

# 1984-2025 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, USDOI 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

## 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 Sprankle, 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 Riggan, 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

**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

**At Large:**

1998	Don Vandendrieche, Forester, USDA, Forest Management Service Center, Fort Collins, CO
2007	Archibald "Arch" Wells, Director of Trust Services, USDOI BIA, Washington, DC
2009	Thomas Magnuson, Senior Forester, USDOI 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