The Arizona Department of Forestry and Fire Management and partners are pleased to announce the 2022 Call for Nominations for the following recognition categories for work done in the 2021 calendar year.

**CITIZEN FORESTER OF THE YEAR**
This award recognizes an outstanding individual who, through contributions of talent, time, and efforts, has positively impacted their local community. Arizona residency is not required, but the service must have been performed in Arizona as a volunteer, not as a paid position.

**PALO VERDE AWARD FOR URBAN FORESTRY ENHANCEMENT**
This award is given to an exceptional business whose work provides innovative leadership or contributions of talent and effort that enable the advancement of sustainable community forestry efforts at a local or state level.

**IRONWOOD AWARD FOR PUBLIC SERVICE**
This award is presented to an exemplary government official or employee who, through extraordinary efforts, has significantly and positively contributed to and enhanced urban forest management at a community or state level.

**PONDEROSA PINE PARTNERSHIP AWARD**
To increase the recognition of outstanding urban forestry projects in Arizona, this award is presented for the innovative, strategic, and/or pioneering collaborative efforts of organizations in Arizona. It recognizes a project for exceptional involvement of multiple organizations that was implemented in 2021.
**SUBMISSION INSTRUCTIONS**

Please submit separate nominations for individuals that you would like to nominate for multiple categories. Email nominations to mlasley@dfm.az.gov by February 28th, 2022, to be considered. All nominations must include:

1. Name of Nominator
2. Nominator contact information [email, phone number]
3. Name of Nominee
4. Nominee contact information [email, phone number, mailing address]
5. Description of how the nominee meets the criteria described in the award. Include sufficient information to demonstrate that the individual/business/project meets the award category and intent.
6. **For the Ponderosa Pine Partnership Award only**, please include a photograph(s) of the collaborative project/project area.

Winners will be notified in early April and awards will be presented at the virtual State Arbor Day celebration on April 22nd, 2022.