

On Tuesday, May 10, 2011, Prescribed Fire Specialist Jon Wallace was presented with a Regional Directors Honor Award by Cindy Dohner, the Regional Director for the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Southeast Region.



Jon Wallace had an incredible year in 2010 as the Prescribed Fire Specialist for the Arthur R. Marshall Loxahatchee National Wildlife Refuge. He completed more than 21,000 acres of prescribed burning at the refuge, and three prescribed burns at the National Key Deer Refuge in the Florida Keys. He was the final evaluator for three Type 2 Burn Bosses and one Type 1 Burn Boss.

Jon started developing a Community Wildfire Protection Plan for Hobe Sound and Jupiter Island. He conducted the first fuels treatment at the Hobe Sound National Wildlife Refuge and planned a complex prescribed burn for the refuge. He also conducted three prescribed burns with the Prescribed Fire Training Center and instructed several classes -- including Fire in the

Urban Interface – for the Palm Beach County Fire Department, the Florida Division of Forestry, and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

In addition, Jon created the Southeast Region’s fire management unit layer for the Wildfire Decision Support System, which allows refuges to analyze strategic and management objectives. Jon created those objectives for every Southeast refuge that does not have a fire staff. He was also the Geographic Editor for the system, providing system support on wildfires in Alaska, Virginia, and Florida.

Jon also updated the Southeast Region’s fire occurrence and weather database and coordinated with the Missoula Fire Lab to incorporate the data into the next run of the Large Fire Simulator.