

Dear Forest Owner,

The 32<sup>nd</sup> RDS Forest Service Irish Forestry Awards are now accepting entries. With a prize fund of €9,000, the awards promote the economic, environmental and social benefits of good forestry and farming.

From magnificent historic woodlands, to innovative commercial forests, the awards reveal inspiring examples of the benefits and diversity of forestry in Ireland. The RDS is proud to play its role in highlighting the best in Irish forest and woodland management, and showcase the vast potential that forestry offers to rural Ireland.

[There are three prize categories for the Awards:](#)

- Production Forestry Award
- Teagasc Farm Forestry Award
- Community Woodlands Award

In addition to sharing a prize fund of €9,000, award winners will also receive specially commissioned trophies and certificates.

Everyone with woodland is encouraged to enter as all woodlands, large or small, are of merit. Judges will have the option to visit all short-listed entries over the summer months. Having the judges visit your woodlands is one of the great benefits of entering the awards, as they are experienced foresters and can advise in the development of your woodlands.

Application forms are available on the RDS website: [www.rds.ie/forestry](http://www.rds.ie/forestry) or via email from [forestry@rds.ie](mailto:forestry@rds.ie). Closing date for entries is **Friday, July 26, 2019**. If you require any additional information, please contact the RDS Agriculture Foundation Department directly on 01 240 7242. Please feel free to circulate details to anyone who you think would be interested in entering these Awards.

Yours sincerely,

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