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The U.S. Forest Service Fire Use Program is a critical part of the National Fire Plan efforts to reduce impacts from unwanted wildland fire. It is also an essential tool for restoration and maintenance of resilient, sustainable ecosystems. Two awards honor individuals who have substantially advanced the fire use program at the local, regional, or national level. These awards recognize outstanding achievement in leadership, scale of accomplishment, innovations in planning and implementation, collaboration with stakeholders, landscape-scale approaches, and community protection.

In previous years, each region submitted as many nominations as they received. These nominations were evaluated by a committee and final selections were made. This year, each region will first identify regional fire use awardees and only those regional awardees will be forwarded for consideration of national recognition.

Enclosed are award forms for nominating your regional fire use awardees for national recognition of outstanding achievement during 2006 in Wildland Fire Use and Prescribed Fire. The Regional Offices of Fire and Aviation Management need to have nominations to Tim Sexton, Fire Use Program Manager, by April 30, 2007, to qualify for consideration. The final selection will be made by May 15, 2007.

The selection committee will be comprised of the following:

- National Fire Use Program Manager
- Region 3 representative
- Region 5 representative
- Region 8 representative
- Line Officer representative

The regional representatives will be identified by the respective Regional Fire Directors and the Line Officer will be identified by the Line Officer Team. Regional representation rotates annually between regions. The award will be presented in coordination with WO staff and the recipients' supervisor.



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*/s/ Rick Prausa (for)*

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Director, Fire and Aviation Management

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# **2006 National Fire Use Awards**

## ***Outstanding Achievement in Prescribed Fire***

**Nominee:**

<b>Submitted by:</b>	
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<b>Supervisor:</b>	
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## **PROJECT DESCRIPTION**

Describe the project or projects managed by the nominee which demonstrate excellence in prescribed fire.

Please address how the nominee achieved excellence in prescribed fire in the following categories (you may expand the space provided below as necessary):

- I. Applies prescribed fire to restore or maintain fire-adapted ecosystems.
  
- II. Achieves significant cost efficiencies in managing a prescribed fire program.
  
- III. Furthers the public's acceptance of fire use and understanding of consequences of fire exclusion. Fosters knowledge of the interrelationship between fire and ecosystem health. Encourages public participation in the planning, analysis or monitoring.
  
- IV. Implements fire use at a landscape scale and in a strategic manner.
  
- V. Establishes and encourages partnerships in fire use implementation.
  
- VI. Manages fire use to protect communities.

# **2006 National Fire Use Awards**

## ***Outstanding Achievement in Wildland Fire Use***

**Nominee:**

<b>Submitted by:</b>	
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<b>Supervisor:</b>	
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## **PROJECT DESCRIPTION**

Describe the project or projects managed by the nominee which demonstrate excellence in wildland fire use.

Please address how the nominee achieved excellence in wildland fire use in the following categories (you may expand the space provided below as necessary):

### **CRITERIA**

- I. Applies wildland fire use to restore or maintain fire adapted ecosystems.**
  
- II. Provides creative solutions to complexity and risk within the program.**
  
- III. Furthers the public's acceptance of fire use and understanding of consequences of fire exclusion.**
  
- IV. Implements fire use at a landscape scale and in a strategic manner.**
  
- V. Establishes and encourages partnerships in fire use implementation.**
  
- VI. Manages fire use to protect communities.**