Media Release: 2014 Big Chainring Awards Call for Nominations

The Deschutes County Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee is seeking nominations from the public for deserving individuals, businesses, and agencies to be recipients of the annual Big Chainring award. Since 1996, the award recognizes those that have made a significant contribution towards the following:

- Improving bicycling and walking conditions in Deschutes County
- Encouraging children or adults to walk and ride their bikes
- Making Deschutes County communities healthier and happier

Nomination categories include Public Agency, Nonprofit Organization, Individual, Special Project, Commercial Business, Advocacy/Group, Lifetime Achievement Award, and the Peter Hanson Memorial Award.

The Committee includes the Peter Hanson Memorial Award for individuals in the community that have provided outstanding voluntary contributions. Peter was a Committee member that lost his battle with cancer in 2005. His volunteer contributions are in many trail building, environmental and outdoor enthusiast projects throughout our communities.

The County Bike and Pedestrian Advisory Committee discusses nominees during May then selects the winners at its June meeting. The awards are presented during a Deschutes County Board of Commissioners business meeting on June 23, 2014.

2013 winners included Andy Barram – “Peter Hanson Memorial Award”, Rick Root (City of Bend) – “Lifetime Achievement Award”, Ken Cardwell, City of Sisters (Paul Bertagna), Bicycle Re-Source of Bend (Jeff Schuler), West Bend Property Company, and Redmond Area Parks and Recreation District (Katie Hammer and Board of Directors).

For a complete list of all Big Chainring Award recipients since 1996, please visit our web site at www.deschutes.org/BPAC

Nomination forms can be obtained on the Committee’s website at www.deschutes.org/BPAC. Please submit the nomination(s), including a brief description of the nominee’s accomplishments on the official form by Thursday, May 29 to:

Cynthia Smidt
Deschutes County Planning
117 NW Lafayette Ave.
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Encouraging, Promoting and Advocating for Safe and Accessible Walking and Bicycling Environments
Big Chainring Award Nomination

Big Chainring Awards have been given annually since 1996 by the Deschutes County Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC) to honor individuals, businesses, organizations, and agencies that have made extraordinary efforts to advance bicycling and walking in Deschutes County. The Committee also has the “Peter Hanson Memorial Award” for an outstanding volunteer individual. Peter was a Committee member who lost his battle with cancer in 2005; his presence was felt in many Central Oregon volunteer efforts.

Nomination Category
___ Public Agency       ___ Special Project       ___ Peter Hanson Memorial
___ Nonprofit Organization   ___ Advocacy/ Group  ___ Lifetime Achievement
___ Individual                ___ Commercial Business

I want to nominate:______________________________________________________________

Nominee’s Address:______________________________________________________________
Nominee’s Phone:______________________________________________________________
Nominee’s Email:______________________________________________________________

Please describe how the nominee has advanced bicycling and/or walking in Deschutes County.

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Feel free to submit additional material on the reverse side.

Submitted by:______________________________________________________________ Date:____________________
Address:________________________________________________________________________
Phone:__________________________ e-mail:________________________________________

Return by May 29, 2014 to: Cynthia Smidt, Deschutes County Community Development Dept., PO Box 6005 (117 NW Lafayette Ave.), Bend, OR 97708-6005; 541-317-3150; fax 385-1764; Cynthia.Smidt@deschutes.org