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Schreck Wins National Interpretation Award

MISSOULA, MT - Julie Schreck, conservation education coordinator for the Bitterroot National Forest, has won the national USDA Forest Service interpretation and conservation education award. The announcement was made at the National Association for Interpretation Conference November 13, in Sparks, NV.

As the recipient of the Gifford Pinchot Excellence in Interpretation and Conservation Education Award, Schreck was recognized for her leadership and innovation in conducting education programs in the Bitterroot Valley. She has joined with other educators to sponsor numerous educational community events and bring natural resource programs into all Bitterroot Valley schools.

In a community deeply affected by the catastrophic fires of 2000, Schreck has made a special effort to integrate fire education into interpretive programs on many topics. Schreck has made a substantial contribution in helping residents better understand how complex natural processes affect people's lives in both positive and negative ways.

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