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## **BARRY WULFF RECEIVES NATIONAL SIERRA CLUB AWARD**

SAN FRANCISCO, CA – Barry L. Wulff of Philomath, Ore., has been selected to receive the Sierra Club's 2009 Susan Miller Award. This award honors a Sierra Club member for administrative contributions to groups and chapters. The award will be presented in San Francisco at the Club's annual dinner on September 26, 2009.

Wulff has been chair of the Mary's Peak Group, a division of the Oregon Chapter of the Sierra Club, since 1999. Under Wulff's leadership, this group has expanded to 2,600 members in Lincoln, Benton, Marion, Polk and Linn Counties. Wulff's efforts have measurably increased the participation of local people in promoting the Club's objectives. For example, Wulff sends out a weekly e-mail that describes outdoor activities, environmental issue updates, conservation efforts, educational tours to environmentally friendly business enterprises, an annual Oregon beach cleanup day and participation in tree-planting events in downtown Corvallis.

A major emphasis of the group has been on getting people outdoors. Outings include day hikes, backpacks, rafting trips, cross country ski trips, car camps, and hiking tours to scenic areas. In 2000, the Mary's Peak Group outings program had 200 days on outings. By 2008, that had increased to 2,007 days.

Wulff has also overseen the development of an active trail building and maintenance program. Under his jurisdiction, Sierra Club has actively participated in a long-term planning program to create a Corvallis-to-the-Sea trail.

He also produces three annual issues of the Benchmark, an online newsletter with articles on environmental issues and outdoor experiences. According to Jane Luther, vice chair of the Mary's Peak Group, "We know of no one in this area who has done more to increase awareness of the environment and the need for preserving it, and has who reached so many other people as Barry Wulff."

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