

## **DNR law officer honored by state equestrian group for part in horse rescue**

### **Local News**

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OLYMPIA - Jason Bodine, a first-year law enforcement officer for the Washington State Department of Natural Resources (DNR), was honored today by the Backcountry Horsemen of Washington. After participating in a successful all-night search to locate two equestrians lost in Capitol State Forest on June 14-15, Bodine helped rescue one of the rider's horses which had become trapped in a ravine after falling down a steep hillside. ***"There is nothing in Officer Bodine's job description that requires him to go down a mountainside and into a hole with a chainsaw to cut through brush and downed logs to get a trapped horse out, but he did, and we are all grateful,"*** said Darrell Wallace, vice president of the Backcountry Horsemen of Washington.

Wallace presented Bodine with a plaque expressing the appreciation of the members of the association of backcountry horse-riding enthusiasts. He also received an Award of Appreciation from DNR presented by Commissioner of Public Lands Peter Goldmark who also attended this morning's ceremony. The DNR award reads in part: "Jason Bodine demonstrates the commitment to service this award was designed to recognize." Also at the presentation today was Marilyn Riechenberger, of Grays Harbor, and her horse, Dakota, a Tennessee Walker, which Bodine rescued. **About the Washington State Department of Natural Resources** DNR manages about 5.6 million acres of state-owned trust forest, agricultural, aquatic and range lands, and commercial properties. DNR manages these properties to earn income to build schools, universities and other state institutions, and help fund local services in many counties. In addition to earning income, trust lands are habitat for native plant and animal species, protect clean and abundant water, and offer public recreation and education opportunities statewide.