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Intertribal Timber Council

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ANNOUNCEMENT

DATE: November 6, 2025

TO: Tribal Forestry Departments
Tribal Natural Resource Departments
Native Alaska Corporations
Bureau of Indian Affairs Agency Offices
Bureau of Indian Affairs Branch of Forestry

FROM: Cody Desautel, President

RE: **Accepting Nominations for the 2026 Earle R. Wilcox Memorial National and Individual Achievement Awards**

I encourage you to take the time to nominate an individual who deserves special recognition for their achievements in Indian forestry or natural resources at the local, regional, or national level. Let's recognize the leaders who have dedicated themselves to bettering tribal communities and their forests. We wish to celebrate the outstanding leaders shaping the future of our natural resources!

Earle R. Wilcox Memorial Awards honor individuals who have made significant contributions in the field of Indian forestry, fire, or related natural resources programs. These awards are given in honor of Mr. Earle R. Wilcox, who will always be remembered for his significant achievements on behalf of Indian people and their forests.

- **Impactful recognition:** By nominating someone deserving, you can publicly acknowledge their exceptional contributions and inspire others. Award recipients will be featured at the 49th Annual National Indian Timber Symposium banquet on June 11, 2026, in Keshena, WI.
- **Benefits for nominees:** Being nominated provides valuable exposure, strengthens professional networks, and showcases dedication to the field.
- **Community building:** Help celebrate the best of our community by nominating individuals who are making a positive difference in Native American forestry and wildland fire.

Nominations can be made by anyone, not just supervisors or upper-level management. Tribal leaders and Tribal Councils are encouraged to make nominations. Complete the application form online at <https://forms.gle/RjY6xgbqtH5ETb7S6> and email two (2) references to laura@itcnet.org.

Applications must be submitted online and references emailed by the close of business (5:00 p.m. Pacific Time) March 13, 2026. Incomplete nominations received after that date will not be considered. For more information visit: www.itcnet.org/about_us/awards.html.

Submit questions by email or phone to:

Awards Committee
Intertribal Timber Council
Email: laura@itcnet.org
Phone: (503) 282-4296



Earle R. Wilcox Memorial National and Individual Achievement Awards

Submit Online



APPLICATION CHECKLIST

Deadline: Friday, March 13, 2026, 5:00 p.m. Pacific Time

STEP # 1 COMPLETE THE APPLICATION

- ☐ **Submit the form online at** <https://forms.gle/RjY6xgbqtH5ETb7S6>. No account is required. The form will not save your progress; therefore, you must have all required information prior to starting the application.
- ☐ **Award Category**
 - ☐ National Award
 - ☐ Individual Achievement Award
 - ☐ National or Individual Award
- ☐ **Employee Category**
 - ☐ Tribal
 - ☐ BIA or another Federal Agency
 - ☐ Other
- ☐ **Nominee Information**
 - ☐ name, job title, organization, work address, city, state, zip, work phone, cell, email
- ☐ **Nominator Information**
 - ☐ name, job title, organization, work address, city, state, zip, work phone, cell, email
- ☐ **Nominee Supervisor Information** (if applicable)
 - ☐ name, job title, organization, work address, city, state, zip, work phone, cell, email
- ☐ **Background Information** including achievements and the impacts/results of the nominee's accomplishments in Indian forestry, fire, and/or natural resources, be as specific as possible in all eight (8) categories:
 - ☐ **Category 1: Tribal Involvement**
 - ☐ **Category 2: Improvement of Indian Forestry, Fire or Other Related Natural Resources Programs**
 - ☐ **Category 3: Individual Effort**
 - ☐ **Category 4: Can Be Used as a Model**
 - ☐ **Category 5: Technical Achievement and Application**
 - ☐ **Category 6: Other Government Agencies or Funds**
 - ☐ **Category 7: Originality**

STEP # 2 EMAIL REFERENCES

- ☐ **Required references** must be **emailed** to laura@itcnet.org before the deadline.
 - ☐ **Category 8: References.** Provide a minimum of two (2) letters of reference on letterhead and signed (not from the nominator), addressing the personal and professional contributions of the nominee.
- ☐ Complete the online application and email references **before** the close of business (5:00 p.m. Pacific Time) **March 13, 2026**. Incomplete applications received after that date will not be considered.

FOR MORE INFORMATION / QUESTIONS

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