Charlene Bower is being nominated this year in the Advocate category. A previous recipient of this award in the Industry category for her work with her flagship company, Bower Media, Charlene is being recognized this year for her latest venture, Ladies Offroad Network (LON). Charlene founded LON to support all offroad ladies by guiding, educating, and motivating them to achieve their goals. Charlene is a BFGoodrich Performance Team member and International 4-Wheel Drive Trainers Association Certified Trainer. Just days after hosting the second annual Ladies Offroad Network Convention in Salt Lake City, Utah, Charlene set off on a Ladies Offroad Trail Training Tour, driving 8,900 miles in her trusty Jeep JK ‘Frankie’, welcoming 300 students at 24 locations in sixteen states.

Debbie Burgos is passionate about her volunteer work with Race to Erase 22, a non-profit founded in 2016 by off-road racing enthusiasts and racers who want to help active and veteran military members and raise awareness about military suicide. The group gets its name from the sobering statistic that approximately 22 military veterans commit suicide each day, due to depression, anxiety, the feeling of not being needed or wanted, or the void left by no longer being part of a team. Race to Erase 22 offers military members the opportunity to be a part of a team again, through their association with off-road race teams including Scott Racing. Debbie is proud to help provide ‘dirt therapy’ to military members in need.

Amy Granat is the managing director of CORVA, the California Off-Road Vehicle Association. CORVA is dedicated to protecting public lands for the people, not from the people. Amy traveled to Washington DC this summer to testify in front of a Congressional subcommittee regarding the loss of access to public land brought about by closure-oriented Forest Service policy. “It was very clear that the bulls-eye goal for all these negative policies was eliminating off-road access to national forests throughout the United States,” says Amy, “We talked with many Congressmen and congressional representatives in Washington DC about the barriers people face when trying to access public land.”

Sherri and Steve Kukla are the founders and directors of Thundering Trails off-road camp for inner city kids. Since the fall of 2006 hundreds of children from disadvantaged backgrounds have had awesome off-road desert adventures at their 50-acre off road ranch in Ocotillo Wells. The kids are outfitted with safety gear and Steve teaches them how to ride motorcycles. As directors of the camp they are joined by a group of dedicated volunteers who help with riding, cooking, crafts, games, chapel service and transportation. There is no charge for kids to attend camp, their costs are covered by generous sponsors from the off-road community. Sherri and her husband Steve are also publishers of S&S Off Road Magazine.

John Stewart is a noted advocate for public access to public lands, as a long-standing resource consultant with the California Association of 4-Wheel Drive Clubs (Cal4Wheel), owner/manager of multiple web forums and internet land use sites, past Chair of TDS Desert Safari, and dedicated four-wheeler. He is also currently serving as treasurer of the land use organization Blue Ribbon Coalition. Over the past fifteen years in his role as Consultant for Cal4Wheel, John has been on the front lines of many land use access issues, including the West Mohave (WEMO) desert travel management lawsuit and the Desert Renewable Energy Conservation Plan.

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