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Sawtooth Society Executive Director Steps Down

The Sawtooth Society today announced that Executive Director, Greg Travelstead has resigned to pursue other interests. A search is under way for his replacement.

Society President Wayne Hughes said, "During his tenure, Greg was responsible for a 52% increase in volunteer labor in 2018, and led the organization with its 4,443 volunteer hours, to perform/and or fund most of the trail maintenance in the Sawtooth National Recreation Area."

Under his leadership, the Austin Kraal Memorial Volunteer Program maintained 110 miles of trails, and trailhead access roads representing a 59% increase over 2017. The extent of this work and the increase is most welcome to the US Forest Service in its ongoing effort to keep up with annual winter trail damage.

"An added benefit is that our established trail stewardship teams include at-risk youth. It's a critical part of the Society's mission," Hughes reflected. "The work of the Sawtooth Society on trails and backcountry access is essential, and the inclusion of youth in the work is a bonus to be celebrated", said Travelstead.

Formed in 1997, the nonprofit, nonpartisan Sawtooth Society, is the only organization dedicated exclusively to protecting, preserving and enhancing the Sawtooth National Recreation Area.

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