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Nominations Being Accepted for 2015 Trail of the Year, Members for Trail Advisory Committee

Harrisburg – Pennsylvanians are being asked to nominate their favorite trail for the 2015 Trail of the Year, Department of Conservation and Natural Resources Secretary Ellen Ferretti announced today.

The designation is coordinated by DCNR's Pennsylvania Trails Advisory Committee to elevate public awareness of the thousands of miles of trails available for public enjoyment in Pennsylvania.

DCNR also is accepting applications for eight members for three-year terms on the committee.

"It could be short or long, easy or challenging, near a waterway or up a mountainside, but if you have a favorite trail we'd like you to tell us why it is special by nominating it for our Trail of the Year," Ferretti said. "We are so fortunate to have a fantastic and diverse system of trails in Pennsylvania and we want everyone to realize the opportunities they provide for healthy outdoor activities and to enjoy nature and the boost trails give to the economies of local communities."

To honor the Trail of the Year, the advisory committee and DCNR will create a commemorative poster for statewide distribution.

Nominations are due by Nov. 7 and can be submitted on the DCNR website at <http://www.apps.dcnr.state.pa.us/SelectSurveyNet2/TakeSurvey.aspx?SurveyID=I62K682>.

The Trail of the Year will be announced in early 2015.

For more information on the nomination process or on trails, visit www.explorePATrails.com and choose the 2015 Trail of the Year slide. Featured on the site are 493 trails covering more than 11,000 miles in Pennsylvania.

The Pennsylvania Trails Advisory Committee includes 20 members representing different types of trail users, builders and advocates, and people with disabilities.

DCNR is accepting applications through Nov. 7 for eight open seats on the committee. Members will serve for three years starting Jan. 1, 2015.

Nominations are being accepted for positions representing the following user organizations: ATV riders; member at large; trail walkers; mountain biking; snowmobiling; people with disabilities; trail advocate; and trail trainers.

Find an application on the DCNR website at

<http://www.apps.dcnr.state.pa.us/SelectSurveyNet2/TakeSurvey.aspx?SurveyID=ml2L587>

The committee's responsibilities are to advise DCNR on the use of trail funding in Pennsylvania; review and rank trail project applications; and present an annual report to the secretary on trail activities.

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