



# 2022 Washington State Trail Coalition Trails Awards Program

## LIFETIME SERVICE AWARD: Alan Carter Mortimer

If you hike in Washington, you've likely set foot on a trail maintained, designed or built by Alan Carter Mortimer. Alan has been working on Washington's trails for 26 years, first as a volunteer with Washington Trails Association (WTA) and then as staff. Alan moved to Washington to attend UW, but he had roots in working outside and knew he wanted to continue doing that sort of work if he could. So when he saw a sidebar ad in Backpacker magazine about an organization seeking volunteers for trail work, he got in touch. That organization was WTA.



Alan became a WTA trail crew leader by 1998 and for 11 years he occupied this role, volunteering and supporting the program; proving the argument that volunteers could perform high quality trail maintenance. After being hired on as the Field Programs Manager, Alan supported work parties in every corner of the state. Alan always made a point to show up in person — and this in-person support went a long way in making WTA volunteers and staff feel seen and connected.



His patient and steadfast approach to training and trail work has influenced thousands of volunteers over the decades. He has certified hundreds of sawyers through WTA's crosscutting program. He has laid out trails in dozens of locations from Manastash Ridge to Squak Mountain, and has been instrumental in laying out the extensive trail network in the Teanaway Community Forest. And, he makes a point to share his trail knowledge: his understanding of user groups, effective design and permitting has been invaluable to the Methow Valley Trails Collaborative as they build a strategic approach to their trail system.

Alan has had an incredible impact on Washington's trails. Hikers, bikers, horse-riders, and even motorized users will be benefiting from Alan's influence for years to come.

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TRAIL USERS**

