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IAC Employee Receives Statewide Recognition

OLYMPIA – Greg Lovelady, a 29-year employee of the Interagency Committee for Outdoor Recreation, has received an award of appreciation from the Washington State Trails Coalition for his service to the organization.

The award, the first of its kind from the coalition, was given to Lovelady during the coalition's annual trails congress held in October at Snoqualmie Summit Lodge.

"Greg has been involved since the first trails conference in 1998," said John Keates, the coalition president. "We've had a number of presidents and board members and Greg has been the one that keeps everything glued together. He keeps us organized. It would not be a stretch to say that without his behind the scenes work, the coalition might not be functioning today. I know we wouldn't have been able to offer as many conferences as we have to the trails community."

Lovelady currently is the coalition's secretary and a key player in planning the group's annual conferences. He has done conference evaluations and written reports of what happens at meetings.

"He does much more than any of the rest of us on the board," Keates said. "He's really good at quality control. He's very deserving of the award. The award credits his involvement in the coalition and commitment to trails."

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The trails coalition formed to protect, promote, and enhance a statewide system of trails for both motorized and non-motorized outdoor recreation and transportation. Shortly after the 1998 trails conference, the first in 20 years, the coalition was formed. That conference was deliberately organized as an action-oriented assembly, with the intent that conference participants would develop a state trail action agenda. The conference led to a groundswell of support to create a statewide trails coalition, update the statewide trail plan, and initiate a number of actions designed to improve communications and eliminate barriers among various trail user groups and interests throughout the state.

The trails conference has been an annual event ever since. In the past couple of years, the coalition has simplified its mission by just concentrating on offering a conference with the main purpose of bringing all trail users together to network and find common ground. The theme for the just completed 2004 trails conference was, "When Consensus Works."

The Interagency Committee for Outdoor Recreation was established in 1964 to finance recreation and conservation projects throughout the state.

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