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NDSU - NORTH DAKOTA FOREST SERVICE

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2014 STATE TREES AWARD WINNERS RECOGNIZED

Bottineau – Fourteen Trees Award winners from across the state will be recognized at the Trees Bowl and Awards Ceremony sponsored by the North Dakota Forest Service and North Dakota State University at the Fargodome on Saturday, September 20. The Trees Awards recognize individuals, organizations and agencies who contribute in an outstanding way to forestry activities. Forestry activities can include: fire mitigation, protection and suppression; tree planting, preservation, or maintenance; community forestry efforts; forest management practices; forest recreation; or environmental education.

The winners will participate in a ceremonial tree planting at 11:30 a.m., which will be followed by a noon luncheon and the awards ceremony in the Fargodome at 1 p.m. NDSU President Dean Bresciani and State Forester Larry Kotchman will present each winner with a plaque and a tree print. The winners will also attend the Trees Bowl football game at 2:30 p.m. and be recognized on the floor during half-time.

The North Dakota Forest Service will distribute 3,000 Colorado blue spruce and bur oak trees after the game.

The 2014 award winners include:

COMMUNITY OF THE YEAR - City of Williston

CONSERVATION ACHIEVEMENT – Leonard Porter, Watford City

DISTINGUISHED LEADERSHIP – Randy Kreil, ND Game and Fish Department

DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD – Scott Hochhalter, Bismarck

ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATOR – Joe Super, Minot

EXCELLENCE IN GOVERNMENT – North Dakota Conservation District Employees Association

FIRE DEPARTMENT COOPERATORS (Co-winners) – Rolette Rural Fire District, Mike Stewart

FOREST STEWARDSHIP LANDOWNER – Miles Hoff, Moorhead, MN

MEDIA OUTREACH - Bob Bertsch, NDSU Agricultural Communications

NATURAL RESOURCES PROFESSIONAL – Henry Duray, Devils Lake

SMOKEY BEAR POSTER CONTEST – Aspen Eslinger, Baldwin

TREE CELEBRATION – NDSU Bison Athletics

VOLUNTEER ORGANIZATION – ND Urban and Community Forestry Association

YOUTH TREE PLANTERS – Girl Scout Troops 30886, 30290 and 30123