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To: Southern Research Station Employees

It is with great pleasure that I announce the recipients of the 2018/2019 Southern Research Station Director's Awards. The work they have accomplished makes me very proud and I look forward to recognizing those who can attend the awards ceremony in person – being held in conjunction with the Early Career Scientist Cadre Meeting at SRS Headquarters on July 17th.

Distinguished Scientist Award – Quinfeng Guo - Research Triangle Park, NC

For exceptional, sustained research productivity and leadership in invasive species research including the development and application of a species trait database and a practical restoration guide for invasive species management in changing environments.

Science Delivery Award – High Resolution Forest Mapping (HiForM) Team – Steve Norman, William Christie, William Hargrove, and John Frimmel and Karin Rogers (UNC-Asheville NEMAC), Asheville, NC

In recognition of cutting-edge and innovative delivery of very high resolution hurricane and tornado impact maps to affected state and federal agencies.

Business Operations Support – Valerie Cooper - Research Triangle Park, NC

For exceptional and efficient and responsive efforts in support of business operations at the Eastern Forest Environmental Threat Assessment Center and on national incident assignments.

Research Technician Award – Christine Sobek - Otto, NC

For outstanding support in establishing Coweeta Hydrologic Laboratory and the Southern Research as a global leader in quantifying plant water use.

Research Professional Support Award – Scott Horn – Raleigh, NC

For outstanding contributions to research on pollinators and forest health issues in the southeastern U.S. in alignment with the agency's strategic goal of sustaining forests and grasslands.

Customer Service Award – Patsy Hunsucker – Asheville, NC

Recognized for excellence and exemplary level of service in providing business operations support to the Southern Research Station's headquarters and units.

Partnership Award – Tribal Group – John Schelhas, Michelle Baumflek, and Jim Chamberlain



For innovative efforts in establishing a partnership with the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, which resulted in improved and integrated management of culturally important forest products for the Eastern Band.

Volunteer Award – Ted Green – Asheville, NC

For serving as the “Ambassador” and friendly face of the Southern Research Station Headquarters.

Please join me in offering congratulations to all these folks on their outstanding accomplishments. I would like to thank also those who took the time and efforts necessary to nominate and recognize their SRS colleagues, and especially those who served on the review panel.

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