

Joy Thompson

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SUMMARY OF QUALIFICATION:

- Twelve years of professional experience in outdoor education engaging diverse populations in conservation and natural resources awareness.
- Extensive training, practice, and data management for rehabilitating Wilderness and non-Wilderness recreation sites on National Forest and Park Service lands.
- Employed by multiple federal agencies and non-profits managing natural resources.
- Strong interpersonal skills that promote passion in understanding the value of functioning landscapes.

EDUCATION:

- Northern Arizona University**, Flagstaff, AZ anticipated graduation: 5/2016
- MS in Environmental Science and Policy
 - Emphasis in occupancy modeling, GIS, and statistics
- University of Wyoming**, Laramie, WY 12/1997
- BS in Secondary Education in Biology and Earth Sciences
 - Secondary and Middle School Teaching Credential
- Colorado State University**, Fort Collins, CO 5/1993
- BS in Natural Resource Management
 - Minor in Interpretation

RELEVANT EXPERIENCES:

- Guide** – Grand Canyon Field Institute, Grand Canyon, AZ 2012-current
- Responsible for guiding and safety of day and extended overnight trips for up to 12 clients.
 - Introduced 150 clients to the Inner Canyon geology, resource functions, and human history.
- Program Manager** – Fremont-Winema National Forest, Klamath Falls, OR 2010-2012
- Received \$19,000 in seed funding to independently develop and implement an educational outreach program; awarded \$40,000 in additional funding due to successful results.
 - Proactively sought out under-privileged population and forged strategic partnerships with 12 local agencies resulting in interacting with 5,500 participants over 3 years.
 - Facilitated positive community interactions in a politically changed environment by creating and promoting bi-monthly outdoor guided interpretive programs.
 - Teamed with FS staff to interpret their research and engage the public in supporting the advancement of science on 3 forest projects.
 - Secured \$8,000 to fund and create Klamath tribal college student internship exploring land management agencies practices and end of year presentation to 40 professionals.
 - Recruited Leave No Trace to provide training to 600 sixth graders and local agency staff.
- Forestry Technician** – Fremont-Winema National Forest, Klamath Falls, OR 2009-2010
- Supervised, assisted, and trained 2-4 seasonal staff in back-country wilderness maintenance spanning 3 Wildernesses.
 - Monitored Wildernesses and front-country facility conditions according to the Wilderness 10-Year Stewardship plan and maintained data base.
 - Provided detailed information of wilderness conditions, rules and regulations to the public.
 - Worked as liaison between 2 national forests managing a shared Wilderness.

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Field Instructor, Humboldt State University Natural History Museum, Arcata, CA summer 2006

- Independently developed *In, Under and On Humboldt Bay*, a field based immersion education program for 8-12 year olds.
- Incorporated a landmark exchange of historical Native American lands.

Outdoor Educator, The Nature Conservancy, Red Canyon Ranch, Lander, WY 1999

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- Assisted in implementing *Exploring Working Landscapes*, a program providing recreational and research opportunities at Red Canyon Ranch for local teachers.
- Developed curriculum to showcase ranch practices, biodiversity, and natural resource management.
- Assisted in planning for and initiating fund raising, advertising, and marketing strategies statewide and nationally.
- Created and led 60 interpretive hikes and programs presenting ecology and human history.
- Recruited and directed cooperative groups of youth and adult volunteers in citizen science/service projects.
- Assisted seasonally as a ranch hand feeding, birthing and moving livestock.

Naturalist, Bridger-Teton National Forest, Moran Junction, WY summer 1995

- Presented 150 interpretive programs for diverse audiences in formal and informal settings.
- Developed outreach program focused on the controversial introduction of Yellowstone wolves.
- Organized and managed Handicap Fishing Derby days and canoe events.

Recreation Specialist, Whistling Elk Ranch, Rand, CO 1993-1994

- Planned and executed recreational opportunities on 10,000 acre working cattle ranch.
- Worked with staff, private landowners and Forest personnel to recommended potential sites for additional recreational opportunities that did not conflict with adjacent land owners.
- Organized 3 snowshoe and cross country ski races for 100+ participants.
- Maintained farming and ranching equipment and assisted seasonally as a ranch hand.

ADDITIONAL EXPERIENCE:

- Field Technician, Grand Canyon National Park, Grand Canyon, AZ 2012-2013
- Independent Study Teacher, Northern Humboldt Union High School District, Arcata, CA 2007-2009
- Adult Educator, Northern Humboldt Union High School District, Arcata, CA 2003-2007
- Middle School Math Teacher, Wind River District # 6, Pavillion, WY 1999-2000
- Wilderness Ranger, Shoshone National Forest, Lander, WY summer 1996-1997
- Trip Leader, Wilderness Ventures, Jackson Hole, WY summer 1995
- Forestry Technician, Colorado State Forest, Walden, CO 1993