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SUMMARY OF QUALIFICATIONS

- 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

05/2016

Master of Science, Environmental Science and Policy

• Emphasis in occupancy modeling, GIS, and statistics

University of Wyoming, Laramie, WY

12/1997

Bachelor of Science, Secondary Education in Biology and Earth Sciences

• Secondary and Middle School Teaching Credential

Colorado State University, Fort Collins, CO

Bachelor of Science, Natural Resource Management

05/1993

• Minor in Interpretation

RELEVANT EXPERIENCES

Guide - Grand Canyon Field Institute, Grand Canyon, AZ

06/2012-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

03/2010-10/2012

- 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

02/2009-03/2010

- 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.

Field Instructor, Humboldt State University Natural History Museum, Arcata, CA 05/2006-08/2006

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

Outdoor Educator, The Nature Conservancy, Red Canyon Ranch, Lander, WY 01/1999-09/2004

- Assisted in implementing Exploring Working Landscapes, a program providing recreational and research opportunities at Red Canyon Ranch for local teachers.
- Developed curriculum for ranch practices, biodiversity, and natural resource management.
- Assisted in planning for and initiating fund raising and marketing strategies statewide.
- 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 service projects.
- Assisted seasonally as a ranch hand feeding, birthing, and moving livestock.

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

04/1995-06/1997

- 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

American Institute for Conservation

10/1993-10/1994

1998

- 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 landowners.
- Organized 3 snowshoe and cross-country ski races for 100+ participants.
- Maintained farming and ranching equipment and assisted seasonally as a ranch hand.

ADDITIONAL EXPEREINCE

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	1996-1997
Trip Leader, Wilderness Ventures, Jackson Hole, WY	1995
Forestry Technician, Colorado State Forest, Walden, CO	1993
PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS AND MEMBERSHIPS	
Association of Environmental Professionals	2006
Ecological Society of America	2002
Society for Conservation Biology	1999