

Washington State Trails Coalition Trails Awards Program



2016 Lifetime Service Award: Doug McClelland

Doug's collaborative approach has led him to become the expert in community engagement, successfully bringing diverse interests together for common good. Doug is a founding member of the Mountains to Sound Greenway Trust, the organization that has worked for 25 years to conserve a remarkable landscape that balances population growth with conservation of natural lands from Seattle, over Snoqualmie Pass, to Ellensburg. Doug has also spent the past 37 years working for the Washington State Department of Natural Resources (DNR), where he has helped that agency thoughtfully steward three million acres of forests, farms, and aquatic lands across Washington State. His career spanned the conservation of magnificent areas under DNR's management.

Doug's exceptional leadership in his roles with the DNR and on the Mountains to Sound Greenway Board of Directors is helping secure a sustainable future for a much-loved landscape that includes many of the most heavily used trails in the state. Under Doug's leadership, DNR crafted the Snoqualmie Corridor Recreation Plan that will serve as a visionary model for the future, which included active participation and sincere buy-in from multiple and often-competing interests.

Doug has done outstanding work to make access to a world-class trail system a fundamental part of quality of life for everyone living in our region. He has been involved in every aspect of the process, from acquiring connecting lands, to careful planning for new trails, to connecting trails to communities, to ensuring maintenance and care for existing trails and recreation facilities.

Doug's never-ending ideas, good humor, and patience help make friends and get things done. He continues to be one of the chief architects of a living legacy of conservation that sets an example for our nation in conserving and caring for public natural lands as a precious community asset. We cannot think of a better candidate to receive a Lifetime Achievement Award on behalf of the trails of Washington State.



THANK YOU for your service on behalf of Washington State trail users!