

IJWF Outstanding Associate Editor Award 2017

SARAH McCAFFREY

Dr Sarah McCaffrey is the winner of the Outstanding Editor Award of the *International Journal of Wildland Fire* for 2017. Please join us in congratulating Sarah for her many years of excellent service as an Associate Editor to the journal. Sarah does a thorough job with the papers that she handles, and is consistently reliable – rarely turning down any assignment. She made significant and impressive contributions to a Special Section, published in 2015, *The Role of Social Science in the Governance and Management of Wildland Fire* (<http://www.publish.csiro.au/wf/content/ResearchFronts?id=1182>), containing a series of papers highlighting some of the contributions the social sciences can make to improving our ability to manage wildfire risk to individuals and communities.

Sarah McCaffrey, PhD, is a Research Forester for the USDA Forest Service, Rocky Mountain Research Station. Her research focuses on the social aspects of fire management. This work has included projects examining wildfire risk perception, social acceptability of prescribed fire and thinning, characteristics of effective communication programs, and incentives for creation and maintenance of defensible space. She has also initiated work examining social issues that occur during and after fires, including evacuation decision making, agency–community interaction during fires, and long-term health impacts of experiencing a fire. This has included work interviewing emergency responders and residents after wildfires in the United States, as well as work in Australia, where she assisted the Bushfire Cooperative Research Centre with their post-fire data collection following the 7 February 2009 bushfires. More recent projects combine many of these topics in examining how stakeholders conceive of and move towards becoming a



fire-adapted community, primarily in the United States but also as an advisor to a similar research endeavour in Portugal. She received her PhD in Wildland Resource Science in 2002 from the University of California at Berkeley.

As mentioned above, Sarah has been member of the Editorial Board of the *International Journal of Wildland Fire* since 2012. We are pleased to add the 2017 IJWF Outstanding Editor Award to her list of achievements, and we most sincerely thank her for her advocacy and exceptional service to *International Journal of Wildland Fire*.