

Washington State Trails Coalition Trails Awards Program



2016 Trail Leader Award: Mike Westra

For over a decade, Mike has worked tirelessly to deliver innovative new recreational trails, mountain bike skill parks, and volunteer trail maintenance initiatives to Washington State. Mike's technical expertise and dedication have delivered many miles of quality new trails to Washington's hikers, bikers, and equestrians.

Mike is a remarkable trail advocate who understands land owner, community, and stakeholder needs. He delivers the highest quality trail for the best possible land-owner value.

Mike has the unique ability to bridge on-the-ground trail building expertise with team building, client service, education, GIS mapping, as well as communication and volunteer engagement skills. Under his direction and leadership, Evergreen's trail crew has grown from 1 builder in 2005, to a team of 28 full-time trail builders statewide.

Mike delivers boundary-pushing trail projects to state agencies and he has put WA State on the map as a go-to mountain bike destination. Few people nationwide can match what Mike has done for mountain bike trails, and users who experience Mike's trails instantly love his work.

"Mike Westra's commitment Washington's trails is inspiring. He works tremendously hard to develop trails that are both sustainable and offer a tremendously enjoyable experience for all trail users. Likely every mountain biker in Washington has ridden a trail that Mike has been involved with in some capacity. He truly is a trail hero!" —*Andy Rigel, Vice President - Evergreen Mountain Bike Alliance - Board of Directors*

Mike has planned and/or delivered the following trail projects and more:

Colonnade (City of Seattle, 2005) • **Duthie Hill Mountain Bike Park** (2008) • **Tiger Mountain Trails** (2010-ongoing) • **Black Diamond Open Space** (2008-2016) • **Swan Creek Mountain Bike Park** (2014-2016) • **Back Country Trail Maintenance Program** (2008-ongoing) • **Seabrook Mountain Bike Trails** (2015) • **Olallie** (2005-ongoing) • **Alpine Baldy** (2014-ongoing) • **Dockton Park** (2016) • **Darrington Mountain Bike Skills Park** (2015-2016) • **Raging River** (2014-ongoing)



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