

NWSA'S OUTSTANDING SCIENTIST AWARD



NWSA President Andrea Woodward awards Charlie Crisafulli the Outstanding Scientist Award at the 87th Annual Meeting in Bend, Oregon.

Charlie M. Crisafulli has spent his scientific career at Mount St. Helens National Volcanic Monument, starting in 1980 as a graduate student at Utah State University and later as staff for the monument and as a scientist with the U.S. Forest Service Pacific Northwest Research Station. Charlie is the person most responsible for the making Mount St. Helens a world-class model for the multi-disciplinary study of large-scale disturbance ecology. He is nominated for the breadth and depth of his understanding of biology and volcanic disturbance, which coupled with his infectious enthusiasm and able teaching skills, enable him to convey the context and importance of research at Mount St. Helens.

His roles have been many. He directly conducts and publishes on research involving insects, mammals, birds, fish, and plants. He conducts field work, directs field crews and volunteers, guides graduate students, and coordinates biological research which includes recruiting new scientists and convening groups to develop integrated projects and grant applications. Through conducting tours, connecting Pacific Northwest and international scientists, leading

regional and national scientific meetings, promoting or editing books, and starring in a National Geographic special, he has dispersed scientific knowledge and heightened awareness of Mount St. Helens. His involvement for the last 35 years has made Mount St. Helens a focus of research in the Pacific Northwest and in the discipline of ecology.

Nomination submitted By NWSA members: Dr. Donald B. Zobel, Professor Emeritus, Oregon State University and Dr. Dylan Fischer, Faculty in Forest Ecology, The Evergreen State College.

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