324.74124 Create "gem of the parks", "volunteer of the year", and "employee of the year" award program.

Sec. 74124. (1) The department shall create a "gem of the parks" award to recognize key state parks for their contribution to the state parks system, a "volunteer of the year" award to recognize outstanding individuals who donate time or monetary contributions to the state park system, and an "employee of the year" award to recognize individuals who are outstanding employees of the state park system. The department shall develop a program to facilitate the determination and presentation of these awards. The awards shall be made on a yearly basis.

(2) The department shall develop a set of standards to use in determining the recipients of the awards under subsection (1) with consideration given to the following:

(a) The contribution of the state park, the volunteer, or the employee to the preservation of the state's natural resources.
(b) The amount of any monetary donation.
(c) The length of time donated or the years of employment.
(d) The length of a long-term commitment to the preservation of the environment.

(3) The department annually shall submit the names of the award recipients under subsection (1) to the standing committees in the senate and house of representatives responsible for natural resources matters.


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