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

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National Wild & Scenic Rivers Awards nominations are now being accepted for calendar year 2020 accomplishments. These awards provide an opportunity to recognize exemplary efforts to protect and enhance free-flowing condition, water quality, and outstandingly remarkable values of approximately 5,000 miles of wild and scenic rivers managed by the Forest Service.

I strongly encourage units to nominate individuals, groups, and programs, both internal and external to the Agency. Ideal nominees have improved river-related service to the public, championed new and effective approaches to river stewardship, or otherwise displayed noteworthy dedication to a wild and scenic river, wild and 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 deadline for the 2021 National Wild & Scenic River Awards is **February 19, 2021**. Please submit the completed nomination and questions to Dusty Vaughn, WO Wilderness and Wild & Scenic Rivers Program Specialist, at gary.vaughn@usda.gov.

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.

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Enclosures (2)

