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Molly Stenovec
*Project
Coordinator*

Molly Stenovec coordinates projects, develops outreach and education programs, and conducts research at the William D. Ruckelshaus Center. Prior to joining the Center, Molly was an Associate at the Center for Natural Resources and Environmental Policy at the University of Montana. During that time, she coordinated and provided project support for two major forums on the future of the Columbia River Basin and one on sustaining communities in the Crown of the Continent. Through her facilitative leadership on these projects, leaders from federal, state, regional, and local government agencies, tribes and First Nations, and stakeholders representing a diversity of interests - including conservation, energy industry, and local communities - developed agendas, engaged in joining fact finding and mutual learning, and eventually generated concrete, measureable outcomes.

KEYS AREAS OF EXPERTISE

- Policy Research and Analysis
- Development and Communications
- Project Management
- Facilitation
- Collaborative Initiatives
- Situation Assessments

EDUCATION AND TRAINING

- University of Montana, 2012
 - M.S. Geography
 - Certificate, Natural Resource Conflict Resolution,
- Whitman College, 2006
 - B.A. Environmental Studies -Literature

FELLOWSHIPS

- Pat Williams Fellowship, University of Montana, 2012
- Student Research Fellowship, Montana Water Center, 2011

Selected Project Experience

Aviation Biofuels, 2015- present: Works with the Northwest Advanced Renewables Alliance (NARA) and Advanced Hardwood Biofuels (AHB) projects to prepare a series of quarterly briefing papers that inform policy-makers in WA, OR, ID, MT, and northern California about biofuel research and development. Also provides project support for NARA.

The Transboundary Columbia River Basin: Learning from Our Past to Shape Our Future, 2014: Provided logistics support and coordinated 40-person steering committee meetings to develop a conference program. This conference provided a neutral forum for participants to learn about current issues and discuss the future of the Basin.

Governing the Use of Water and Related Resources in the International Columbia Basin, 2012-2015: Project coordinator and member for a research team for an applied research project that will lead to greater understanding of existing governance arrangements in the Columbia Basin and best practices in co-management agreements between tribes, First Nations, and federal agencies. Molly also led the effort to identify and secure project funding, and contributed to writing the final report released in June of 2015.

Universities Consortium on Columbia River Governance, 2011-2015: The Universities Consortium is a university-led, collaborative effort to facilitate an informed and inclusive basin-wide dialogue on the future of the Columbia River Treaty and transboundary river governance. Molly coordinated collaborative efforts to convene a symposium, conduct applied research, and develop outreach and communications materials.

4th Annual Roundtable on the Crown of the Continent - Building Partnerships: Linking Local Actions & Landscape Outcomes, 2013: Coordinated conference logistics and facilitated planning meetings. Molly worked with the Leadership Team to identify the most compelling issues facing the Crown of the Continent and build an agenda that addressed these local and regional challenges.

4th Annual Symposium on Transboundary Columbia River Governance, 2012: Facilitated Steering Committee meetings and built consensus on the symposium agenda and speakers. While this symposium was unofficial and separate from the formal Columbia River Treaty reviews, it played a valuable role in building trust, exchanging information, and fostering transboundary relationships.

Selected Project Experience, continued

Clark Fork Basin Drought Management Assessment, 2010-2012: Working with the Montana Department of Natural Resources and Conservation and Clark Fork River Basin Task Force, Molly researched and wrote a qualitative study to inform watershed-based efforts to update the drought mitigation section of the Montana State Water Plan.

Student Global Leadership Institute/Punahou School, 2010: Facilitated a seminar on global water issues, citizenship, leadership, and collaboration for students from Hawai'i, China, and Washington DC.

Western Hardrock Watershed Team/Colorado Watershed Assembly, 2008-2009: As the outreach coordinator, Molly developed weekly newsletters containing relevant news, funding opportunities, and events. Molly also increased organizational capacity by coordinating a silent auction, overseeing direct mail operations, and developing grant proposals. These efforts built the capacity of watershed-based, multi-party collaborative initiatives to restore water quality and invigorate economies in communities affected by historic mining activities.

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