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The National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA) has announced the 2009 annual Branch, Region, and Section Award recipients. These awards are presented to deserving candidates in several specific categories. The recipients were selected as the top submissions from across the nation and will be honored at the 2009 NRPA Congress and Exposition in Salt Lake City, Utah.

Winning the Commercial Recreation and Tourism Section Award in the Special Event category was the **Black Hills Fat Tire Festival** for their mountain biking festival held each year in May in Rapid City, SD.

The National Recreation and Park Association is a national not-for-profit organization dedicated to advancing park, recreation and conservation efforts that enhance quality of life for all people. Through its network of some 20,000 professionals and citizens, NRPA encourages the promotion of healthy lifestyles, recreation initiatives, and conservation of natural and cultural resources.

Headquartered in Ashburn, VA, NRPA works closely with local, state, and national recreation and park agencies, citizen groups, and corporations to carry out its objectives. Priorities include advocating favorable legislation and public policy; increasing public awareness of the importance of parks and recreation; providing continuing education, professional certification and university accreditation; and conducting research and technical assistance. For more information on NRPA please go to www.nrpa.org.



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