



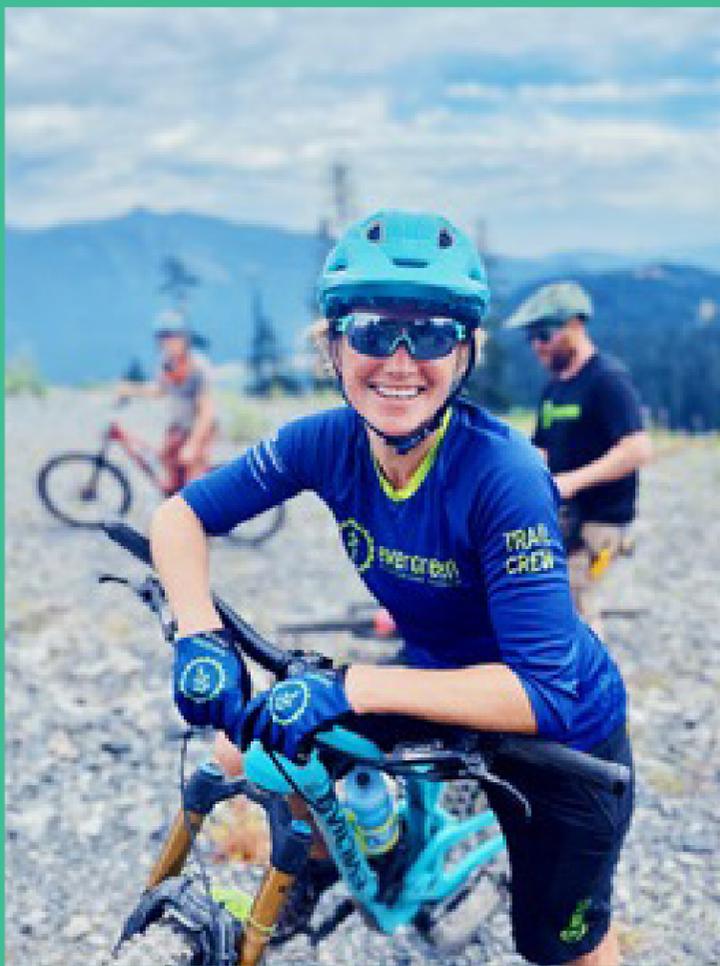
# 2022 Washington State Trail Coalition Trails Awards Program

## TRAIL LEADER AWARD: Yvonne Kraus

During her 7 year tenure as Executive Director of Evergreen Mountain Bike Alliance, Yvonne Kraus has represented the needs and desires of the mountain bike community throughout Washington. Yvonne is a strong advocate for all trails, access to public lands, and sustainable recreation planning, and is a strong voice for recreation funding and recreation policy for all recreationists.



Under Yvonne's leadership, Evergreen has increased the number of trail projects under development to over 40, delivering over 300 miles of new mountain bike trails all across the state. She regularly collaborates with other trail user groups to deliver trail projects considerate of their needs and shares resources in support of their recreation planning and development. Yvonne set goals to remove barriers to trail access and increase resources for underrepresented populations — offering 48 DEI scholarships to attend mountain bike clinics, increasing inclusivity at the 2022 MTB Festival, and hosting all womxns' dig and ride events. Evergreen also began hosting adaptive bike trail access collaborations and demos with Outdoors for All, training staff, education, and trail crew on specific trail needs, experiences, and wishes of the adaptive bike community.



This past year, Yvonne facilitated a statewide e-Bike Policy Recommendations Committee, tasked with evaluating and creating access recommendations for electric bikes on non-motorized recreational trails and roads. Consisting of over 20 stakeholder representatives which included land managers, environmental organizations, bike industry representatives and others, her efforts on the committee led to adoption of an e-bike access policy recommendation within Evergreen, which will be submitted to help inform current policy guidance for Washington State agencies.

Yvonne is fully committed and dedicated to mountain biking — she is keenly aware of the needs of all users, and knows that support and cooperation are the key to success.

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