



## NW Regional AVA News and Information for Alaska, Idaho, Oregon, & Washington *SANDI SEVERTSEN (RD) and PAT JEWETT (DRD)*

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Hello Northwest Walkers!

**Congratulations** to all POCs, trailmasters, supporters, and 26 club presidents who accomplished renewing 444 walks for the 2026 year. We look forward to enjoying these walks in the new year.

**SAVE THE DATE** for **The Big Give**: AVA's annual fundraiser is September 17<sup>th</sup> at 6pm through September 18<sup>th</sup> at 6pm. This time slot is specifically chosen for "matching funds", a win-win for AVA. Your donation will help with the 50<sup>th</sup> celebration in 2026 and also support AVA to continue providing insurance for club events, maintain the website, work on innovative solutions to keep our sport up-to-date with technology, and so much more. Here's where you can give to ["The Big Give"](#). The page is not open at this time, but will be soon. You can also mail a check to AVA, 1032 S Alamo St, San Antonio, TX 78210 through 9/30/2025.

**50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebrations in 2026** - As time goes on, you'll be hearing more about the AVA's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration in 2026. Every month, one or two regions in the nation will be highlighting a walk. These walks will be one day or a weekend adventure. The first one is in [Las Vegas, Nevada](#) from January 9-11, 2026. Our NW Region will be celebrating in September 2026 in Astoria, OR. More to come on that.

**Outstanding Volunteers** - If you have an outstanding club member that has gone above and beyond what is expected of them, consider nominating them for a Meritorious Award (special occasion volunteering) or a Commendable Award (5+ years of outstanding volunteering). Volunteers are important to this organization as a whole. I would be humbled to celebrate their contributions with your club, in this way. If you have someone in mind, please send the attached form to Sandi via this email.

- For traditional walks, you can easily find them with this link, and then click on "update": <https://my.ava.org/regional-te-list.php?time=month&rse1=NW>
- All walks are also listed on the attached Future Events Calendar.

Events coming up:

10/2/2025 - 10/5/2025 [Walking Stevens Pass to Leavenworth](#), sponsored by Interlaken & Central Washington Sun Striders

10/11/2025 - 10/13/2025 [Hike Lincoln National Forest in Ruidoso NM](#), sponsored by West Texas Trail Walkers

10/16/2025 - 10/19/2025 [Shady Cove, Oregon](#), sponsored by Columbia River Volkssport

10/17/2025 - 10/29/2025 [24th U.S. FreedomWalk Festival](#), sponsored by U.S. Freedom Walk Festival

Until next time, see you on the trail! (hopefully in Leavenworth and Shady Cove!)

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