

**Far West Ski Association
Jordan-Reilly Award**

**Denny Bschor
Director of Recreation, Heritage and Wilderness Resources, USDA Forest Service**

I take great pleasure in nominating **Denny Bschor** for the **Jordan-Reilly Award**, recognizing his superior achievement in the Association's Public Affairs programs.

Since 1997 the Association has worked to increase the breadth and influence of its Public Affairs program, including specifically a more robust relationship with the National Forest Service. This would allow the Association greater access to critical information on important development and permit issues and would enable us to establish balanced and informed positions with regard to those issues as they may affect the organized recreational skier.

For the last several years Denny has served as the Director of Recreation, Heritage and Wilderness Resources for the National Forest Service. In this capacity he works closely with regional foresters, recreation officers, winter recreation officers and permit and lease administrators throughout the Forest Service regions in the US. Through Denny's personal involvement and considerable influence the Association has developed a much closer relationship with the Forest Service and has benefited from the personal involvement of a number of senior Service representatives, including: **Marlene Finley**, Winter Sports Program Manager and Concession Specialist the Pacific Southwest Region; **Jeff Bailey**, Chief Forester, Inyo National Forest; **Ellie Towns**, Regional Forester for Region 3; **Beth LeClair**, Eastern Region Winter Sports Team; **Ed Ryberg**, Winter Recreation Officer, White River National Forest and, of course, **Denny** himself.

Denny also facilitated the Association's first ever attendance at the annual NFS Winter Recreation Officers Meeting in 2002. The meeting, held in Waterville Valley, New Hampshire, provided an outstanding forum in which FWSA was able to educate NFS winter recreation officers on the operations of the FWSA Public Affairs Program and the concerns of our organized recreational skiers and racers.

Denny began his career on the Saguache Ranger District, Rio Grande National Forest, as a forester in 1969. He has also served at Creede Ranger District on the Rio Grande, the Norwood Ranger District, the Grand Mesa, Uncompahgre, Gunnison Pike and San Isabel National Forests. Denny was district ranger on the Paintrock Ranger District, Bighorn National Forest and the Aspen Ranger District, White River National Forest. He began his public affairs duties at the Rocky Mountain Regional Office in Lakewood, Colorado. He then became Forest Supervisor of the Mt. Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest along the western slopes of the Cascade Mountains in Washington State. He also served as the Regional Forester's representative in the Seattle area.

Denny currently serves as the Regional Forester for Alaska's nearly 22 million acres of National Forests, the largest in the United States.