Golden Bear Award
CALIFORNIA STATE PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION
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California’s state parks are some of the most loved public lands because of their cultural and historical richness, majestic landscapes and visitors’ memorable recreational stories. In an effort to preserve California’s gems, many dedicated people contribute to the success and upkeep of these lands—from staff to volunteers to nonprofit organizations and concessionaires. To celebrate and acknowledge those who contribute to the California State Park System, the California State Park and Recreation Commission (Commission) is relaunching the Golden Bear Award.

Golden Bear Award
The Golden Bear Award recognizes and celebrates the outstanding contributions of employees or retirees from the California Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR), and external organizations and individuals who have made positive impacts to the state park system. Two awards per park region (Northern and Southern), will be presented by the Commission and DPR annually during the fall Commission meeting, beginning in 2019. Recipients of the awards will receive a certificate commemorating their contributions.

Qualifications
Candidate must be a DPR employee or retiree in good standing, an external organization or individual. The nomination must clearly articulate the candidate’s outstanding contributions to the state parks system.

Guidelines
Submit nominations to GoldenBearAward@parks.ca.gov before June 30, 2019.

Selection
Nominations will be reviewed and approved by the Commission in consultation with DPR’s Director.

Submission Form
See page 3 of this document.

Frequently Asked Questions

Who can nominate candidates?
Organizations or individuals affiliated with or interested in state parks are encouraged to submit nominations for park staff (in good standing), elected officials, volunteers, concessionaires, partners, park users and nonprofit organizations.

Whom should I nominate?
Nominees must meet all of the following requirements:

- Nominee must be knowledgeable of a particular state park or the state park system, and made a significant contribution to these public lands to deserve the award.
- Nominee must have enhanced the quality, activities or visitation to a state park.
- Nominee must be involved in some community program or event to bring awareness to state park(s) within the past five years.

**How should I process a nomination?**
Submit nominations via email to GoldenBearAward@parks.ca.gov. A detailed description as to why that person(s) or organization should be awarded the Golden Bear Award must be included.

**When can I submit my nomination?**
Nominations will be accepted each year in the fall. The Commission and DPR’s Communications Office will announce specific dates.

**How many awards will be granted each period?**
The Golden Bear Awards will be presented once a year. The Commission subcommittee will grant an award for both Southern and Northern California park regions.

**What will the award recipient receive?**
Recipients of the award will be presented with a Golden Bear certificate.
Nomination Form for Golden Bear Award

California State Park and Recreation Commission

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Nomination, in one page or less, should provide a description of what makes this candidate such an outstanding individual/group to the California State Park System. Please be as specific and descriptive as possible. Include examples, if available.
Please include 2-3 individual references who can also express, or add to, the candidate’s contributions to the state park system. Include name, phone, email and relationship to the candidate.

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Reference 3:

## Nominator Information

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