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Dear Colleagues:

The Pulaski Award nomination process is open and we invite you to review the criteria and submit a nomination. The Pulaski Award is a national annual award for outstanding contributions to wildland firefighting and America's wildland firefighters.

The award is presented on the recommendation of the fire directors located at the National Interagency Fire Center. The pulaski is a half-axe/half-hoe tool uniquely designed for wildland firefighting. It was named after a forest ranger who led a crew through thick smoke, heat, and flames to the safety of a railroad tunnel during the Montana/Idaho inferno of 1910.

CRITERIA

1. The Pulaski Award recognizes groups, not individuals.
2. The group must be a federal, state, tribal, local government, or cooperating organization.
3. Nominations must show outstanding successful performance in any of the following areas:
 - A. Interagency cooperation, coordination, and standardization.
 - B. Safety of wildland firefighters or the American public during a wildfire.
 - C. Outstanding group performance in fire management and suppression activities.
 - D. Outstanding performance on a wildland fire management project or activity.
 - E. Development of partnerships or communication tools.
4. Nominations must be written in plain language.
5. Nominations must be typed, double-spaced, and a maximum of two pages in length.

NOMINATION INSTRUCTIONS

WHO: Nominations may be submitted by any individuals, business, government, or non-profit organization at any location or organization level, and must succinctly address at least one of the five criteria listed above.

WHERE: Nominations should be submitted to:

Directors, National Interagency Fire Center
Pulaski Award Nominations
3833 South Development Avenue
Boise, Idaho 83705

WHEN: Nominations must be received by February 27, 2004.

WHAT: The Pulaski Award itself, a 30-inch bronze statue created by Larry Noland, is a model of one of three 8-foot statues of firefighters placed at the Wildland Firefighters Monument in Boise. The statue will reside with the winning organization until the next year's winner is announced.

MORE INFORMATION: If you have any questions, please call Pam Johansen at 208-387-5446 or by e-mail at pam_johansen@nifc.blm.gov.

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