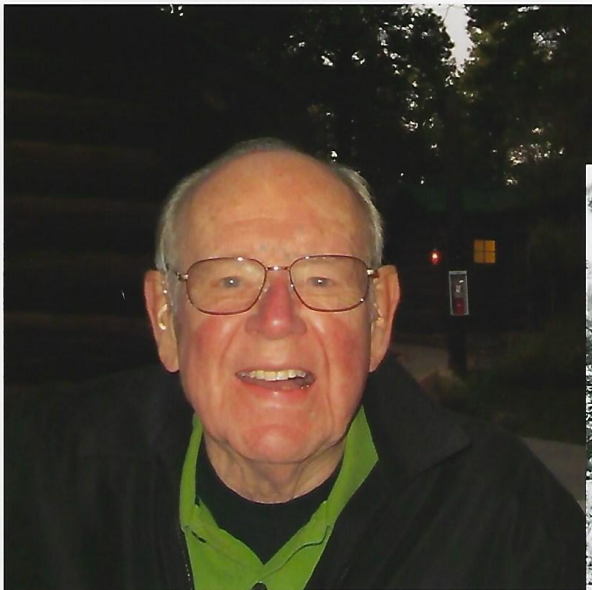




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## WRRA BOARD OF DIRECTORS KEN LEADER DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD





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The White River Recreation Association (WRRRA) was founded in 1929 at the request of the USDA – Forest Service. Since its inception, its purpose has been to promote and protect recreational interests throughout the Upper White River Valley; to do any and all things lawful, just and necessary to further the interests of members of the Association; to secure equitable legislation; and to cooperate with the Forest Service in the protection and administration of all recreational features.

During the years since WRRRA's founding, many individuals have contributed to the fulfillment of this commitment; and we as an association can take pride in what we have accomplished together. But that unity of purpose and the spirit of cooperation it requires did not materialize by accident. They are due in large part to the selfless efforts of one man, Ken Leader, whose contributions span generations.

The family cabin on Deep Creek meant more to him than any other place on earth. It was the focal point of his life, a place where friends and family were always welcome and he could relax and enjoy the natural beauty of the surrounding mountains.

WRRRA, with its many pleasures and responsibilities, offered Ken the perfect opportunity to merge his love of people and nature with his strong sense of civic duty. He held a number of offices: Tract Representative, Secretary, and in the early 1990s he served as President of WRRRA, as his father had fifty years before him. Newsletters were expanded and improved under Ken's leadership, many of which he wrote himself and infused liberally with wit and humor. He set the high standards that others have followed ever since. And he took part, usually the leading part, in a vast array of WRRRA social activities. Ken was loved and respected by all.

Ken's devotion to the cabin program was exemplary. In 1997, he testified about escalating permit fees pressuring cabin owners before the House Resources Subcommittee on Forests and Forest Health in Washington, DC. In 1998, he was elected to the National Forest Homeowners Board of Directors. And in 1999, Ken led the effort to establish the Washington State Forest Homeowners Association as a viable and influential organization; he was then elected as its founding Vice President. Having served in these roles, Ken continued to participate by counseling, mentoring and engaging people across the country. Among various cabin support groups he was seen as a valued confidant, his voice resonated years after he retired from active leadership. Ken was the heart and soul of WRRRA, its chief defender and leading advocate.

The Ken Leader Distinguished Service Award is intended to honor both its namesake, a man of exemplary qualities and achievements, and those who follow in his footsteps. But more than that, it is intended to honor the spirit of the man, whose selfless dedication to the well-being of this organization has enabled it to achieve a level of influence and respect accorded to few others. It is our hope that this award will build upon that legacy and point the way to an even brighter future.



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## **KEN LEADER DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD – NOMINATION PROCESS**

This high-level Board award honors a WRRRA member **WHO STANDS OUT** for contributions to the Association; contributions which embody Ken Leader's strong character and spirit by selflessly advancing WRRRA's purpose and objectives. It is not intended to be an annual award, but rather will be given upon occasion as warranted.

**Nomination:** There are two sections to the nomination form: a summary and a narrative.

Section 1: Provides an overview of nominee's possible involvement in WRRRA and other cabin related programs and personal character.

Section 2: Describes the nominee's contributions in detail.

*Examples of contributions may include but are not limited to the following:*

1. Vital services performed for the cabin community under extraordinary circumstances.
2. Steady and reliable participation in the resolution of important, complex issues.
3. Leadership during times of adversity or crisis.
4. Exceptional knowledge of the cabin program, readily and willingly shared with others.

**WHO IS ELIGIBLE TO RECEIVE THE AWARD?** Any WRRRA member.

**WHO MAY NOMINATE A CANDIDATE?** Any WRRRA member.

### **HOW TO NOMINATE AND WHERE TO SEND THE NOMINATION?**

1. Review carefully and complete this document thoroughly.
2. Supporting documentation is encouraged; use additional pages, if necessary.
3. Digital, typed or handwritten submittals are all acceptable.
4. Send the completed nomination form to Rena Irwin, Recognition Committee Chair.
  - A. By email at [renairwin1@comcast.net](mailto:renairwin1@comcast.net) or
  - B. By USPS at 9545 SW Brentwood PL; Portland, OR 97224
5. Nominations may be submitted at any time, but must be received no later than May 31st for consideration in any given year.

### **WHO WILL DECIDE AND WHEN WILL THE AWARD BE PRESENTED?**

Nominations will be reviewed in confidence by the Recognition Committee and their recommendation forwarded to the Board of Directors, who will make the final decision. The award will be presented at the WRRRA Fall Dinner Meeting.



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## **KEN LEADER DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD – NOMINATION FORM**

### **General Information**

Nominee: \_\_\_\_\_ Cabin Tract and Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Nominator: \_\_\_\_\_ Cabin Tract and Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Nominator Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Nominator Contact Information: Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

### **Section 1. Summary**

**This honor recognizes a WRRRA Member whose participation and contributions have been exceptional.** The items listed below may include how a person may have been involved in WRRRA and the cabin program generally. *It is not a requirement that the nominee has served in a WRRRA or other cabin association leadership role.*

### **WRRRA AND CABIN PROGRAM INVOLVEMENT**

#### ***Examples:***

1. Nominee is known as a good colleague within WRRRA.
2. Nominee regularly attends and participates in WRRRA meetings and events.
3. Nominee has served on the WRRRA Board as President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and/or Area Representative.
4. As a board member, nominee worked cooperatively with all other board members and supported the decisions of the board.
5. Nominee has offered his/her cabin for cabin tours.
6. Nominee often participates in the Hwy 410 road cleanups.
7. Nominee is a regular participant in WRRRA social events (e.g. helping with the summer picnic: setting up, cooking, organizing contests, cleaning up).
8. Nominee has taken on complex issues at local, state or national level, thereby making significant contributions to WRRRA and the cabin program.
9. Nominee demonstrates willingness to spend time, expertise and energy to promote cabin owner interests/issues.



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### **OTHER CABIN OWNER ORGANIZATIONS AND PERSONAL CHARACTER**

#### *Examples:*

1. Nominee has participated in Washington State Forest Homeowners Association (WSFHA) meetings.
2. Nominee is a member of National Forest Homeowners (NFH) and attends their annual conferences.
3. Nominee has served on the board of WSFHA and/or NFH.
4. Nominee has served on committees of WSFHA and/or NFH.
5. Nominee demonstrates inclusivity and respects diversity of all members.
6. May have a record of community service, assisting the underprivileged and others.

### **Section 2. Detailed Contribution Description**

Explain in full your nominee's record of distinguished service to WRRRA and why that record qualifies the nominee to be considered for this highest WRRRA honor. Describe in detail involvement listed in Section 1. Give examples of commitment, contributions and leadership wherever shown. Feel free to include additional information that you deem appropriate. The committee recognizes the difficulty of quantifying that which may not be quantifiable, yet is relevant. What is pertinent is the total record. A good deal of latitude is afforded to the nominator for that reason. Letters of reference, pictures and media articles that might aid the committee in arriving at a decision may be included as well. Add pages as needed.