

2019 Impact Awards

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Golden Valley Cactus Cleaners is an all-volunteer group working to help beautify the community of Golden Valley, Arizona. State Route 68 runs through the heart of Golden Valley, connecting it to Kingman and Bullhead City. Since the group was formed in 2015, the Golden Valley Cactus Cleaners volunteers have collected 455,456 pounds of illegally dumped trash and debris, including 39 boats. Additionally, the group has collected 16,533 illegally dumped tires weighing in at 448,290 pounds. The Golden Valley Cactus Cleaners Facebook page says, "If you can hold a trash bag open, we can use the help! If you can only fill one bag, only have one hour, we need you!" The group is funded entirely by donations.



Amy Granat is nominated in the Advocate Category for a second time, and deservedly so. As managing director of the California Off-Road Vehicle Association (CORVA), Amy advocates for motorized and non-motorized access to all public lands, promoting safe and responsible trail use through educational programs and family events. Amy has been on the board of directors of CORVA since 2006. Amy helps educate the public on how to make comments on federal policies that will make a difference to help keep trails open. "I am in constant admiration of the skills of off-roaders," says Amy. "We don't tell them *what* to write, we tell them *how* to write." Amy says that the key is for everyone to be able to get together behind one issue.



Nick Haris is highly experienced in the legislative and regulatory issues that confront motorized recreation enthusiasts. He has worked for the American Motorcyclist Association since 2001, representing the interests of the motorized community on many issues, regularly testifying at meetings of the California OHV Recreation Commission and commenting on federal and state land management plans. He also serves on the International Motorcycle Federation Public Affairs Commission and meets regularly with other international motorcycle federations. He has served as a member of the California Motorcycle Safety Program advisory committee and as the vice president of the BlueRibbon Coalition board of directors.



Post Wildfire OHV Recovery Alliance (PWORA) was formed by a small group of recreation professionals after the devastating wildfire season of 2018 where immeasurable damage was done to thousands of acres of OHV trails and infrastructure on the Mendocino National Forest of California and across the west. PWORA is a 501.c.3 non-profit serving as a volunteer cooperative and coordinator for post disaster recovery of trails and other recreation facilities, working to protect and restore sustainable OHV recreation impacted by natural disasters. PWORA works diligently to coordinate, organize, train and supply volunteers in collaboration with local clubs to restore OHV recreational opportunities for all to enjoy.



Bonnie Steele has been the office manager at the California Four Wheel Drive Association for sixteen years, serving through four presidents. With over 8,000 members and more than 160 member clubs, Cal4Wheel is the largest organization in the state actively promoting the advancement of vehicle oriented outdoor recreation. "I like to work in harmony with people to keep public lands open," says Bonnie, "It's a hard fight." Bonnie has been working to preserve the history of Cal4Wheel and has compiled 127 albums of documents and photos. She has also scanned back issues of the organization's In Gear magazine dating back to 1961. "I am the keeper of the history of Cal4Wheel, Bonnie says, "It's a work of pride."

The 2019 Advocate Impact Award will be announced at the Off-Road Motorsports Hall of Fame Induction & Awards Ceremony presented by 4WP on Sunday, November 3 at the South Point in Las Vegas. For tickets and information visit www.ormhof.org