accomplish the mission of NRCS. The winner receives an award and certificate from the Chief.

Complete Form NRCS-PER-036

NRCS Employee Earth Team Award

This award is presented to an NRCS employee who is successful at identifying volunteer jobs, volunteer recruitment and has maintained a quality volunteer experience for all Earth Team members. The winner receives an award and certificate signed by the Chief.

Complete Form NRCS-PER-038

Earth Team Volunteer Coordinator Award

This award is presented to an outstanding state or area coordinator who is successful at identifying volunteer jobs, volunteer recruitment and has maintained a quality volunteer experience for all Earth Team members. The winner receives an award and certificate signed by the Chief.

Complete Form NRCS-PER-038

Volunteer Service Award - Chief's Cup

This award is presented to the state that most creatively uses volunteers to meet the mission of NRCS. This award recognizes creative volunteer management within the state. The winning state receives a crystal cup and certificate.

Complete Form NRCS-PER-037

Chief's Field Award

This award is presented to an office located at the field level that utilizes volunteer resources to accomplish the NRCS mission. The winning field office receives a marble globe and certificate.

Complete Form NRCS-PER-037

National RC&D/NRCS Earth Team Award

This award is presented to an RC&D council with the most effective Earth Team volunteer program. This council demonstrates shared leadership among RC&D officials, NRCS employees and Earth Team volunteers. The winning council receives a marble globe and certificate.

Complete Form NRCS-PER-039

National NACD/NRCS Earth Team Award

This award is presented to a conservation district with the most effective Earth Team volunteer program. This conservation district demonstrates shared leadership among district officials, NRCS employees and Earth Team volunteers. The winning conservation district receives an award and certificate.

Complete Form NRCS-PER-039