

North Dakota Parks & Recreation Department

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Mandan's Wetsch receives State Trail Worker Award

The North Dakota Parks and Recreation Department congratulates Mandan's Jaime Wetsch as recipient of the 2013 Trail Worker Award presented at the 21st American Trails International Trails Symposium held recently in Arizona along with the National Trails Awards ceremony.

The State Trail Worker Award recognizes an individual demonstrating outstanding contributions and providing consistent support for trail planning, development, or maintenance. It is intended to recognize the commitment and efforts of a private or public sector individual working for enhanced trail recreation in their local area/state.

Wetsch receives the award for his pivotal role in development, maintenance, and promotion of an 8.9 mile single track trail at the Harmon Lake Recreational Area (HLRA), located approximately 11 miles north of Mandan, ND. The trail, aptly named "Otter Creek Trail" after the local watershed, has become a "destination trail" for mountain bikers throughout the north central United States because of its hybrid design of "open and flowing" and "tight and technical" sections. In addition to his leadership role at HLRA, Wetsch serves the local bicycle community through multiple volunteer efforts.