



2018 Outstanding Contribution to the River Management Society

Ryan Turner

This award recognizes contributions to the success of the River Management Society. This award recognizes contributions at the national or regional level that result in greater organizational effectiveness, efficiency, growth, positive change, or enthusiasm. Ryan Turner is the 2018 winner of this award.

Ryan began his career with the BLM Cottonwood Field Office as a seasonal River Ranger on the Lower Salmon River in June of 2010. Ryan is currently a full-time year round Park Ranger/River Ranger for the Lower Salmon River Recreation Program.

Ryan has been a member of the River Management Society (RMS) since 2010 and was awarded with a year's membership for winning the 2011 RMS Wild and Scenic Rivers Photo Contest. He jumped into helping the Northwest Chapter by running for and serving as its Secretary from 2011-2014 and has served as the Northwest Chapter Vice President since 2015. Ryan helped organize multiple Northwest Chapter events since joining RMS, including the Lower Salmon River Chapter event in 2015. Most recently, Ryan helped organize and instruct the 2017 NW Chapter River Ranger Rendezvous (RRR) hosted by the BLM and RMS. During the Rendezvous, Ryan presented multiple discussion topics and as result of the 2017 RRR, RMS generated 13 new memberships. Additionally, \$2,612.96 was raised through donations of money, raffle items, and registration fees which was given to the Northwest Chapter of RMS for the scholarship fund. Ryan is also a certified Leave No Trace (LNT) Master Educator and helped facilitate a LNT Trainer Course as part of the 2017 RRR.

Ryan has a passion for protecting rivers and natural resources and being a part of RMS. Ryan has been a proponent for expanding opportunities for river rangers at the River Management Symposium and he is effective at "keeping us real." Ryan exemplifies why on-the-ground personnel are so important. He knows river management is not just an office endeavor, but also the face-to-face, day-to-day business that protects our rivers. Ryan is a certified EMT, which he earned his own time, and he has brought those skills to the BLM and other river users. He now serves as a Wilderness First Responder and CRP/First Aid Instructor, in addition to being a Level 4 Swiftwater instructor, certified by the American Canoe Association.

Not only does Ryan contribute his time and effort to RMS, he stands as the example of what we expect of our members. He continually strives to make the organization, as well as the rivers we use, a memorable experience.