



## Thomas Waldrop Wins the 2018 Herbert Stoddard Lifetime Achievement Award

The Association for Fire Ecology (AFE) is pleased to announce Dr. Thomas Waldrop has been awarded the 2018 Herbert Stoddard Lifetime Achievement Award for his significant contribution to fire ecology and management in the eastern United States.

Dr. Waldrop retired from the US Forest Service as Supervisory Research Forester and Team Leader for Fire Science at the Center for Forest Disturbance Science, Southern Research Station in Clemson, South Carolina. He earned Bachelor's and Master's degrees in Forest Management at Clemson University and a Ph.D. in Forest Ecology at the University of Tennessee. His research focused on fire ecology and fire technology in the southern Appalachian Mountains. Throughout his career, Tom worked tirelessly to share research results by authoring over 260 publications, presenting numerous talks and tours, and serving as chair of many professional and technical meetings. He served as an associate editor for fire research for the Journal of Forestry for several years. Tom was recognized by the JFSP as their most prolific scientist in 2004 and by the US Forest Service with their Distinguished Scientist Award in 2011. Tom actively participated in many professional organizations, advised over 50 graduate students, and led the Consortium of Appalachian Fire Managers and Scientists (CAFMS) until his retirement.

AFE honors career achievements in fire ecology and management by recognizing the pioneers and early advocates in our field. Each year, lifetime achievement awards are presented to individuals who have made significant contributions to fire ecology and management and who have inspired and mentored a generation of fire ecologists. The award for individuals who primarily work in ecosystems found in the eastern United States or in similar ecosystems internationally is named after wildlife biologist Herbert Stoddard. Stoddard spent decades studying and managing longleaf pine forests in Georgia and Florida in the 1900's. He became an early advocate for the reintroduction of fire in southern ecosystems, and his forest management practices are still being used today.

Dr. Waldrop will be presented with the Stoddard Award at the 8<sup>th</sup> International Fire Ecology and Management Congress, November 18-22, 2019, in Tucson, Arizona.

A list of all Lifetime Achievement Award winners is available at <https://fireecology.org/afe-award-winners>.

### About AFE

The Association for Fire Ecology (AFE) is a nonprofit organization dedicated to improving the knowledge and use of fire in land management. Our members include scientists, educators, students, managers, practitioners, policymakers, and interested citizens. To learn more about AFE, visit [www.fireecology.org](http://www.fireecology.org).



"Tom spent his entire career committed to getting his research into the hands of those managing lands. CAFMS was an extension of his already intense commitment to sharing science but on a larger scale. He believed that his greatest success was seeing his fire research applied by land managers across the Appalachian region."  
~Helen Mohr, US Forest Service