The Environment Award recipient for 2019 is Janine Rands, a member of SLO Skiers in San Luis Obispo and Central Council of California. Janine's 'plan' started several years ago as she was developing her own awareness of the overwhelming amount of waste going into our environment on a daily basis.

This past year she took her research, knowledge, and commitment to her local ski club and beyond. Here is a sampling of what she intended to accomplish, and did accomplish this year:

ASPEN () SNOWMASS.



Environment Award Janine Rands SLO Skiers, Central Council

- Purchase or otherwise obtain enough reusable flatware, plates, wine glasses, bowls, glasses and cups for serving 150 people in my local community. Solicit donations and look for bargains at thrift stores.
- Organize a local "tableware share lending library" in neighborhoods
- SLO Skiers purchase reusable wine glasses for Club events on February and March ski trips to Steamboat and Mammoth.
- Commit to be zero waste by using refillable water bottles and washable dishes and flatware when possible.
- Prepare talking points for engaging with ski area lodges, hotels and concessions where food and beverages are served.

Congratulations, Janine, and thank you for your diligence in making your local club, your community, and your ski areas more conscientious about zero waste.

The Far West Ski Association Environment Award is graciously sponsored by Aspen/Snowmass, The Gant Aspen, and The Crestwood Condominium Hotel. Aspen/Snowmass, an early leader in the ski industry reducing their carbon footprint, proposed this award for FWSA in 2015.

The recipient is awarded a ski package at Aspen/Snowmass including 5 nights lodging for 2 split between The Gant Aspen and the Crestwood Condominiums in Snowmass and air transportation, 5 days lift tickets for 2 at Aspen Mountain, Snowmass, Aspen Highlands and Buttermilk, 5 days ski/ board rentals for two and half-day group lesson for two.