

Paul S. Sarbanes Transit in Parks Technical Assistance Center
Good Practices to Encourage Bicycling & Pedestrians on Federal Lands



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Charles Borders is a Branch Chief with the National Park Service, Denver Service Center, Division of Transportation, servicing the National Capital and Southeast Regions. He has 20 years of experience with the National Park Service. He assists with the implementation of the Park Roads and Parkways Program in the National Capital and Southeast Regions. His specific project experience has included assignments for the George Washington Memorial Parkway, Baltimore-Washington Parkway, and Suitland Parkway, as well as Manassas National Battlefield, Monocacy National Battlefield and the Rehabilitation of the Lincoln Memorial and Circle. Prior to this, Charles served as the National Capital Region Federal Lands Highway Program Manager. With 23 years of professional experience, Charles is also a Registered Landscape Architect in Virginia, and a certified Project Management Professional. He is a graduate of Ball State University with a Bachelor’s degree in Landscape Architecture.



Davis Farrar is the principal of Western Slope Consulting LLC, a land use and planning consulting firm in Carbondale, Colorado. Mr. Farrar has 33 years of involvement with land use and planning in both the public and private sectors. He earned a B.A. at the University of Vermont and a M.A. from Arizona State University. Davis has prepared a variety of municipal and county land-use master plans and trail/open space/recreation planning projects that include Carbondale Red Hill Trails Master Plan, Carbondale Gateway River Park, Glenwood Springs Whitewater Park, Carbondale Recreation Master Plan, Glenwood Springs Recreation Master Plan, and Glenwood Springs Wulfsohn Mountain Park Open Space and Trails. His work with the Red Hill Council earned them the BLM “Making a Difference Award.” He is currently president of

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the Red Hill Council that works closely with BLM on Red Hill planning, implementation and management. The Red Hill Council (501-C3 Non-profit) operates with BLM under a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU). Mr. Farrar has been involved with numerous trail design and construction projects.



Dan Dressler manages Education and Public Programs for the Mississippi National River and Recreation Area. After seasonal employment with National Park Service and the U.S. Forest Service at Superior National Forest, Voyageurs National Park, Mount St. Helens National Volcanic Monument, and Mount Rainier National Park, Dan Dressler moved to Washington, DC as a full-time interpretive park ranger to pursue his passion for connecting people to America's parks, monuments, and history at the National Mall. Dan returned to Minnesota in 2006 as a supervisory park ranger with the Mississippi National River and Recreation Area. He now oversees the park's public programs, visitor center, ranger training program, and numerous volunteers and partnerships that connect people to America's greatest river.