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Victoria has a difficult and challenging job. She is responsible for all listed species scientific and research permits in the southeast region. This entails processing over 100 permits annually. We have over 350 listed species in the Southeast Region therefore the potential exists to deal with that many species. Indeed, we currently have 65 permits for your red-cockaded woodpecker management and research work on the books, many of which are amended or renewed annually. Victoria over the years has tried very hard to consistently give our red-cockaded woodpecker permits special consideration as far as timing goes. Most, if not all, of you in this room who hold section 10(a)(1)(A) research permits have at one time or another benefited from Victoria's expeditious handling of your permit request, whether it was a new permit, a permit renewal or a permit amendment. Too many times we have asked her to satisfy our permit requests within unreasonable time frames given her regional responsibilities. It's been rare when she has not accomplished what we asked. For this reason, and her years of service to red-cockaded woodpecker recovery we are honored to present you this award. Thank you Victoria.