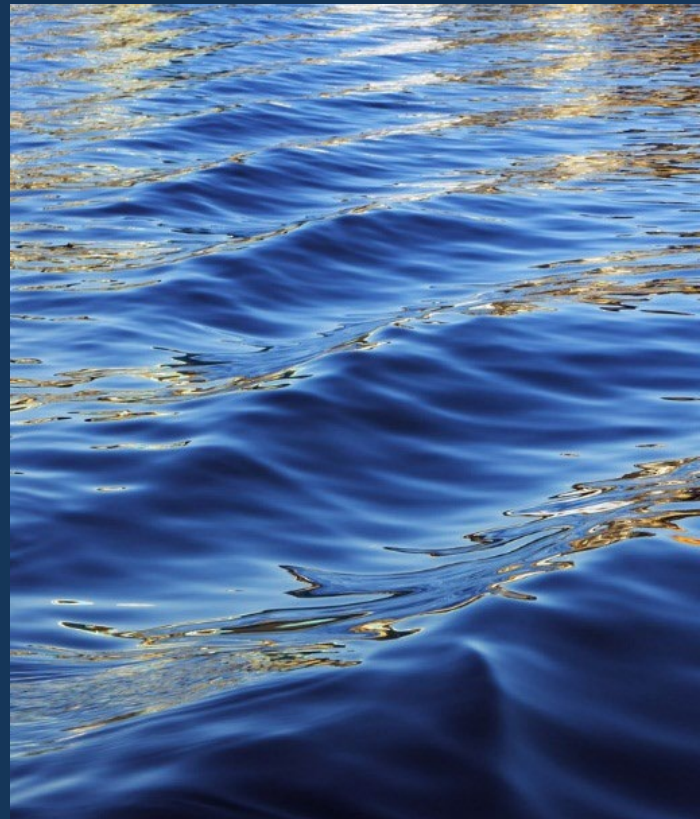




# NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF STATE PARK DIRECTORS

2023 Awards



# 2023 Ney C Landrum History Award

The Ney C Landrum History Award recognizes individuals, teams and organizations that have displayed outstanding efforts in original research and presentation of state park history.

Presented by Bob Mergell and Brandon Burris

# 2023 Ney C Landrum History Award

Alan  
Levere

Presented by Bob Mergell

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# Alan Levere



“Alan has worked tirelessly, both during his state park career and as a retiree/volunteer to research, chronical, interpret and tell the story of Connecticut’s state parks’ history. His passion for state parks’ history is infectious, and anyone who has met and worked with him over his career has been exposed to his enthusiasm and can’t help but to have a similar passion ignited as well.”

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2023 Ney C Landrum History Award

# Alaska State Parks and Office of History Archaeology, Division of Parks and Outdoor Recreation

Presented by Brandon Burris

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# Alaska State Parks and Office of History Archaeology, Division of Parks and Outdoor Recreation



This award celebrates the outstanding efforts of the inter-programmatic team whose production of original research, reconnaissance survey work and fresh interpretation of World War II-era history of Caines Head State Recreation Area resulted in the addition of the Fort McGilvray Archaeological Historic District to the National Register of Historic Places.

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# 2023 President's Award

The President's Award is presented each year to individuals, groups and organizations who have made an extraordinary contribution to America's State Parks at the local, state or national level.

Presented by Bob Mergell, Ricky Gease and Paul McCormack

2023 President's Award

# Friends of Ludington State Park

Presented by Bob Mergell

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# Friends of Ludington State Park



“FLSP is a powerhouse group that has a history of going above and beyond on behalf of park users, volunteers and staff. Whether it be a highway clean up, mentoring another friend’s group in the state or being “on call” whenever staff has a project, FLSP is always willing to volunteer and provide opportunities on how to make visiting Ludington State Park a better experience for all.”

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2023 President's Award

Joanne  
Kittel

Presented by Ricky Gease

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# Joanne Kittel



“Joanne has made bringing the true story of Amanda De-Cuys and other Native Americans to light her life’s journey. Thanks to Joanne and her tireless and tenacious personal effort, Oregon’s Trail of Tears and the story of Amanda and other Native Americans is stronger than it has ever been. Even on the most tiring days, Joanne is the pollinator and the glue that has sewn together this place of bridging cultures with creating knowledge and understanding of the past and pathways to healing for all.”

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# 2023 President's Award

Dr. Jun-Hyun Kim, School  
of Planning, Design and  
Construction, Michigan  
State University

Presented by Paul McCormack

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# Dr. Jun-Hyun Kim, School of Planning, Design and Construction, Michigan State University



This award celebrates the collaboration between the Michigan Department of Natural Resources, Parks and Recreation Division and Michigan State University's School of Planning, Design and Construction, which has spanned more than a decade and provided students with real-world design challenges and practical project experience.

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# 2023 Rockefeller-Udall Award

The Rockefeller-Udall Award is given to an individual or organization that has made an extraordinary contribution, innovation and/or best practice at a state, regional or national level, furthering the goal of a system of state parks.

Presented by Paul McCormack

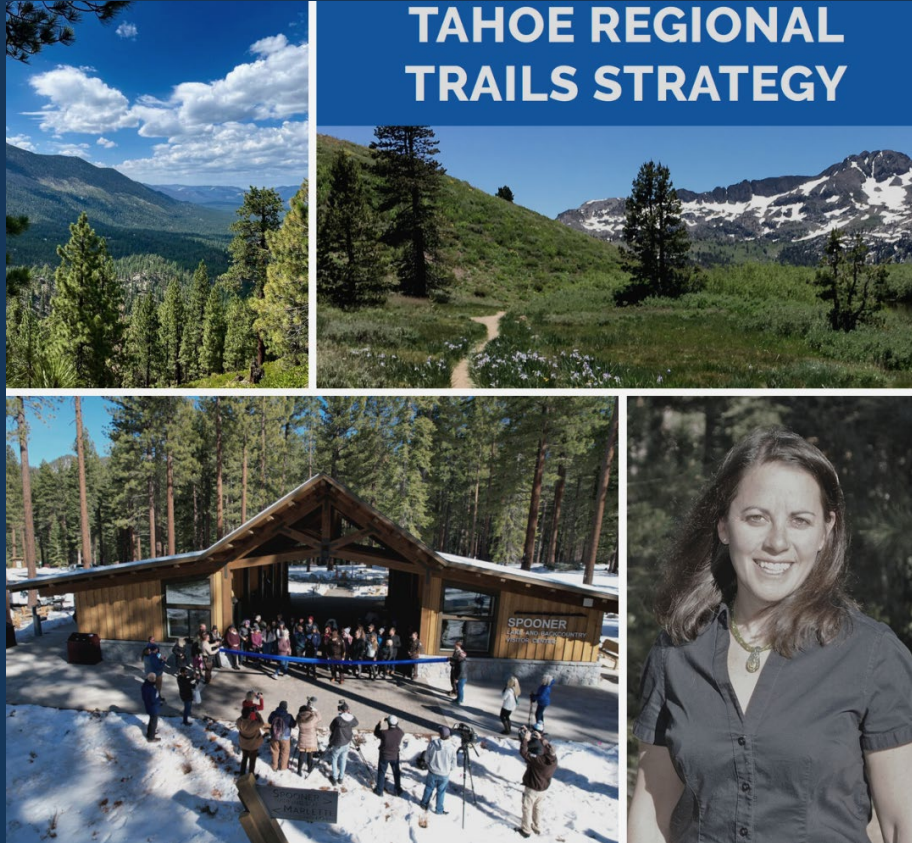
2023 Rockefeller-Udall Award

Amy Berry CEO of  
the Tahoe Fund

Presented by Paul McCormack

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# Amy Berry CEO of the Tahoe Fund



**TAHOE REGIONAL  
TRAILS STRATEGY**

“The Tahoe Fund, with Amy Berry's 13-year leadership tenure, has significantly improved the environment and visitor experience throughout the entire Nevada State Park system in the Tahoe Basin. The Tahoe Fund has greatly improved the recreation experience for park visitors, solved management challenges and restored the natural environment of Nevada Division of State Park lands in the Tahoe Basin.”

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# 2023 Innovation Award

The Innovation Award recognizes and promotes innovative projects and programs in America's State Parks. The recipient of this award best exemplifies innovation in state parks by creating a best practice, demonstrating exceptional problem solving, improving outdoor recreation opportunities or enhancing cultural resources.

Presented by Ray Bivens

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2023 Innovation Award

# Colorado Parks and Wildlife, Keep Colorado Wild Pass Team

Presented by Ray Bivens

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# Colorado Parks and Wildlife, Keep Colorado Wild Pass Team



This award celebrates the KCW team's ability to work under tight deadlines in order to meet the implementation date of the KCW pass, coordination skills in working with multiple agencies and groups to implement and market the pass, awareness of and sensitivity to equity, diversity and inclusion principles throughout the process, problem solving skills when encountering numerous logistical concerns and considerations in launching the pass and unwavering commitment and selfless teamwork to achieving the goals of SB21-249.

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# 2023 Distinguished Service Award

The Distinguished Service Award is given to a State Park Director who has demonstrated a long-term, sustained record of professional accomplishment in the field of park and recreation management.

Presented by Ron Olson

2023 Distinguished Service Award

Linda  
Lanterman

Presented by Ron Olson

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# Linda Lanterman



“Throughout her career, Linda has been the leader that Kansas State Parks has needed. When called upon, she is always there to assist no matter the circumstance. Her passion is rarely equaled, and her influence reaches far beyond the borders of the great state of Kansas. Her leadership has truly and significantly impacted the natural, cultural, wildlife and recreational resources of her state and she continues to use her time, talents and treasure in her local community as well.”

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