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As you read the new revision to the recovery plan in the months ahead pay particular attention to the writing style. If you notice on the front cover that there were essentially 17 different authors you may begin to wonder why the document reads as if one person wrote it. The simple answer, our primary editor Sue Daniels. I hired Sue to help assemble and edit the chapters, and write several on her own. She did an outstanding and superior job. It is no easy task to take sections of a document drafted by 16 other scientists and managers and turn them into one easy to read coherent document. However, she accomplished this task with the highest quality possible. Sue is a gifted writer with skills that I and perhaps some of you can only dream of. We, and everyone else who will ever pick up the recovery plan and read it, are fortunate she took on this task. In addition to being an excellent writer, she is also involved in red-cockaded woodpecker research, having completed her Master's degree in 1997 on female dispersal and inbreeding and now working on her PhD studying dispersal and genetic variation in small populations. For your significant contributions to the recovery plan revision, we are pleased to present you this award. Thank you Sue.