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## Minnesota Coalition of Recreation Trail Users Receives National Education Award

June 21, 2010 – (Minneapolis) The Coalition for Recreational Trails (CRT), a national organization representing the nation's major trail interests, announced the recipients of the 2010 Recreational Trails Program Achievement Awards. Among the recipients of the awards was the Coalition of Recreational Trail Users (CRTU) a Minnesota, non-profit trails education organization.

The CRTU received the 2010 Education & Communication award. This award is for those organizations which excel in 'enhancing trail use and enjoyment through increased environmental awareness, promotion of trail-related safety, and encouragement of trail-related outdoor education'.

The CRTU received the award for its education trailer, which was built and outfitted in 2008. The reception of the educational trailer in the community has been very positive. In 2008, the trailer traveled over 3,000 miles, made 15 appearances at locations with over 101,000 attendees. In 2009 the trailer again traveled over 3,000 miles and made 14 appearances at locations with over 226,000 attendees including a day at the MN DNR area of the Minnesota State Fair. That single day at the State Fair exposed the trailer to thousands of people in the non-motorized community, several of whom stopped by to see what the Coalition and its members have to offer as well as the purpose of the trailer.

According to CRTU President David Kryzer, "Using the educational trailer is an excellent way to reach the public. We feel that by giving safety and appropriate riding information out to peers by peers, the messages are better received." The educational trailer is stocked with rules, regulations, maps, safety, youth safety training CDs, and state association information; in both paper and multimedia format via an integrated flat screen display, computer and DVD player. The trailer is manned by members from the partner organizations who are knowledgeable about the state's and associations' programs. The member associations' goal is to educate their membership and rider enthusiasts who are not members



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of any club or association. “It has been shown that club and/or association membership leads to more responsible and better informed riders,” added Kryzer.

The CRTU educational trailer was funded by the Federal Recreational Trails Program and a grant from the Yamaha OHV Access Initiative.

About CRTU - The Coalition of Recreational Trail Users (CRTU) is a non-profit organization formed by a partnership of Minnesota’s motorized recreational trail user communities. It is composed of:

- The All-Terrain Vehicle Association of Minnesota (ATVAM) [www.armca.org](http://www.armca.org)
- The Amateur Riders Motorcycle Association (ARMCA, operating as District 23 of the American Motorcyclist Association) [www.atvam.org](http://www.atvam.org)
- The Minnesota 4 Wheel Drive Association (MN4WDA) [www.mn4wda.com](http://www.mn4wda.com)
- The Minnesota United Snowmobilers Association (MNUSA) [www.mnsnowmobiler.org](http://www.mnsnowmobiler.org)

About CRT - The Coalition for Recreational Trails, a national organization representing the nation's major trail interests, has been working since 1992 to build awareness and understanding of the RTP, to support its implementation and to help insure that it receives adequate funding. The awards are part of the Coalition's ongoing effort to promote and celebrate this highly successful program, which has greatly enhanced the quantity and quality of trail experiences available to the public. For more information about CRT and its members, go to: [www.funoutdoors.com/coalitions/crt](http://www.funoutdoors.com/coalitions/crt).



Pictured: Mary Ann Fowler, Exec. Dir. Rails to Trails Conservancy and Co-Chair CRT; Garth Bergman, MN4WDA; Dave Kryzer, ATVAM; Congressman Jim Oberstar; Nancy Hanson, MnUSA; Tom and Karen Umphress, ARMCA; and Derrick Crandall, Pres., American Recreation Coalition & Co-Chair CRT