

Example of Citation for Meritorious Service Award

CITATION
FOR MERITORIOUS SERVICE
JOHN Q. SMITH

In recognition of his dedication to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's ecological services program.

Mr. Smith's career with the Service has been marked by his innovation and resourcefulness in protecting declining species. His capabilities in the legislative arena have helped to gain support for complex projects and develop solutions to problems involving the spotted owl and other species. He turned agency gridlock into partnerships, while at the same time protecting vast habitats for more than 1,000 species of plants and animals. Through Mr. Smith's efforts with the local government, an agreement was forged that developed plans for regional habitat conservation. He negotiated a settlement involving a local landowners association and the State wildlife department over the effects of development on threatened species. As a result of this settlement, Mr. Smith and the local ecological services office received support from congressional offices to protect declining species. Throughout his career, Mr. Smith has been recognized for his leadership in preserving the Nation's flora and fauna. His skill and perseverance have produced successful solutions to difficult issues. For his excellence and outstanding contributions, John Q. Smith is granted the Meritorious Service Award of the Department of the Interior.

Secretary of the Interior