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## ***COMPASS Planner Tom Laws Receives Outstanding Trail Leader Award***

*Meridian, ID* – The Community Planning Association of Southwest Idaho (COMPASS) is pleased to announce that Tom Laws, Associate Planner – Bicycle and Pedestrian, has received the American Trails 2017 Outstanding Trail Leader Award for Idaho, presented by [American Trails](#). This award honors one individual per state each year. Mr. Laws received the award on May 7, 2017, at the International Trails Symposium in Dayton, OH.

The Outstanding Trail Leader Award recognizes individuals who have made compelling and significant contributions to trails and pathways in their home state.

This award recognizes Mr. Laws' substantial contributions to the pathway and trail network in Ada and Canyon Counties, including:

- leading the process to install the state's first comprehensive system of automated bicycle and pedestrian counters,
- compiling local and regional bicycle and pedestrian plans to develop a regional bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure map,
- identifying bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure needs for inclusion in the regional long-range transportation plan (*Communities in Motion*), and
- assisting local jurisdictions within Ada and Canyon Counties with their individual bicycle and pedestrian planning efforts.

As noted in the award nomination, Mr. Laws' efforts have provided "*...tremendous value to local and regional agencies and organizations, planners, elected officials, and the public. The progress he has instigated...has and will continue to impact current and future bicycle and pedestrian pathway, trail, and sidewalk planning.*"