

Bend Man Receives Doug Newman Memorial Trails Award

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Oregon's Recreation Trails Advisory Council has presented the Doug Newman Memorial Trails Award to long-time trails advocate Jack Remington of Bend, Oregon. Oregon Parks and Recreation Department (OPRD) Director Tim Wood presented the achievement award to Remington on behalf of the council during a Willamette River Water Trail dedication on National Trails Day and Oregon State Parks Day June 3. Named in memory of a former council member, the award recognizes significant contributions to the planning, design, development and maintenance of recreation trails in Oregon. Described by council chair Ernie Drapela as the "father of the Oregon Recreation Trails program," Remington is the tenth Newman award recipient. He served as the first state trails coordinator, from 1972 until 1986, after a state law created the council and the position in 1971. Remington is the author of Oregon's first state trails plan, which was released in 1975. He also is recognized for helping spark volunteer efforts to create the Eugene to the Pacific Coast Trail, the 40-mile Loop trail in Portland and the south coast segment of the Oregon Coast Trail between Cape Sebastian and Brookings. After retiring in 1986, Remington served as an advocate for various long-distance trail efforts, most of the time as a volunteer. He co-wrote a 1987 mountain bike, and more recently wrote "The Oregon Coast Trail-Hiking Inn to Inn," published in 2005. Several other individuals nominated for the award received honorable mention from the council:

Jim and Stephanie Carpenter, nominated by the City of Klamath Falls, for their leadership of the Klamath Falls Wing Watchers;

Scott Green, nominated by the North Wasco County Parks and Recreation Department, for his coordinator role on The Dalles Riverfront Trail;

JoAnn Herrigel, nominated by the City of Milwaukie, for her work as community services director in leading efforts to build several area trails, including the Trolley Trail;

The late Mel Jackson, nominated posthumously by the Eugene Parks and Recreation Department, for leading the development of area trail systems, including the city's Spenser Butte trails;

Ron Murphy, nominated by Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Outdoor Recreation Planner Gregg Morgan, for organizing volunteer trail building in BLM's Roseburg district; and

Rod Sell, nominated by two Lebanon groups-Build Lebanon Trails and the Community Health Improvement Partnership-for organizing community partnerships to build area trails.

Two groups also were nominated. One is the Klamath Falls Wing Watchers, nominated by the City, for developing the Lake Ewauna interpretive trail and helping acquire land for a trailhead. The other is called the Motley Crew, a volunteer group comprised of retired BLM and U.S. Forest Service employees. Organized by BLM retiree Jim Talburt, the group was recognized for its annual contribution of 2,000 hours helping maintain USFS and BLM trails. Past recipients of the Doug Newman Memorial Award are Walt Schroeder of Gold Beach; Lolly Skillman of Medford; Mark Flint of Molalla; Betty Anderson of Klamath Falls; Barbara Walker of Portland; Mel Huie of Portland; Terry Wheeler of Molalla; Art and Maureen Sevigny of Klamath Falls; Curtis Hardie of Bend, and Al LePage of Portland.