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Brooke Childrey  
Mount Rainier National Park

RE: Carol & Jim Miltimore Hertzog Award nominees.

I met Carol & Jim Miltimore during a project to re-catalog the entire library collection of Mount Rainier National Park. As the Lead Librarian for the Pacific West Regional Library, it is part of my duties to assist park libraries in cataloging and maintaining their park libraries. This often involves special projects where we travel to the park and try to catalog or re-catalog an entire park collection. In my entire 18 years in this position, I and my staff, have never accomplished as much in one visit as we did at Mount Rainier. Much of that success was due to the diligence of Carol and Jim Miltimore.

The project involved re-cataloging the existing collection from the Dewey Decimal Classification System to the more effective Library of Congress system and to catalog into the collection the hundreds of books that had been purchase with Federal funds over the years but never entered into library. Carol and Jim organized the main park library, assisted in the collection of all the other books scattered throughout the park, and listed all the books into a spreadsheet long before my library was significantly involved. Once I and my three staff members arrived at the park, Carol and Jim were invaluable as on site assistants.

Carol and Jim assisted with the preliminary inventory of the main library, helped us keep track of the groups of books from various sites throughout the park and helped with the physical labeling and/or re-labeling of over 3400 books. They both caught on very quickly to the exacting standards that professional cataloging requires and did their work meticulously and accurately. There is absolutely no way that this project could have been accomplished in one trip without all the work they did before we arrived and all their help while we were there. Carol also did amazing follow-up work which allowed us to totally finish the project without a major return visit. This seldom if ever happens. Usually a major library project like this requires several return trips or is never truly satisfactorily finished.

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I was surprised to learn that Carol & Jim had no previous training in libraries and in fact, usually volunteer in the backcountry of the park or with natural resource projects. They got involved in this project and other curatorial projects because they could not do their regular volunteer duties in the winter. It is not often you have such dedicated year round volunteers. Once they became involved, in this library project they brought to it every ounce of their enthusiasm, dedication and tenacity. I am truly inspired by their commitment to making Mount Rainier a better park by improving employee access to all the information stored in thousands of books that are housed in the park.

I whole heartedly support the nomination of Carol & Jim Miltimore for a Hertzog Award. These two selfless people epitomize the spirit of volunteering by freely giving so much of their time and talents and by sharing with us their passion for National Parks.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Nancy Hori".

Nancy Hori  
Regional Librarian  
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