Rocky Mountain Area Prevention Information Mitigation Education Awards CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

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The Rocky Mountain Area Coordinating Group is pleased to announce the Rocky Mountain Area Prevention Information Mitigation Education Awards (RMA PRIME) call for nominations. Individuals, agencies, or organizations that have made outstanding contributions with significant program impact in prevention of human-caused wildfires and/or reducing the wildfire risk to communities are eligible for nomination. These contributions must have occurred in the past two years to be eligible. Posthumous awards may be given if the work nominated occurred within the last two years or still has significant influence or long-term, measurable impact in the Rocky Mountain Area. This award is NOT intended as a retirement or departure recognition award. Nominations will be accepted through the <u>on-line form</u> and must be received by **February 28, 2017 by 11:59 PM MT**. Forms received after this date will not be eligible.

Individuals, agencies, or organizations have equal opportunity to participate in the award program. No individuals, agencies, or organizations will be discriminated against on the basis of race, color, national origin, religion, sex, gender identity (including gender expression), sexual orientation, disability, age, marital status, familial/parental status, income derived from a public assistance program, political beliefs, reprisal or retaliation for prior civil rights activity.

An award review team will be convened with members representing the Rocky Mountain Area's federal, state, and Fire Communication and Educators Committee. One federal, one state and one committee member will make up the review team. The team will select **one award in Prevention** (ex. – Unique school programs, events, outreach to the public, etc. to reduce human-caused fire starts) and **one in Mitigation** (ex. –Homeowners group mitigation day, slash collection events, demonstration projects, etc. that mitigate the fire impacts to homes and communities) for two total awards to be given annually as long as a deserving candidate is nominated.

Nominators will be contacted in March of 2017 on whether or not their nominee was selected. Awards will be presented at the 2017 Spring Rocky Mountain Area Coordination Group Meeting or at a location determined by the nominating agency or organization.

