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SUBJECT: PER - Fiscal Year 2010 Earth Team Awards

Purpose. To solicit nominations for Earth Team Awards

Expiration Date. October 31, 2010

ACTION REQUIRED BY OCTOBER 15, 2010

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. If you recall, last year the Pierce Conservation District Stream Team was selected to receive the national West Region Group Award!

It is now time to submit nominations for Fiscal Year 2010 Earth Team national awards. National awards are presented in the following categories.

Individual Volunteer Award	NRCS Employee Earth Team Award
Group Volunteer Award	Volunteer Coordinator Award
Volunteer Service Award - Chief's Cup	Chief's Field Award
RC&D/NRCS Earth Team Award	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 the 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 Georgia Sormun, State Volunteer Coordinator by October 15, 2010. Nominations can be mailed to Georgia at the state office, or sent by email georgia.sormun@wa.usda.gov

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Roylene Rides at the Door".

ROYLENE RIDES AT THE DOOR
State Conservationist

Attachments

DIST: E, Conservation Districts

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NATIONAL EARTH TEAM AWARDS

Individual and Group Volunteer Award

This award is presented to an outstanding volunteer or group who has 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

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

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

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

Tips on Writing Earth Team Awards

- A typed nomination is easier to read
- Bullet the accomplishments
- Answer the questions asked on nomination
- Show the variety of projects
- Outline the experience for volunteers/employees
- Indicate how the mission of NRCS was furthered
- Indicate any recognition