

FWSA Public Affairs Report – November 2023

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The FWSA Public Affairs Recognition Awards:

[The Richard Lubin Safety Person of the Year Award](#)

This yearly award honors the person who has done the most to promote safety consciousness within the association **during the previous calendar year**. This can be done through a variety of methods including safety articles, on mountain activities, presentations, public speaking, working ski patrol, creating posters or banners, and many other activities.

What the Winner Receives

The 2024 winner will receive a 4 night lodging package sponsored by **Holidaze Ski Tours** and **Mammoth Mountain Ski Area** is sponsoring 3 of 4 days lift tickets for 2 people.

Apply for the Richard Lubin Safety Award

The deadline for the Richard Lubin Safety Award submission is March 18, 2024

The link to the 2024 application [download here](#)

The winner will be announced **Saturday evening** at the Convention Awards Banquet.

Information: Monica Palmer, Safety Chair, Phone: 775-843-4303 [C]

[The Far West Environment Award](#)

The Environment Award is designed to encourage good stewardship of our environment. We want to inspire and reward creative efforts to conserve and protect our environment. This award should recognize a special action that the applicant took, or something he or she put in place that made a difference.

- Conduct or arrange an event(s) for your club, council or the general public that focuses on the principles of “Protect Our Winters’ (POW)” mission to engage and mobilize the snowsports community to lead the fight against climate change with a focus on educational initiatives, advocacy and community-based activism. Stage an event based on one or more of the seven actions of the POW pledge. Learn more about POW at <http://protectourwinters.org/about-us/>.
- Work with your club or council and your local ski area to develop or improve your ski area’s “Sustainable Slopes” program. This program was adopted by the ski industry in 2000. It provides an overarching framework for ski areas on sustainability and enhanced environmental performance. Learn more about Sustainable Slopes and NSAA’s Environmental Charter <http://www.nsaa.org/environment/sustainable-slopes/>.

Apply for the Environment Award

The deadline for the 2024 Environment Award submission is March 18, 2024.

The link to the 2024 application [download here](#)

The winner will be announced **Saturday evening** at the Convention Award Banquet. **We no longer have a sponsor for this award. Therefore, there is no travel package available to the winner of the award.**

Information: Janine Rands, FWSA Environment Chair, Phone: 805-704-0418 [C]