

1984-2026 EARLE R. WILCOX MEMORIAL AWARDS RECIPIENTS

NATIONAL OUTSTANDING FORESTER OF THE YEAR

1984	George E. Smith, BIA, Portland, OR
1985	Daniel Swaney, Forester, BIA, Portland, OR
1986	Truman Picard, Mgr. Colville Tribal Forestry, Nespelem, WA
1987	Robert Miller, Asst. Chief Forester, BIA, BOFRP, Portland, OR
1988	Shirley M. Crosby, BIA Retired, Annandale, VA
1989	Kenneth Smith, CEO, Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs
1990	Marshall Cutsforth, Chief Forester, BIA, Washington, DC
1991	George Bowechop, Makah Tribe, Neah Bay, WA
1992	Gary S. Sims, BIA, Portland, OR
1994	Gary Morishima, Technical Advisor, Quinault Indian Nation, Mercer Island, WA
1995	Michael R. Clements, ITC President. 1983-1989, Conf. Tribes of Warm Springs, Warm Springs, OR
2000	Joseph B. DeLaCruz, Former President, Quinault Nation, Taholah, WA
2002	Jaime A. Pinkham, Manager, Dept. of Fisheries Resource Management, Nez Perce Tribe, Lapwai, ID
2003	Robert Ford, Forester-Senior Specialist, BIA Division of Forestry, Washington, DC
2004	Jim Stires, Chief, Branch of Fire Management, BIA NIFC, Boise, ID
2006	Joann Reynolds, Program Manager, Intertribal Timber Council, Portland, OR
2010	Nolan C. Colegrove, Sr., Orleans District Ranger, Six Rivers National Forest, US Forest Services, Hoopa, CA
2011	John Vitello, Associate Deputy Bureau Director, BIA – Office of Trust Services, Washington, DC
2013	William Downes, Chief Forester, USDOJ BIA DFWFM, Washington, DC
2014	John Gordon, IFMAT-III Co-Chair, Portland, OR
2015	John Sessions, IFMAT-III Co-Chair, DN Prof. of Forestry, Oregon State University, Corvallis, OR
2017	Larry Blythe, Retired Principal Vice Chief, Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, Cherokee, NC
2018	Dave Koch, Retired Forester, BIA, Accokeek, MD
2019	Phil Rigdon, Deputy Director, Yakama Nation, Dept. of Natural Resources, Toppenish, WA
2023	Don Motanic, Retired Technical Specialist, Intertribal Timber Council, Portland, OR
2024	Vincent Corrao, President, Northwest Management, Inc., Moscow, ID
2025	Steve Andringa, Forest Manager, Lummi Indian Nation, Bellingham, WA
2026	Pete Wakeland, Retired BIA Chief Forester, Grand Ronde Tribal Council, Grand Ronde, OR

INDIVIDUAL ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

Northwest :

1984	Clifford G. Reed, BOFRP, Portland, OR
1984	Charles A. Holm, Colville Forest Manager, Nespelem, WA
1984	Grover Walter Sixkiller, Fire Management Officer, Warm Springs, OR
1985	Robert Harned, Forest Manager, BIA, Warm Springs, OR
1985	William B. Donaghu, Forest Development Officer, BIA, Warm Springs, OR
1985	Michael Kupka, Assistant Forest Manager, BIA, Olympic Peninsula Agency
1985	Harry McCarty, Retired BIA Employee, Eugene, OR
1986	Terry Grinaker, Forest Manager, Tulalip Tribe, Marysville, WA
1986	Richard E. French, Prevention/Control Forester, BIA, Portland, OR
1986	Gary Risling, Assistant Forestry Manager, Hoopa Valley Tribe, Hoopa, CA
1986	Keith Walker, Forester, Hoona Totem Corporation, Hoona, AK
1987	Steve Haglund, Supervisory Forester, BIA, Albuquerque, NM
1988	Gordon Higheagle, Nez Perce Tribe, Lapwai, ID
1986	Ken Lathrop, BIA, Portland, OR
1986	Douglas Hanson, Tanana Chiefs Conference, Fairbanks, AK
1986	Cal Mukumoto, Portland, OR
1989	Gary Sims, Business Development. & Marketing Specialist, BIA, Portland, OR
1989	Richard Carle, Jr., Natural Resources Manager, Klawock, AK
1989	Jim Spitz, Consulting Forester, Bend, OR
1990	Mel Tonasket, Former Chairman, Colville Confederated Tribes, Nespelem, WA
1990	John Smith, Physical Res. Dir., Colville Confederated Tribes, Nespelem, WA
1990	John Sturgeon, President, Koncor Forest Products, Anchorage, AK

Northwest (continued):

1991 John Bruns, Tribal Forester, Metlakatla, AK
1991 Vincent P. Corrao, Manager, Nez Perce Forest Products, Lapwai, ID
1992 Kurt R. Campbell, Forester, BIA, Portland, OR
1992 Clifford Adams, Tribal Forester, Conf. Tribes of Grand Ronde, Willamina, OR
1993 John DeGroot, Inventory Forester, Nez Perce Tribe, Lapwai, ID
1993 Ted Hensold, Sup. Forester (Silviculture), BIA, Spokane Agency, Wellpinit, WA
1994 Greg Blomstrom, Planning Forester, Hoopa Valley Tribe, Hoopa, CA
1994 Charles "Jody" Calica, NR General Manager, Conf. Tribes of Warm Springs, Warm Springs, OR
1995 Richard Fielitz, Area Forester, BIA, Sacramento, CA
1997 Will Putman, Forester/GID Coordinator, Tanana Chiefs Conference, Inc., Fairbanks, AK
1997 Eugene Long, Director of Fire and Forestry Management, Chugachmiut, Anchorage, AK
1997 Joint Award: Karen Brenner, Forester and Dan Haug, GIS Specialist, Nez Perce Forest Management, Lapwai, ID
1998 Roland Raymond, Forest Program Manager, Yurok Tribe, Klamath, CA
1998 Nolan Colegrove, Sr., Tribal Forest Manager, Hoopa Valley Tribe, Hoopa, CA
1998 Frank Boden, Wildland Fire and Aviation Training Specialist, National Interagency Fire Center (NIFC), Boise, ID
1999 Terrance "Terry" Courtney, Sr., Assistant Fire Management Officer, BIA Retired, Warm Springs, OR
1999 Bernie Ryan, Silviculturist, BIA, Yakama
1999 Richard P. Harris, Senior Vice President, Natural Resources, Sealaska Corporation, Juneau, AK
1999 John "Chris" Maisch, Director of Forestry Program, Tanana Chiefs Conference, Inc., Fairbanks, AK
2001 Brian Rueger, Forester, Tule River Indian Reservation, Porterville, CA
2001 Charles "Skip" Thompson, Natural Resource Officer, Round Valley Tribe, Covelo, CA
2002 Scott Rodgers, Fuels Forester, BIA, Nespelem, WA
2003 Steve Andringa, Program Manager, Yakama, WA
2003 Ron Recker, Assistant Regional Forester, BIA Pacific Regional Office, Sacramento, CA
2004 Pat Phillips, BIA NIFC, Broomfield, CO
2004 Myra Clark, Colville Confederated Tribes, Nespelem, WA
2004 Rich McCrea, BIA NIFC, Boise, ID
2005 Rich Lohman, Retired Assist. Forest Mgr., Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs, Warm Springs, OR
2006 Brian Kummet, Fee Lands Forester, Nez Perce Tribe, Lapwai, ID
2007 Reginald "Reggie" Atkins, Forest Manager, BIA Colville Agency, Nespelem, WA
2007 John Baskette, Regional Timber Sales Officer, BIA Pacific Region, Sacramento, CA
2007 Jeremiah "Jeremy" Pinto, Botanist, Southern Research Station
2008 Kurt Mettler, Administrative Forester, Spokane Tribe of Indians, Wellpinit, WA
2008 Ed Vaughn, Forest Engineer, Coquille Indian Tribe, North Bend, OR
2009 Darren Cagley, Natural Resource Technician, Coquille Indian Tribe, North Bend, OR
2009 Jim Nanamkin, Regional Fire Prevention & Education Officer, BIA Pacific Region Office, Sacramento, CA
2009 Jake Sprinkle, Forester, Tanana Chiefs Conference, Fairbanks, AK
2010 John T. Hillman, Senior Engineer, Sealaska Timber Corporation, Ketchikan, AK
2010 Tim Vredenburg, Land, Resources & Environmental Service Dir., Coquille Indian Tribe, North Bend, OR
2011 Larry Mason, Consultant, Alternate Dimensions, Inc., Seattle, WA
2012 Christine Woodward, Natural Resources Director, Samish Indian Nation, Anacortes, WA
2012 Jason Robison, LRES Director, Coquille Indian Tribe, North Bend, OR
2012 Robert Blanchard, Forester, Yurok Tribe, Klamath, CA
2014 Norris Boothe, Forest Development Officer, Coeur d'Alene Tribe, Plummer, ID
2014 Kenneth Borchert, Regional Timber Sales/Forest Development Officer, BIA NWRO, Portland, OR
2014 Dan O'Brien, Timber Sales Administration, Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs, Warm Springs, OR
2014 Barbara J. Scaroni, Timber Sale Forester, Coeur d'Alene Tribe, Plummer, ID
2015 Kelly Dirksen, Fish & Wildlife Program Mgr., Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde, Grande Ronde, OR
2017 Gerald Jones, Regional Forester, BIA, Pacific Region, Sacramento, CA
2017 Brian Mladenich, GIS Operations Manager, Cow Creek Band of Umpqua Tribe of Indians, Roseburg, OR
2017 Jack Riffin, Supervisory Forester, Yakama Nation, Toppenish, WA
2019 Richard Botto, Forest Planner, Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs, Warm Springs, OR
2019 Phillip J. Cernera, Director, Coeur d'Alene Tribe, Lake Management Dept., Plummer, ID
2019 Mark Higley, Wildlife Biologist, Hoopa Valley Tribal Forestry, Hoopa, CA
2019 Nathan Lojewski, Forest Manager, Chugachmiut, Anchorage, AK
2022 Tim Larkoski, Retired Silviculturist, Kalispel Tribe of Indians, Usk, WA
2026 Ryan Sanchey, Forest Operations Manager, Yakama Nation, Toppenish, WA

Midwest:

1985 Marshall Pecore, Menominee Tribal Enterprise Forest Manager, Keshena, WI
1986 Robert Ford, Area Representative, BIA, Ashland, WI
1987 Robert Wynecoop, Chief of Natural Resources, BIA, Minneapolis, MN
1989 Rick Novitsky, Natural Resource Specialist, Grand Portage, MN
1990 David W. Wilson, Menominee Forest & Inv. Specialist, Keshena, WI
1991 Terrence L. Virden, BIA Supervisory Forester, Minneapolis, MN
1994 Gerald Walhovd, Forester, BIA Great Lakes Agency, Ashland, WI
1994 Marshall Pecore, Menominee Tribal Enterprise Forest Manager, Keshena, WI
1996 Scott McDougall, Forester, Lac du Flambeau Band of Lake Superior Chippewa Indians, Lac du Flambeau, WI
1998 Andy Bellcourt, Area Fire Management Officer, BIA, Minneapolis Area Office, Minneapolis, MN
1998 David Congos, Menominee Trust Forester, BIA, Minneapolis Area Office, Keshena, WI
1999 Greg Peterson, Fire Management Officer, BIA, Minnesota Agency, Bemidji, MN
2000 Daniel Heisler, Forester, Great Lakes Agency, BIA, Ashland, WI
2001 Steven P. Olson, Reservation Forester, Fond du Lac Band of Lake Superior Chippewa, Cloquet, MN
2001 Charles M. Whitmore, Reservation Forester, Bois Forte Reservation, Orr, MN
2002 Ronald Ackley, Forester, BIA Stockbridge-Munsee Community, Bowler, WI
2005 Gary Hilton, Fire Prevention Forester, BIA Midwest Regional Office, Fort Snelling, MN
2006 Jay West, Regional Forester, BIA Midwest Region, Ft. Snelling, MN
2008 Michael Beaulieu, Fire Prevention Officer, Red Lake Band of Chippewa Indians, Red Lake, MN
2009 Michelle Reynolds, Fire Prevention Technician, Red Lake Band of Chippewa Indians, Red Lake, MN
2011 Kevin J. Connors, State Plant Health Director, MN, USDA, APHIS, PPQ, Ft. Snelling, MN
2013 Walter Cox, Director/Chief Warden, Menominee Indian Tribe, Keshena, WI
2013 Michael Richter, Timber Harvest Administration Forester, Menominee Tribal Enterprises, Neopit, WI
2014 Thomas Remus, Regional Fire Management Officer, BIA Midwest Regional Office, Bloomington, MN
2016 Christian Nelson, Forester, Fond du Lac Band of Lake Superior Chippewa, Cloquet, MN
2016 Gerald Walhovd, Deputy Superintendent Trust Services, BIA, Great Lakes Agency, Ashland, WI
2018 Steve Olson, Forest Manager, Fond du Lac Band of Lake Superior Chippewa, Cloquet, MN
2020 Keith Karnes, Reservation Forester, Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe, Cass Lake, MN

Southwest:

1984 Amanullah K. Arbab, Navajo Nation, Window Rock, AZ
1985 Anthony V. Ingoglia, Forest Manager, Hualapai Tribe, Peach Springs, AZ
1985 Albert N. Palmer, Retired BIA Forester, Albuquerque, NM
1987 Thomas Doerling, BIA Forest Supervisor, S. Pueblo Agency, Albuquerque, NM
1988 Scott Meneely, BIA, San Carlos Agency, San Carlos, AZ
1989 Hal Butler, White Mountain Apache, Whiteriver, AZ
1990 Charlie Murphy, Hualapai Tribal Forest Manager, Peach Springs, AZ
1991 Dennis W. Dupuis, BIA Silviculturist, Albuquerque, NM
1991 Robert W. Billie, Navajo Timber Manager, Fort Defiance, AZ
1991 Arch Wells, BIA Forester, Phoenix, AZ
1992 Thomas Wahlquist, Asst. Forest Manager, Hualapai Tribe, Peach Springs, AZ
1992 David M. Nichol, Supervisory Forester, BIA, Mescalero Agency, Mescalero, NM
1995 David A. Koch, Forester, BIA, Mescalero Agency, Mescalero, NM
1998 Ronnie Lupe, Tribal Chairman, White Mountain Apache Tribe, Whiteriver, AZ
2000 David Mathews, Forestry Technician/Fire, Southern California Agency, BIA, Riverside, CA
2000 Jim M. Friedley, Forester/Silviculture, Southern Ute Agency, BIA, Ignacio, UT
2001 Craig Wilcox, Forest Manager, San Carlos Tribe, San Carlos, AZ
2001 Marvin M. Olson, Forest Manager, BIA, Jicarilla Apache Agency, Dulce, NM
2002 Tom Gavin, Private Industry, Roswell, NM
2003 James Rhodes, Forestry Technician, BIA SW Regional Office, Albuquerque, NM
2004 John Barborinas, BIA NIFC, Albuquerque, NM
2004 Steve Larrabee, BIA NIFC, Albuquerque, NM
2004 Robert Lacapa, BIA Fort Apache Agency, Whiteriver, AZ
2007 Thora Padilla, Program Manager, DRMP, Mescalero Apache Tribe, Mescalero, NM
2008 Reeve Armstrong, National Fire Management Plan Specialist, BIA – BOFRP, Lakewood, CO
2010 Boyd Lopez, Resource Director, Ute Mountain Tribe, Towaoc, CO
2012 Dee Randall, Forest Manager, San Carlos Apache Tribe, San Carlos, AZ
2016 Victoria Wesley, Supervisory Forester, San Carlos Apache Tribe, San Carlos, AZ
2020 Luther Martinez, Director of Forestry & Wildland Fire, Picuris Pueblo, Penasco, NM

Northern:

1986 Arnold Browning, Supervisor, Forestry, BIA, Flathead Agency, Pablo, MT
1985 Thomas Corbin, Timber Sales Officer, BIA, Lame Deer, MT
1986 Jim Stires, BIA Forester, Billings Area, Billings, MT
1987 Robert Jacob, BIA Forester, Wind River Agency, Fort Washakie, WY
1988 Keith Beartusk, BIA, Billings Area, Billings, MT
1989 Terry Spang, Forester, Northern Cheyenne Tribe, Lame Deer, MT
1991 Darrell Ausborn, Forest Manger, Winnebago, NE
1991 Kenneth W. Dupuis, BIA, Flathead Forest Manager, Pablo, MT
1992 Roland Becker, Forester BIA, Flathead Agency, Pablo, MT
1992 Ross Racine, Natural Resources Director, Intertribal Ag. Council, Billings, MT
1992 Floyd E. Middle Rider, Head Forestry Technician, BIA, Blackfeet Agency, East Glacier Park, MT
1994 Ralph Goode, Tribal Forestry Department Head, Conf. Salish & Kootenai Tribes, Ronan, MT
1996 Louis W. Adams, Supervisory Forest Technician, BIA, Flathead Agency, Pablo, MT
1996 Robert Mad Plume, Forest Dev. Contract Admin. Tech., Blackfeet Tribe, Browning, MT
1997 Homer Courville, Division Manager of Fire, Conf. Salish & Kootenai Tribes, Ronan, MT
1999 Robert L. "Bob" McCrea, Fire Management, Confederated Salish & Kootenai Tribes, Ronan, MT
1999 Anthony J. "Tony" Harwood, Fuels Officer, Confederated Salish & Kootenai Tribes, Ronan, MT
1999 Robert Sienko, Forester, BIA Billings Area, Billings, MT
2000 Tom Nemeth, Tribal Forester, Chippewa Cree Tribe, Box Elder, MT
2003 Andrea Gilham, FMO, BIA Blackfeet Agency, Browning, MT
2007 Edward "Ed" Morgan, Forest Manager, BIA Crow Agency, Crow Agency, MT
2008 Jean Matt, Forest Development Program Manager, Confederated Salish & Kootenai Tribes, Ronan, MT
2009 Randy Pretty On Top, Fuels Specialist, BIA Crow Agency, Crow Agency, MT
2009 Group Award: Confederated Salish & Kootenai Tribes, Ronan, MT - Darrell Clairmont, Rx Fire and Fuels Specialist Forester, Ron Swaney, Rx Fire and Fuels Manager, and Art Trahan, Rx Fire and Fuels Technician
2011 Dennis Dupuis, Associate Director, Fire Use and Fuel Management, BIA NIFC, Boise, ID
2011 Donald "Fred" Matt, Executive Director, Native American Fish and Wildlife Society, St. Ignatius, MT
2017 Donald Kasten, Regional Timber Sale Forester, BIA, Rocky Mountain Regional Office, Billings, MT
2020 Darrell Clairmont, Fuels Program Manager, Confederated Salish & Kootenai Tribe, Ronan, MT
2021 Robert L. "Bob" McCrea, Operations Specialist, Confederated Salish & Kootenai Tribes, Ronan, MT
2022 Daniel Rasmussen, Forester, BIA, Rocky Mountain Region, Billings, MT
2022 Todd Couture, Helicopter Manager, Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes, Ronan, MT
2023 Adrian Leighton, NR Director & Dean, SKC TREE, Pablo, MT

Eastern:

1984 Carl R. Johnson, Area Forester, BIA, Washington, DC
1985 James I. Pace, Assistant Forester, BIA, Arlington, VA
1987 Russell Roy, Penobscot Forest Manager, Old Town, ME
1989 C. Larry Blythe, BIA Forester, Cherokee, NC
1990 Robert Bolton, BIA Assistant Forester, Washington, DC
1992 Joe Gardinski, Natural Resources Manager, Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians, Philadelphia, MS
2004 Dr. Michael Bridgen, SUNY, Wanakena, NY
2010 Billy Smith, Gen. Mgr., Magnolia Branch Wildlife Preserve, Poarch Band of Creek Indians, Atmore, AL
2013 David Ellis, Curator, National Center for Genetic Resources Preservation, Fort Collins, CO
2026 Joshua Shumak, Tribal Liaison, South Carolina Commission for Community Advancement and Engagement, SC

At Large:

1998 Don Vandendrieche, Forester, USDA, Forest Management Service Center, Fort Collins, CO
2007 Archibald "Arch" Wells, Director of Trust Services, USDO I BIA, Washington, DC
2009 Thomas Magnuson, Senior Forester, USDO I BIA DFWFM, Washington, DC
2015 Dave Cleaves, Retired Climate Change Advisor, USDA Forest Service, Washington, DC
2015 Jim Hubbard, Deputy Chief, State and Private Forestry, USDA Forest Service, Washington, DC

President's Award:

1990	Rutger VanHouten, Forest Manager, Nez Perce Tribe, Lapwai, ID
1995	Don Peasley, ITC President, 1990-1994, Councilman, Colville Confederated Tribes, Nespelem, WA
2008	Paul DeClay, Jr., Tribal Forest Manager, White Mountain Apache Tribe, Whiteriver, AZ
2011	Joann Reynolds, Program Manager, Intertribal Timber Council, Portland, OR
2017	Bernie Ryan, DOI, BIA, Vancouver, WA
2024	Joseph "Pugs" Holford, Forest Manager, BIA-Colville Agency, Nespelem, WA
2026	David W. Wilson, Retired, IFMAT-IV Consultant, Madison, WI