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

REPLY DUE MAY 6, 2019

National Wild & Scenic Rivers Awards nominations are now being accepted for calendar year 2018 accomplishments. These awards provide an opportunity to recognize exemplary efforts to protect and enhance the free-flowing condition, water quality, and outstandingly remarkable values of the approximately 5,000 miles of wild & scenic rivers managed by the Forest Service.

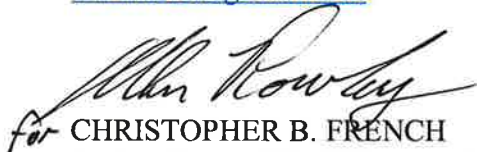
Recognition and awards are important components of river stewardship. I strongly encourage units to nominate individuals, groups, and programs, both internal and external to the Agency that have improved river-related service to the public, championed new and effective approaches to river stewardship, or otherwise displayed noteworthy dedication to a wild & scenic river, wild & scenic river study, or river identified as a candidate for future designation. The National Wild & Scenic River Awards are:

1. **Outstanding Wild & Scenic Rivers Stewardship**
2. **Outstanding River Manager/River Ranger**
3. **Outstanding Support to the Wild & Scenic Rivers Program**

A description of each award and criteria for selection is enclosed, along with a nomination form. Units are encouraged to submit succinct nominations that address relevant criteria. Please avoid elaborate nomination packages.

The nomination deadline for 2019 National Wild & Scenic River Awards is **May 6, 2019**. Please submit your nominations electronically to Dusty Vaughn, National Wilderness and Wild & Scenic Rivers Specialist, at gdvaughn@fs.fed.us. If you have any questions, he can be reached at (202) 649-1727.

In addition, the Interagency Wild & Scenic Rivers Coordinating Council's **Jackie Diedrich Wild & Scenic Rivers Leadership Award** is open to Federal and State agency staff responsible for managing wild & scenic rivers. The nomination deadline for this award is the same as stated above. More information about this award and nomination submittal instructions are available at www.rivers.gov/awards.


for CHRISTOPHER B. FRENCH

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Enclosures





2019 National Wild & Scenic River Awards Nomination Information



The U.S. Department of Agriculture's Forest Service annually honors employees, volunteers, and organizations who have demonstrated a significant contribution to the protection and enhancement of rivers in the National Wild & Scenic Rivers System or to the study of rivers for their potential addition to the National System.

National Wild & Scenic Rivers Award Categories:

- Outstanding Wild & Scenic Rivers Stewardship
- Outstanding River Manager
- Outstanding Support to the Wild & Scenic Rivers Program

Instructions:

Each nomination must be on the nomination form. Please avoid elaborate nomination packages.

The nomination form should include:

- Award Category
- Nominee Information: Name, Title, Organization, Address, Phone Number, Email
- Sponsor Information: Name, Title, Organization, Address, Phone Number, Email, signature of sponsor
- Nomination Narrative: Brief summary of the work or accomplishment followed by description of outcomes and achievements. Address these using the specific criteria identified for each award. Include demonstration of significant accomplishments in the category.

Outstanding Wild & Scenic Rivers Stewardship

ELIGIBLE CANDIDATES:

Forest Service employee, partner, volunteer - individual or group - demonstrating excellence in wild & scenic rivers management.

OBJECTIVE:

Recognize program excellence or sustained contributions in wild & scenic rivers management or in conducting a wild & scenic rivers study.

CRITERIA:

- Contributes to excellent management of a wild & scenic river program
- Serves as an effective change agent in improving the stewardship of a wild & scenic river or wild & scenic rivers study
- Leads efforts to develop a comprehensive river management plan, complete wild & scenic rivers study evaluations, and pursue other wild & scenic rivers-related inventory and monitoring work
- Identifies and implements actions to address wild & scenic rivers resource issues
- Actively champions a wild & scenic river, advancing internal and external awareness and support

Outstanding River Manager/River Ranger

ELIGIBLE CANDIDATES:

Forest Service River Managers and River Rangers.

OBJECTIVE:

Recognize sustained high-performance in managing a wild & scenic river.

CRITERIA:

- Exhibits leadership in protecting and enhancing river values
- Works effectively with others (e.g. Federal, State and local agencies; Tribal governments; user groups; landowners and the public)
- Establishes long-term partnerships within and external to the Agency
- Facilitates the formation or contributes to the growth of a wild & scenic river stewardship group or other significant partnership building effort

Outstanding Support to the Wild & Scenic Rivers Program

ELIGIBLE CANDIDATES:

Forest Service Line Officers, Staff, and Researchers demonstrating sustained contributions to a wild & scenic river or the wild & scenic rivers program.

OBJECTIVE:

Recognize Line Officers, Staff, and/or Research Scientists who provide strong, sustained support to a wild & scenic river or the wild & scenic rivers program.

CRITERIA:

- Demonstrates outstanding personal commitment to protecting and enhancing river values
- Advances program awareness
- Implements and supports effective wild & scenic river protection strategies
- Establishes long-term partnerships within and external to the Agency
- Tested or advanced a research concept with on-the-ground implications for wild & scenic rivers management and protection

2019 National Wild & Scenic Rivers Award Nomination Form

Award Category:	
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Nominee Information:

Name:	
Title:	
Organization:	
Address:	
Telephone:	
Email:	

Sponsor Information:

Name:	
Title:	
Organization:	
Address:	
Telephone:	
Email:	
Signature of Sponsor:	

Nomination Narrative: