2025 Community Recognition Awards



Facing Challenges Together

The core objective of the Wilderness Risk Management Conference (WRMC) is to offer an outstanding educational experience to help outdoor program practitioners mitigate the risks inherent in exploring, working, teaching, and recreating in wild places. Each year the WRMC recognizes outstanding contributions in two areas.

Timeline

Nominations Open/Close - 5/15/2025 to 7/1/2025 (Links to nomination forms are below) Award Recipients Announced - 7/15/2025. Awardees will be honored in person at the conference.

Benefits

Recipients will be announced through WRMC communications and social media and will receive a complimentary conference registration for the award winner, lodging for one night, and two guest passes to the Award Ceremony.

WRMC Innovation Award	Charles 'Reb' Gregg Leadership Award	
In its 2023 inaugural debut, the Innovation in Wilderness Risk Management Award recognizes an individual or organization in outdoor and adventure risk management that has positively impacted the industry. The award recipient should show evidence of driving innovation in wilderness risk management thinking or practice.	The Charles 'Reb' Gregg Leadership Award recognizes an individual for exceptional leadership, service, and dedication to the outdoor education and adventure professions. This award is presented to an individual who has made a lasting impact on risk management within the industry. Inspired by Reb's significant and progressive contributions to legal risk management for outdoor programs, the award highlights and honors extraordinary service in advancing the profession and knowledge base.	
 Selection criteria: Demonstrate commitment to the WRMC community and the wilderness risk management profession. Contributed recent professional innovation of thought or practice, such as approaches, research, tools, or techniques, that have the potential to evolve wider thinking and practice across the outdoor risk management field. Demonstrated recent program- or organization-wide impact through innovation that has the potential to influence the profession across the greater WRMC community. Previous Recipients 2024 - CorpsTHAT 2023 - CJ Goulding 	 Selection Criteria: Demonstrated sustained leadership and/or significant contributions to the wilderness risk management profession. Demonstrated attitude of service, including mentorship and fostering the development of future leaders. Contributed to lasting impacts and leadership to outdoor and adventure programming thinking and practice related to outdoor/adventure program risk management. Previous Recipients 2024 - Jeff Jackson 2017 - Shana Tarter 2023 - Dr. Nina Roberts 2016 - Jay A. Satz 2022 - Cathay Hansen-Stamp 2015 - Dr. David Johhson 2021 - Laura McGladrey 2013 - Drew Leemon 2019 - Aparna Rajagopol 2011 - Lewis Glenn 	
Nomination form for Innovation Award	Nomination form for Reb Gregg Leadership Award	