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Four Nonprofits Awarded For Collaborative IMPACT

SEATTLE, Washington – April 19, 2010 – For their collaborative work during the Pine Creek Information Station project the Mount St. Helens Institute, Discover Your Northwest, Swift Community Action Team, and Skamania County Chamber of Commerce, will be awarded the 2010 Evergreen Award. These organizations will be recognized at the Washington State Nonprofit Conference April 29, 2010.

For 17 years this prestigious award – presented by EA *alliance of nonprofits* and this year sponsored by LeMaster Daniels – has recognized nonprofit organizations for their collaboration, leadership, and innovative contributions to our communities.

“These organizations are leading impactful change in our lives. Their collaborative efforts deserve recognition and reward,” says Melany Brown, Executive Director of EA *alliance of nonprofits*. Melany explains that “in a time when everybody wants impact, efficiency, and results, the nonprofit sector’s ahead of the curve. Collaboration is the key to efficiency. These four organizations are fantastic examples of this efficiency and leadership. We’re proud to recognize them.”

During the Washington State Nonprofit Conference, Jason Filippini of LeMaster Daniels will honor the recipients and present the 2010 Evergreen Award. To learn more about these organizations, the Evergreen Award, or the Washington State Nonprofit Conference, please visit www.exec-alliance.org or call 206-328-3836.

About the Project

In 2007 the U.S. Forest Service closed the Pine Creek Information Station. The abandoned facility led to fewer visitors, dangerous roads, difficulty protecting properties, and slow emergency response times.

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Concerned, the Mount St. Helens Institute, Discover Your Northwest, Swift Community Action Team, and Skamania County Chamber of Commerce worked together to reopen the recreational facility. Further collaboration with the County, Sheriff, Fire District, and the U.S. Forest Service resulted in a fully operational Pine Creek Information Station through the 2009 recreational season.

In the first summer a total of 18,000 visitors benefited from the information station. This collaborative project was a huge success. Similar projects are being planned at other Mount St. Helens properties.

About the Presenter and Sponsor

EA alliance of nonprofits is a nonprofit membership association whose mission is Advancing a Powerful Nonprofit Sector. Since 2000 *EA alliance of nonprofits* has grown from its original 30 to well over 200 members and includes many of the most respected and influential organizations and leaders in the community. While located in the Puget Sound region, our members' services have local, state, national, and international focus.

LeMaster Daniels helps with policy development, board governance, operational efficiencies, grant review, tax compliance and preparation (including Form 990), retirement planning, audit, general accounting, and much more. With more than a century of experience, 12 offices across the Northwest, and 300 professionals, LeMaster Daniels has the depth of resources to effectively manage these challenges and help nonprofits achieve a greater level of operational efficiency and transparency.

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