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RECYCLE UTAH ANNOUNCES 2010 RECYCLERS OF THE YEAR

PARK CITY, UTAH – Summit County residents and businesses are pros when it comes to recycling. “There are some people though who stand out and need to be recognized.” said Insa Riepen, Recycle Utah’s Executive Director

These outstanding people were recognized at Recycle Utah’s annual meeting held Tuesday November 16th at Miners Hospital on Park Avenue. More than 50 community recyclers turned out to show their support for the local non-profit drop off recycling center and show appreciation for the eight proud award recipients.

Recycle Utah honors four categories for the Recycler of the Year – an individual, a business, county and city employee as well as a local educator. Destiny Grose, of *The Market at Park City* received the individual Recycler of the Year award. Her contribution to the community is endless as she manages and implements a recycling program at The Market and the Park City Film Series. She also created and continues to offer a very successful “Loaner Bag” program at The Market utilizing reusable bags and thus reducing the use of plastic bags.

Sean Wharton of *The Gateway Grille* was awarded the Business Recycler of the Year award for his efforts with the “Happy Pig” food recycling program and for his leadership in Recycle Utah’s first annual Harvest Fest in Kamas.

Anita Lewis, Summit County Assistant Manager, was recognized for her relentless

concern for the local and global environment. Her energy and passion for the environment is contagious. She was instrumental in organizing the Summit County Beef Project.

Michele Devaney, Coordinator of the Uinta Headwaters RC&D Council was recognized for her help in organizing the first Summit County Harvest Fest. She has been influential in creating the Summit County Beef initiative, bringing awareness to local, sustainable products.

Brian Hartmann, of the Park City Library was recognized for not only being a dedicated recycler himself, but also for taking time to ensure the library staff and patrons are recycling properly. Brian is most helpful in organizing Recycle Utah events and programs at the Library.

Laurie White, Counselor at Jeremy Ranch and Parleys Park Elementary Schools was recognized for her enthusiastic contribution to making the students more aware of the environment everyday.

Kristin Tabke, Recycle Utah intern and Environmental Studies major at the University of Utah was given special accolades for her educational contributions. She created informative audio tidbits for KPCW's "This Green Earth" explaining the importance of recycling and how to do it correctly.

Finally, Hal Cook was awarded the Volunteer of the Year award for his friendly and generous contribution to the day to day activities at the center. He spends one afternoon a week at the center making sure the Warehouse is organized, the recyclers are happy and informed. His time spent at Recycle Utah is priceless.

Recycle Utah welcomed new board members Stewart Gross, REALTOR; Deirdra Walsh, Banquet Manager at Park City Mountain Resort; Amy Sharpless, Mortgage Broker at Academy Mortgage and Kim Steed, manager at the High Star Ranch in Kamas.

Recycle Utah is Park City's only non-profit community drop off recycling center providing resource re-allocation for more than 40 different items and a variety of conservation and educational programs for Summit and Wasatch Counties. For more information on how you can become a donor, bin sponsor or volunteer please call Recycle Utah at 649-9698 or go to www.recycleutah.org.

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