

Jeff Walters, VPI

Jeff needs no introduction. Anyone who knows anything about red-cockaded woodpeckers knows Jeff at least by name. Jeff has been studying red-cockaded woodpeckers for 20 years and has taught us the details of the species sociobiology. Perhaps more importantly, he has translated his sometimes complex scientific findings into practical management direction that today is helping us recover this species. Over the years, he has been one of a handful of scientists I call when I am struggling with a policy decision that entails some ecological fine-tuning. Why? Because, I can count on him to provide an unbiased, agenda-free, credible opinion of the issue. He is a valued member of the red-cockaded woodpecker conservation community, a scientist and researcher who bridges the gap between science and management, a practicing conservation biologist. For your past and ongoing contributions to red-cockaded woodpecker recovery we are honored to present you with this award. Thank you Jeff.