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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 17<sup>th</sup>.

**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 - 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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