

WILDEARTH GUARDIANS

Staff Profile and Contact Information

Bryan Bird, MS is WildEarth Guardians' Wild Places Program Director and has more than a decade of experience in National Forest policy and management. He is responsible for monitoring and challenging proposed activities on public lands such as off-road vehicles, logging, and road building that threaten ecologically significant areas within the Southern Rockies, the Gila Bioregion, and the Sagebrush Sea. He also oversees WildEarth Guardians' hands-on ecosystem restoration projects.

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Rosie Brandenberger, WildEarth Guardians' Communications Director, is responsible for all marketing and public relations materials including the organization's newsletter, website, e-communications, brochures, advertisements, and distribution of press release releases. She also works with the Associate Director and Office Manager on event planning and preparation as well as fundraising appeals.

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Lori Colt is the Office Manager of WildEarth Guardians' Santa Fe location. Lori manages the membership database, coordinates public events and manages the organization's volunteer and internship programs. Lori also manages the day-to-day office issues and provides support to all conservation staff.

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Rob Edward is the Carnivore Recovery Director for WildEarth Guardians. Rob has worked on issues pertaining to the restoration and protection of wolves and other carnivores since 1994. In his present capacity, he oversees the scientific, political and public policy aspects of the organization's efforts to restore wolves, grizzly bears, lynx, wolverine and other large carnivores to the American West.

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Billie Gutsell is WildEarth Guardians' Outreach Coordinator. Billie works to build community awareness of and support for bears, cougars and other wildlife. Billie also manages the Boulder, Colorado office and works to support the staff located there.

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Melissa Hailey, JD, is a Staff Attorney for WildEarth Guardians. Melissa identifies and pursues legal challenges to reduce public lands grazing and protect endangered species and their habitats. Melissa's work focuses on safeguarding the wildness of the Gila bioregion, a priority of which includes restoring viable populations of the Mexican gray wolf to the American Southwest.

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John Horning is the Executive Director of WildEarth Guardians and oversees all conservation programs. He directs the organization's Wild Rivers program, the primary focus of which is to assure that federal and state water policies and agencies protect and restore western rivers and the endangered fish and wildlife that depend on them.

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Wendy Keefover-Ring, Carnivore Protection Director, works to advance progressive state and federal management policies for and to educate the public and decision-makers about wild native carnivores such as coyotes, black bears, and mountain lions. A long-standing conservation priority of her work is to reform the federal Wildlife Services agency, which kills approximately 2 million wild creatures annually.

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Lauren McCain, PhD, Desert and Grassland Projects Director, works on protecting and restoring focal species and public lands in these fragile landscapes. Key projects include conserving biodiversity hotspots in the southern prairie; promoting stricter conservation standards on National Grasslands; and advancing Endangered Species Act protection of deserved grassland and desert wildlife including prairie dogs, lesser prairie-chicken, and mountain plovers.

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Jim Matison is WildEarth Guardians' Restoration Projects Director and leads efforts to restore riparian/wetland ecosystems with hands-on habitat restoration projects on private, public, and state school trust lands. He also directs the organization's restoration projects on National Forests, which entail closing roads as a means to restore forest ecosystems.

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Carol Norton, Associate Director for WildEarth Guardians, is responsible for development opportunities and works with donors, foundations and members. She also oversees all organization events as well as administrative tasks including financial accountability, information technology, and internal systems.

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Nicole Rosmarino, PhD directs the Wildlife Program at WildEarth Guardians, which works to protect and restore native wildlife and plants throughout the West. Nicole protects species on the brink through legal enforcement of the Endangered Species Act by catalyzing listings, critical habitat designations, and adequate recovery efforts.

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Mark Salvo, JD is Director of the Sagebrush Sea Campaign for WildEarth Guardians. The campaign focuses public attention and conservation resources on protecting and restoring the vast sagebrush-steppe landscape of the Interior West. Mark leads efforts to

obtain Endangered Species Act protection for the Greater sage grouse, Columbian sharp-tailed grouse and Gunnison sage grouse.

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Rebecca Sobel is the Conservation Organizer for WildEarth Guardians. Rebecca works to mobilize citizens to participate in priority conservation initiatives in order to create political support at state and federal levels for positive conservation decisions. She also manages the organization's activist network.

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Jay Tutchton, JD is the organization's General Counsel and in this role manages the legal staff and litigation docket. Either independently or with the assistance of outside counsel, he pursues litigation to advance WildEarth Guardians' programs.

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Robert Ukeiley, JD is the Director of the Climate and Energy Program as well as serving as a Staff Attorney for that program. He works on advocacy campaigns and litigation aimed at lessening the impacts from the use and extraction of fossil fuels as well as encouraging the use of renewable energy and energy efficiency.

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