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Bauder, Troy, Colorado State University

Troy Bauder, Extension Water Quality Specialist is responsible for conducting statewide educational and applied research programs on water quality, especially related to protection of groundwater quality from impairment to agricultural chemicals. Research and outreach interests include nutrient and irrigation management, particularly as related to water quality and conservation. Troy Bauder received his B.S. degree in Agronomy and his M.S. in Soil Science from Colorado State University. He is actively involved in the family farm in northeast Colorado. Troy is also serving as the Assistant Deputy Director of the Colorado Agricultural Experiment Station since August 2017.

Bird, Emily, VT DEC

Emily Bird is the Nonpoint Source Coordinator for DEC's Clean Water Initiative Program. Emily oversees DEC's clean water tracking, communications, and reporting, as well as Vermont's Section 319/nonpoint source programs. She coordinates with DEC programs and agency partners, statewide, to track and communicate Vermont's clean water progress. Emily also supports the Vermont Clean Water Fund Board budget process to appropriate state funds to multiple agencies' water quality funding programs. Emily holds a B.S. in Environmental Studies from the University of Vermont and has worked with DEC since October 2015. Prior to working for DEC, Emily was an Environmental Analyst at New England Interstate Water Pollution Control Commission (NEIWPCC) where she managed the commission's programs related to total maximum daily loads (TMDLs), Long Island Sound, and the Peconic Estuary.

Bloom, Judy, US EPA, Region 8

Judy is the Unit Manager of the EPA Region 8 Watershed Planning and Restoration Unit which includes the Non-Point Source and TMDL programs. She previously worked with Region 8 states and tribes implementing the Pesticides Program and prior to her life in Region 8, Judy worked in EPA Region 9, the New York City watershed protection program, and the Nassau County Drinking Water Program.

Bonini, Allen, Iowa DNR

Allen joined the Iowa DNR in 2005 as the Supervisor of the Watershed Improvement Section. The Section has lead responsibilities for the Department's watershed improvement efforts, including the Water Quality Improvement Program (TMDLs), the Nonpoint Source Pollution Program, supporting Watershed Management Authorities, and, most recently, helping carry out the Iowa Watershed Approach project.

Allen holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Ecology from the University of Illinois and has spent the past 40 years working in Iowa, Minnesota and Illinois as an environmental professional in a variety of technical and managerial positions, mostly in the areas of water quality and solid waste management.

Bowcutt, Jim, Utah Division of Water Quality

Jim is a graduate of Utah State University, where he earned his degree in Watershed Management in 2007. After graduating, he began working as a local watershed coordinator in the Bear River Watershed in Northern Utah, working with local land owners to implement water quality projects. In 2010 Jim became the Utah Nonpoint Source Program Coordinator at the Division of Water Quality.

Jim currently resides in Garland, Utah with his wife Karen and 4 kids. His hobbies include hunting, fishing, or doing just about anything that gets him outside.

Bryson, Ellen, US EPA, Region 3

Ellen Bryson is Maryland's NPS project officer at EPA. She has a master's degree in environmental planning and more than two decades using GIS. Prior to beginning work at EPA she worked for the Army Corps of Engineers, several non-profit environmental conservation and advocacy organizations, as well as West Chester University.

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Conley, Alanna, US EPA, Region 4

Alanna Conley has worked for the US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) for 21 years. She is currently an EPA Nonpoint Source Program manager and works with the Commonwealth of Kentucky. Her career with EPA includes experience working in the following programs: Five years of experience as a community involvement coordinator for Superfund (Portland, OR), Stormwater, Source Water Assessment and Protection, and Groundwater and Underground Injection Control. Alanna holds Bachelor of Science degree in Environmental Biology and a Masters of Forest Resources. She has completed various water sector emergency management training classes.

Cough-Schulze, Maya, NCDENR

Maya Cough-Schulze (NC 319 grant program) enjoys using her social and natural science training to evaluate technical and management considerations of watershed restoration grant proposals. Her passions include watershed restoration metrics and evaluation, facilitation, and clearly communicating complex issues. One of her favorite parts of working with NC's 319 grant program is plumbing the depths of her grant review team colleagues' knowledge while facilitating competitive selection processes.

Craw, Veronica, GA DNR

Veronica Craw is the Grants Unit Manager for the Georgia Environmental Protection Division. She oversees work to reduce nonpoint sources of pollution through the 319(h) grant program. Prior to EPD, Veronica was the manager of the Springs and Environmental Flows Section of the Southwest Florida Water Management District and she worked for the Passaic Valley Sewerage Commissioners, Newark, NJ, coordinating the agency's ambient water quality monitoring program. Mrs. Craw received her Bachelor's degree in Biology with a specialization in Marine Sciences from Boston University.

Cudia, Chris, New Mexico Environment Department

Chris Cudia works for the New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) Surface Water Quality Bureau in their Watershed Protection Section as the Implementation and Restoration Team Leader. He and his staff provide oversight for CWA Section 319 planning and implementation projects, the CWA 401 Water Quality Certification Program, and the state-sponsored River Stewardship Program. Chris first came to the 319 program in 1994 but has also held positions with the US Forest Service, the New Mexico Department of Transportation, the NMED Drinking Water Bureau, and the NMED Field Operations Division. Chris holds a BS in Environmental Science with emphasis on water quality and aquatic entomology from New Mexico Highlands University.

Curtis, Cyd, US EPA

Cyd Curtis has been with EPA for over 26 years and worked on nonpoint source and 319(h) grant program works since 2005 mostly including regional experience working with midwestern states and participating in State Technical Committees. She has a Masters in Environmental Health Sciences.

Eldred, Laura, Alaska DEC

Ms. Eldred has served as a technical specialist in nonpoint source water quality for 20 years and has focused most of her work in the Matanuska-Susitna (Mat-Su) region of Alaska. Since 2001 Ms. Eldred has worked for the Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation's Nonpoint Source Water Pollution Control Program. Her work focusses on water quality assessment and restoration projects including identifying areas of stormwater discharge to urbanizing salmon streams and determining how to use low impact development techniques, such as green infrastructure, to protect and improve water quality. Ms. Eldred currently serves as the Co-Chair for the Science and Data Committee as part of the Mat-Su Basin Fish Habitat Partnership. Ms. Eldred has a Bachelor of Agricultural Science in Natural Resources - Fisheries/Wildlife Management from the University of Nebraska, Lincoln.

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Epting, Steve, US EPA

Steve Epting is the national coordinator of the Tribal Clean Water Act (CWA) Section 319 Nonpoint Source Program, in addition to serving as a team member in the Healthy Watersheds Program at the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. His work focuses on assisting states, tribes and partners in implementing watershed-based approaches to protect and restore water quality associated with nonpoint source pollution. Steve has a M.S. from University of Maryland, where he conducted research to model wetland-stream connectivity using field-based and geospatial datasets.

Fox, Marcia, Delaware Dept. of Natural Resources and Environmental Control

Marcia Fox serves as the Environmental Program Manager for the Nonpoint Source Program of the Delaware Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control. In this role, Marcia administers Clean Water Act, Section 319 grants for the state; administers the Delaware Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program, and Chesapeake Bay Implementation Program. Marcia serves as a liaison with State and Federal agencies in support of controlling nonpoint sources of water pollution and regularly participates in committees and workgroups to develop and refine strategies, organize implementation projects, and provide financial and technical support. Previously, Marcia was the Chesapeake Bay Watershed Coordinator, and was responsible for implementing the Chesapeake Bay Watershed Implementation Plan and tracking and reporting Non-Point Source (NPS) Best Management Practice (BMP) data. Marcia holds a bachelor's degree in Wildlife Management and master's degree in Natural Resource Management from Delaware State University.

Franklin, Abraham, NM Environment Department

Abe Franklin works for the Surface Water Quality Bureau of the New Mexico Environment Department, where he manages the Watershed Protection Section, a technical team with offices in Santa Fe, Las Cruces, and Silver City. He and his section implement parts of New Mexico's Nonpoint Source Management Program and Wetlands Program, working towards the protection and improvement of New Mexico's aquatic resources using the framework of the Clean Water Act and state initiatives such as the River Stewardship Program.

Abe's previous work experiences include project development and management within the Watershed Protection Section, remote sensing research and development for a small engineering company, marine fisheries observation on Alaskan factory trawlers, bicycle mechanics, and lab assistance in environmental microbiology and forestry. His degrees are in Environmental Biology from New Mexico Tech (B.S.) and Natural Resources Management from the University of Nevada in Reno (M.S.), where he developed riparian vegetation mapping methods using high-resolution remote sensing.

Goo, Robert, US EPA

Robert Goo currently works at the US EPA in the Office of Water. His areas of concentration include: water sensitive urban design, voluntary codes and standards such as the Sustainable Sites Initiative and the International Green Construction Code, decentralized stormwater and wastewater treatment systems and green infrastructure/low impact development practices. He helped write the National Pollution Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Phase II regulations and is part of the Green Infrastructure Team at EPA. He serves as a judge for the Campus Rainworks program and helped develop the Greening America's Capitols program. Robert also worked on the development of Low Impact Development guidance and policies for the Department of Defense and the General Services Administration.

He is working to transform the development process by promoting multi-functional design paradigms through the use of Low Impact Development or Green Stormwater Infrastructure. Specific areas of focus include: transportation systems and public right of ways, new and redevelopment projects, parks and private lands. Recently he has been working with the National Parks and Recreation Association to promote partnerships between parks departments and stormwater utilities to encourage the construction of green infrastructure projects on park properties to enhance the parks from a user perspective and more sustainably manage water resources.

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Goodin, John, US EPA, Office of Wetlands, Oceans and Watersheds

John has served as the Acting Director of EPA's Office of Wetlands, Oceans, and Watersheds since January of 2017, where he leads multiple programs related to the protection and restoration of the nation's waters. Chief among them are Clean Water Act efforts in collaboration with states to monitor and assess water quality, develop restoration plans and nonpoint source pollution reduction plans, promulgate rulemakings and guidance related to the Act's jurisdiction, administer permitting responsibilities related to inland and ocean discharges of dredged and fill material, and advance state and local efforts under our National Estuary Program and Urban Waters program. Prior to his OWOW position, John was Director of EPA's Wetlands Division where he was responsible for leading the development and implementation of national wetlands policy, including advancing rulemakings and regulatory actions with the Army Corps of Engineers, as well as the strategic and financial support of state programs and aquatic resource science and monitoring. Since joining EPA in 1990, John has also led the Agency's Watershed Branch, where he conceived and implemented a new vision for the Clean Water Act's program on identifying and restoring impaired waters with the collaboration of state partners. He also previously led the Wetlands and Aquatic Resources Regulatory Branch and served as Acting Deputy Director of the Oceans and Coastal Protection Division. John holds a Master's degree in Zoology from the University of Western Australia and a Bachelor's degree in Biology from the University of Richmond.

Guevara, Dan, NM Environment Department

Daniel Guevara is a Watershed Scientist with the Surface Water Quality Bureau of the New Mexico Environment Department, where he has worked to monitor, protect, and improve water quality since 2001. Previously a Hydrologist for the Navajo Nation and a Graduate Research Assistant with the Hydrology Group at Los Alamos National Laboratory, Daniel also has experience in stream gaging, snow surveys, groundwater monitoring, and drought contingency planning. Daniel has an M.S. in Watershed Science from Colorado State University, and a B.A. in Environmental Studies from the University of California Santa Cruz.

Hair, Lisa, US EPA

Lisa Hair, PE, is in the NPS Management Branch at EPA. She has presented many times for organizations on green infrastructure & hazard mitigation plans, and lead the effort to enable EPA and FEMA Regions to assist communities in exploring these possibilities via pilots.

Hall, Lynda, US EPA

Lynda is Chief of the Nonpoint Source Management Branch in EPA's Office of Wetlands, Oceans and Watersheds. In this capacity she is responsible for national program oversight of the Clean Water Act Section 319 program. She also oversees, in collaboration with NOAA, the administration of the CZARA coastal nonpoint source program. Lynda provides national leadership for other nonpoint pollution initiatives including watershed planning, advancing water quality collaborations with USDA and other partners, and supporting the greater adoption of green and nature-based infrastructure. Lynda has 30 years of experience in environmental policy, technical analysis, and program management. About half of those years have been devoted to advancing Clean Water Act programs including wetlands management, wetlands and water quality assessment, water quality trading programs, and the 303(d)/TMDL program. Lynda has a B.A. in Geography and a Master's degree in Environmental Sciences.

Harmel, Daren, USDA-ARS

From 1999-2016, Daren was employed as a Research Agricultural Engineer with the USDA-ARS in Temple, TX. His research interests include: 1) hydrologic and water quality data collection methodology, 2) measurement uncertainty, and 3) land use impacts on water quality and hydrology.

Since the fall of 2016, Dr. Harmel has served as the Director of the USDA-ARS Center for Agricultural Resources Research in Fort Collins, CO. In this role, he oversees ARS research in Fort Collins, Greeley, and Nunn, CO and Cheyenne, WY. Daren represents USDA-ARS on the National Water Monitoring Council's Methods and Data Comparability Board.

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Hennessey, Meg, NM Environment Department

Meg Hennessey is a Project Manager for the Watershed Protection Bureau of the New Mexico Environment Department. Her specialty is overseeing development and implementation of watershed based plans, as well as managing riparian restoration projects funded by the state.

Holscher, Lisa, Indiana Conservation Cropping Systems Initiative

Since 2012, Lisa Holscher has been associated with Indiana's Conservation Cropping Systems Initiative (CCSI), currently serving as Director. Prior to her work with CCSI, Lisa served as an Watershed Coordinator for an EPA Section 319 funded project.

With a mission of "Improving soil health on Indiana cropland", CCSI is farmer-driven, farmer-focused, and values the strength of grassroots leadership. Lisa and other CCSI staff, along with a broad network of collaborators, work extensively with farmers and local level partnerships to better understand and to promote the successful adoption of practices and cropping systems that can lead to improved soil health. At over 1 million acres of cover crops in Indiana and counting, evidence indicates that the efforts of these partnerships are paying off.

Hopkins, Steve, Iowa DNR

Steve Hopkins, CPM, Nonpoint Source Coordinator, Iowa Department of Natural Resources, has worked in the DNR Watershed Improvement Section since 2007, where he helps administer Iowa's EPA Section 319 Grant that funds 9-element watershed projects and various statewide water quality initiatives. He has worked for Iowa DNR since 2000, first as an environmental specialist in the onsite wastewater program, where he helped develop Iowa's septic system loan program, then as supervisor of the DNR Water Supply Operations Section. He previously worked in Iowa as a County Sanitarian in Jasper County, and as a coordinator of two different watershed projects in Iowa. He also owned and operated Hopkins Family Farm and began one of the first dairy farms in Iowa to use intensive rotation grazing methods.

He has an M.S. in Land Resources from the University of Wisconsin-Madison, a B.A. in Human Ecology from Luther College, Decorah, Iowa and completed the Certified Public Manager (CPM) program at Drake University, in Des Moines, Iowa.

Jorge, Adam, US EPA

Adam Jorge is the National Coordinator for the Section 319 Program's Grants Reporting and Tracking System (GRTS). He works for the Office of Wetlands, Oceans and Watersheds at EPA Headquarters in the Nonpoint Source Management Branch. Adam supports data and program analysis, communications, NPS Success Stories, and measures development for the 319 program. He has an interdisciplinary background, with experience in pollution prevention and remediation, public policy and administration, communications and outreach, and statistics.

Adam earned a Master of Environmental Science and Management (MESM) from the University of California, Santa Barbara, and a B.A. of Political Science from California State University, Stanislaus.

Kloxin, Greg, Oklahoma Conservation Commission

Greg is the Assistant Director of the Water Quality Division of the Oklahoma Conservation Commission. His responsibilities include 319 workplan and budget development, meetings, Division administration and staff support, meetings, service on multiple interagency working groups, meetings, assistance with reporting and data analysis, and oh yes, participation in and facilitation of various meetings. Prior to becoming assistant director of the Water Quality division, Greg was the division's senior technical writer and before that held the environmental manager position.

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Landry, Stephen, New Hampshire DES

Steve started his professional career with the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services (NHDES) in the Limnology Center managing diagnostic feasibility studies, and coordinating paleolimnological and bioassessment projects for New Hampshire lakes. In 2001, Steve transitioned into the Watershed Assistance Section where he managed U.S. EPA Section 319 funded Watershed Assistance Grant projects for high quality and impaired waters within the Merrimack and Connecticut River basins. Steve has been the New Hampshire Nonpoint Source Program (NPS) Coordinator since 2015 where he has the privilege of working with the best NPS staff on the planet. He volunteers as the vice chair of the Upper Merrimack River Local Advisory Committee, sampling supervisor of the Upper Merrimack Monitoring Program and participates in the New Hampshire Volunteer Lake Assessment Program on Walker Pond in Webster, NH. With any remaining free time, Steve can be found either training for or recovering from the Boston Marathon, enjoying the outdoors with his wife, or managing all of the NPS pollution generated by their four cats.

Lee, Brad, University of Kentucky

Dr. Lee is a Certified Professional Soil Scientist and an Associate Professor at the University of Kentucky. He earned his Ph.D. at the University of California - Riverside in Soil and Water Sciences. Prior to his current position in Kentucky he worked as a Water Quality Consultant in Sacramento, CA, and as a Land Use Extension Specialist at Purdue University. Dr. Lee has a strong interest in natural resource education and helping people make informed land use decisions about their local environment.

Lyon, Andrew, WRAPS Technical Unit

Andrew Lyon is the WRAPS Technical Unit Program Manager based out of KDHE. He attended Kansas State University where he earned a Bachelor's degree in Agriculture majoring in Agricultural Technology Management, with a Secondary Major in Natural Resource and Environmental Science and a Minor in Agronomy. He also earned a Master's degree from Oklahoma State University in Environmental Science with an emphasis in Watershed Management and Best Management Practice effectiveness. He ranches with his Father and Brother east of Emporia, Kansas utilizing soil health and holistic ecosystem principles to maximize profit. Conservation is the family business as his Father worked for many years with the Lyon County Conservation District and his Brother is the Area Biologist for KDWPT out of the Emporia NRCS Area office. Andy and his wife Sarah have two young children; Drew, who is 5, and Ava, who is 4.

Malone, Steve, Ohio EPA

Steve Malone has a background in natural resources and environmental impact review. He joined Ohio EPA in 1984, originally with the Division of Construction Grants, and later with its successor, the Division of Environmental and Financial Assistance. He is currently the manager of DEFA'S Technical Review Section and of the Water Resource Restoration Sponsor Program.

McCullough, Carla, NE DEQ

Carla McCullough has been the Nonpoint Source Coordinator for the Nebraska Department of Environmental Quality since 2014. She has bachelor degrees in biology and agricultural engineering and a master's degree in environmental science. Prior to her current position, Carla did research at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln on vegetative buffer strips, watershed-scale responses to BMPs, and the effects of beaver dams on small streams in agricultural watersheds.

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McKay, Christine, Georgia EPD

Christine McKay is a Physical Scientist in EPA Region 4's Water Protection Division, Sustainable Communities and Watershed Branch. Since 2014, she has been working with GA's Environmental Protection Division's coordinating the implementation of 3 EPA programs: Nonpoint Source grants, NPDES Stormwater Permits and Watersheds. Her purpose in working in 3 program areas (volunteer to take on the additional work relevant to all programs) is to integrate efforts across these programs to engage communities in the adoption of green infrastructure practices at the site, neighborhood, and landscape scales. She has previously worked with US Dept. of Energy, local governments in MA and several environmental consulting firms. She has a Bachelor of Arts in Environmental Science from the University of Virginia and a Masters of Regional Planning from Cornell University.

Meadows, Kelly, VA DEQ

Kelly Meadows is the Watershed Programs Manager for the Office of Watershed Programs with the Division of Water Planning at the VA Department of Environmental Quality. Kelly has 20 years of experience in the environmental field. Most of this time was spent working as a consultant at Tetra Tech in Fairfax, VA, where he led multiple projects in support of EPA's Office of Water and gained experience in project management, team leadership, strategic and operational planning, business process improvements and fiscal management. Kelly has a Bachelor's degree in Environmental Science/Astronomy from the University of Virginia as well as a Master's degree in Environmental Management from Duke University.

Means, Chauncey, Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes

Chauncey Means has been the Non-Point Source (NPS) Program Manager for the Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes (CSKT) since 2010 on the Flathead Indian Reservation. The CSKT NPS Program has implemented ten competitive grant restoration projects on the Reservation with Chauncey responsible for overseeing seven of those projects. Chauncey is responsible for water quality sampling on all project sites to collect data for reporting and tracking of project goals. Chauncey supervises the Wetlands Coordinator for the Tribes and is involved in the assessments of wetlands on the Reservation. Chauncey holds a Bachelor of Arts and Master of Arts in Environmental Studies from the University of Montana in Missoula, Montana.

Monteith, Tyler, Delaware Dept. of Natural Resources and Environmental Control

Tyler Monteith is an Environmental Scientist with Delaware's Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control working as the Watershed Coordinator for Sussex County. Tyler graduated from the University of Delaware with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Natural Resource Management.

Obear, Peggy, Prairie Island Indian Community

In 2008 Peggy Obear completed 22 years of a rewarding and successful career in Taxidermy, mostly in Naples, Florida. Ms. Obear went back to school to retrain and reeducate for new adventures. She graduated from El Paso Community College with an Associates in Science in Geology in 2012 and from University of Wisconsin La Crosse with a Bachelor's of Science in Geography with a Minor in Earth Science in 2015. She has worked with the Tribe since graduating.

Rigdon, Kimberly, NV DEP

Kimberly Rigdon has a Bachelor's of Science in Engineering from the University of Nevada, Reno. Kimberly is the Source Water Coordinator for the Nevada Division of Environmental Protection. She has been managing the State's Integrated Source Water Protection Program for the past 10 years and has worked successfully with many communities in Nevada to develop and implement comprehensive countywide source water protection plans. Prior to working for NDEP, Kim worked in private consulting on projects related to public water system capacity building.

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Sandberg, Nicole, VA DEQ

Nicole Sandberg is the NPS Program coordinator for VA working within the Office of Watershed Programs in the Division of Water Planning at the VA Department of Environmental Quality; she has served in this role since 2005. Nicole has 25 years' experience in the environmental field. Previously Nicole worked in local government addressing water resources and stormwater issues, managed an international marine pollution prevention program and ran her own environmental consulting firm. She has a Bachelor's of Science in biological conservation and a Master's of Science in Water Resources Management with an emphasis in biological systems engineering, both degrees are from the University of Wisconsin-Madison.

Sieve, Travis, Kansas Department of Health and Environment

Travis Sieve is the Watershed Restoration and Protection Strategy (WRAPS) Programmatic Unit Program Manager for the Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE). He has worked with KDHE Watershed Management Program since 2010. Travis attended Washburn University in Topeka, Kansas where he received a Bachelor degree in Biology. He earned a Master of Business Administration degree from Baker University. Travis is a Kansas native, growing up near Perry Reservoir on a small farm and still spends time helping with cattle. In his spare time, Travis volunteers as a dog training for the local humane society. He and his fiancée, Kathy, live in Topeka.

Spade, Tim, Flandreau Santee Sioux Tribe

Tim Spade has been the Water Quality Specialist for the Flandreau Santee Sioux Tribe in southeastern SD since 2011. Since taking over the management of the Water Quality division of the FSST Natural Resources Department, Tim has expanded program capacity by moving the 106 monitoring program from a fundamental monitoring level to a fully mature monitoring program. Additionally, Tim developed the program documents to establish the CWA 319 program and has subsequently produced NPS assessment reports to highlight the impairment issues of highest concern for the surface waters of the Flandreau Santee Sioux Tribe. Tim believes that water quality issues are the primary environmental concern currently facing mankind. He also believes the efforts made by Tribes and other localized entities to highlight water quality concerns is of the highest significance in the decision making process to address, remediate or protect valuable water resources.

Tim dedicates the majority of his free time to his 7 year old daughter and 3 year old son, who keep him busy with their incessant obligations and their inexplicable need for love and attention. He believes he has given them too much of these aforementioned affections early in life and has set a precedent from which there is no return. In the scant remaining blocks of time available to him, Tim also enjoys playing Disc Golf and seeing as much live music as he can.

Stangel, Peter, US Endowment for Forestry and Communities

Peter joined the U.S. Endowment for Forestry and Communities in 2010 and currently serves as the Chief Operating Officer. At the Endowment he has responsibility for programs associated with forest retention, forest health, and watersheds. He manages partnerships with the Department of Defense, Environmental Protection Agency, and Natural Resources Conservation Service. Peter has a B.S. in Biology from Furman University in South Carolina and a Ph.D. in Ecology from the University of Georgia. Prior to joining the Endowment he held a number of positions with the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation. Peter is an avid tennis player, birder, and dog-lover, and lives with his wife Mimi in Aiken, South Carolina.

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Stack, Bill, Center for Watershed Protection

Bill Stack is The Deputy Director of Programs with the Center for Watershed Protection where he has worked in that position for 8 years. He has over 40 years of experience in water resource protection and restoration programs related to water supply and source water protection, urban stormwater management, agricultural nonpoint source control, and flood management. Prior to coming to work for the Center Bill spent 30 years working for Baltimore City Department of Public works where he headed the Source Water Protection and MS4 Programs. Bill has a B.S in Biology from St. Mary's College of MD and M.S. in Biology from Towson University and is a Professional Engineer.

Sullivan, Susan, NEIWPCC

Susan Sullivan accepted the appointment to serve as NEIWPCC's executive director in 2017, following twenty-eight years on the Commission staff. She joined NEIWPCC in 1989 as an environmental analyst, and from 1997 to 2017 served as the Commission's deputy director.

Ms. Sullivan coordinates and helps implement policies and programs of the highest priority to state and federal agencies and oversees all of NEIWPCC's operational and programmatic activities, including contracts and grants. Her extensive responsibilities include providing overall supervision of the Commission's staff and office operations.

Before becoming deputy director, Ms. Sullivan served as NEIWPCC's assistant director for water quality protection and training. She oversaw the management of all Clean Water Act program activities as well as the operation of the Commission's Environmental Training Center in South Portland, Maine. Ms. Sullivan was also NEIWPCC's project officer for environmental education, water quality planning and standards, wetlands protection, nonpoint source pollution, watershed management, resource protection, residuals management, combined sewer overflows, stormwater, and wastewater treatment plant management.

Suffian, Fred, US EPA, Region 3

Program Manager of the Nonpoint Source Program, EPA Region 3. Prior to joining EPA worked for NRCS in a variety of positions in both Massachusetts and Pennsylvania.

Thomas, Terisa, Vermont DEC

Terisa Thomas is the supervisor of Vermont's Water Infrastructure Financing Programs which house the DWSRF and CWRP programs. She has worked in environmental policy programs for more than a decade. She has an undergraduate in Environmental Public Health and Biology and a Masters in Public Health from Des Moines University.

Tonning, Barry, Tetra Tech

Barry Tonning is a senior level water resource planner with Tetra Tech, specializing in stormwater management and nonpoint source pollution control. After graduating from the University of Georgia, Barry started his career as a VISTA volunteer and economic development planner on the Winnebago Indian Reservation in northeast Nebraska, where he also taught carpentry, auto mechanics, and other classes at the local community college. For the past 25 years he has supported a variety of water resource management projects for tribal, local, state, and federal sponsors.

Traylor, Elbert, NE DEQ

Elbert Traylor was the information and education coordinator for the Nebraska Nonpoint Source Management Program from 1991 to 1995 and the NPS program coordinator from 1995 to 2010. Current duties include coordinating interagency efforts to develop and implement basin level and watershed level management plans and project implementation plans.

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Tremblay, Michele L., New Hampshire Rivers Council

As principal of naturesource communications, Michele serves as a consultant to nonprofit organizations, governments, and businesses. With her strong business background in management, marketing, and communication with twenty year of natural resource experience, she helps her clients with organization management, capacity building, communication, and natural resource planning needs. Michele's clients include local, state, federal, and transboundary governments; nonprofits; watershed associations; landowner association; and grassroots groups. She provides capacity building services including training in volunteer recruitment and management and fund development. Naturesource communications provides a full suite of organizational support including event planning and facilitation.

Michele was appointed by the Governor of New Hampshire to represent conservation interests on the state Rivers Management Advisory Committee, Public Water Access Advisory Board, and Water Council. She is president of the New Hampshire Rivers Council and serves on the New Hampshire Lives on Water Steering Committee. Michele has served as a representative to the Upper Merrimack River Local Advisory Committee since its inception in 1990. Since 1995 she has served as its chair and Program Director for the committee's Upper Merrimack Monitoring Program. Michele is a recipient of a National River Hero Award and named the first New Hampshire River Conservationist of the Year in 1998 by the NH Department of Environmental Services. When Michele is not working for her clients or meeting her myriad of volunteer commitments, she can be found enjoying the outdoors, appreciating the seclusion of her camp, and constantly thinking of strategies to protect and restore natural resources.

Trum, Eric, Montana DEQ

Eric Trum has worked as a water quality specialist for Montana DEQ for the past five years in the TMDL and NPS programs. Eric works with local organizations to plan and implement on the ground projects to improve water quality. He also serves on the board of The Montana Watershed Coordination Council helping connect local watershed groups with training and capacity resources. Prior to joining DEQ, Eric worked for the US Forest Service on watershed monitoring and restoration. Eric received Master's degrees in Environmental Law from Vermont Law School and Land Resources and Environmental Science from Montana State University.

Waye, Don, US EPA

Don Waye has more than 30 years of experience managing programs and projects at the local, regional and national levels to lessen the impacts of land activities on America's streams, rivers, lakes and coastal waters. For the past 16 years, Mr. Waye has worked in EPA's Office of Wetlands, Oceans and Watersheds to support the Clean Water Act Section 319 NPS management program. In recent years he has provided support for reinvigorating state NPS management program updates and investigated ways to leverage CWSRF investments that strengthen state NPS management programs. He also coordinates EPA Headquarters involvement with the Coastal Zone Act Reauthorization Amendments (CZARA) program that works with the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration and 34 coastal states and territories. For 15 years prior to coming to EPA, Don worked as an urban watershed planner, modeler and researcher for a regional council of governments in Virginia. Prior to that, he spent 2 years working for an environmental engineering consulting firm to improve water quality and reduce flooding.

Wendt, Ashley, VA DEQ

Ashley Wendt is the Technical Reviewer within the Office of Watershed Programs with the Division of Water Planning at the VA Department of Environmental Quality involved in the development and review of TMDL Implementation Plans and watershed-based plans throughout the Commonwealth. Previously Ashley worked for the State of Texas in their 319 Nonpoint Source program as an implementation project manager.

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White, Esther, UK Hazard Mitigation Grants Program

Esther White has worked as a Project Grants Manager for the UK's Hazard Mitigation Grants Program and KYEM since 2007, working with communities, agencies, nonprofit organizations, and private sector partners statewide to develop and secure FEMA funding for numerous technical multi-hazard mitigation projects. Esther holds degrees in Business Administration and Public Administration and serves on the Executive Board of Directors for Kentucky Association of Mitigation Managers (KAMM) a state chapter affiliate of the national Association of State Floodplain Managers (ASFPM).

Wible, Tyler, Colorado State University

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