



Far West Ski Association

presents the **Bill Berry Award, Featured Article** to

Dr. Jon Kedrowski— Author, “Skiing and Sleeping on the Summits”

Dr. Jon Kedrowski grew up in Vail, Colorado, and has lived in Washington state where he worked as a professor of mountain geography at Eastern Washington University in Ellensburg.

He has authored papers on mountaineering, hiking trails, climate change, and protected areas management in Washington, Colorado, and Alaska. He is best known for summiting and camping overnight on the summit of all of the 55 Colorado's Fourteeners (mountains over 14,000 feet) in 2011.

In 2012, Jon successfully climbed Mount Everest, reaching the summit on May 26, 2012. During an earlier summit attempt on May 19-20, Jon was present during one of the deadliest days in Everest history, when violent weather and a “traffic jam” near the summit led to the deaths of four climbers. Jon's summit was followed closely and featured on the Dateline NBC Documentary “Into the Death Zone” which won the 2014 Edward R Morrow Award for best Sound and Video.

In 2014, Jon skied 20 Cascade Volcanoes in 30 days, camping on the summits of 7 of the more notable volcanoes such as Mount Shasta, Mount Hood, Mount Adams, Mount Baker, and Mount Rainier. His adventure was chronicled in his second book “Skiing and Sleeping on the Summits: Cascade Volcanoes of the Pacific Northwest,” which was officially released in April 2016.

Jon was at the Mt. Everest Basecamp when the April 2015 Nepal earthquake struck, causing avalanches on the mountain while injuring nearly 100. Jon was unhurt by the event and able to help with recovery efforts, as well as collecting data for the USGS about the earthquake.

Published Works—

“Mapping a Section of the Continental Divide Trail (CDT) in Colorado's Southern San Juan Wilderness”. (2009). International Journal of Wilderness

“Determining Relative Annual Climbing Frequency of Colorado's 14,000-foot Peaks”. (2009) Mountain Research and Development

“Dirty Snow: Documenting the 2009 dust storm events in Colorado's San Juan and Elk Mountains with repeat photography and historical snowpack data.” (2011). NWA Online Electronic Journal of Operational Meteorology, Nov 2010

“Sleeping on the Summits: Colorado Fourteener High Bivys” by Jon Kedrowski and Chris Tomer (2012)

“Skiing and Sleeping on the Summits: Cascade Volcanoes of the Pacific Northwest Skiing 20 Peaks in 30 Days” by Jon Kedrowski (2016)

His book “Skiing and Sleeping on the Summits” documents his summiting and skiing the 20 peaks of the Cascade volcanoes of the Pacific Northwest in 30 days. His amazing journey is documented by many spectacular photos, maps, ski lines, and information on each peak.

The Bill Berry Award is for Print Coverage of Skiing. This award is given for outstanding service to skiing and is presented to writers for either a featured article or hard news.

Respectfully nominated by *Steve Coxen and Randy Lew.*