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Water Literate Leaders of Northern Colorado

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KIMBERLY TEKAVEC | Source Water Protection Specialist, Northern Water

Kimberly has over 13 years of experience working with communities throughout Colorado helping to develop and implement source water protection plans. She currently leads Northern Water's Source Water Protection Program and she takes pride in her work to ensure the protection and provision of high-quality water for over one million people and thousands of irrigated acres along Colorado's Northern Front Range. She coordinates with various departments internally, along with federal, state, and local agencies, and stakeholder groups on the Front Range and West Slope.

CHRIS CARLSON | Stormwater Division Manager, City of Loveland

Chris Carlson is a 4th generation Coloradoan, a CSU civil engineering graduate, and the Stormwater Division Manager for the City of Loveland. He leads a team responsible for the Big Thompson River Master Plan, Loveland's stormwater capital improvement program, asset/infrastructure management, water quality, floodplain management, an early flood warning alarm system, CCTV pipe inspection, stormwater maintenance, and street sweeping. Chris led the City's "River Team", which coordinated six years of flood recovery work following the 2013 Big Thompson River flood. As part of that effort, he led the development of a multi-objective river master plan that will mitigate flood risk, improve resiliency to future floods, improve river and riparian corridor health, and provide better recreational opportunities. Funding for the River Master Plan was approved in June 2022 with work beginning in 2023. Implementation is now well underway.

MEGAN MAIOLO-HEATH | Communications, Outreach, & Marketing Manager, Coalition for the Poudre River Watershed

Megan grew up on the Front Range of Colorado where her fascination with the outdoors was fostered during backpacking, skiing, camping, and fly fishing outings with her family. At the age of 18, she became a whitewater rafting guide, kick starting her obsession with running rivers and, ultimately, her drive to conserve them. She received her Masters of Public Administration with certificates in Non Profit Management and Environmental Policy, Management & Law from University of Colorado Denver's School of Public Affairs. Megan's love for the environment has guided her career in the nonprofit sector, where she's worked in marketing, community outreach and fundraising for local and international non profit organizations for 15 years.

As Communications, Outreach & Marketing Manager, Megan works to further CPRW's mission of improving and maintaining the ecological health of the Poudre River and sharing CPRW's critical work with the wider public.

In her free time, you can find her exploring the Poudre River Watershed by foot, in a raft or on skis, usually accompanied by her husband, son and dog.

LAURA QUATTRINI | Executive Director, Big Thompson Big Thompson Watershed Coalition

Laura brings over 20 years of experience working for conservation non-profits and an educational background in Wildlife Biology. During this time, she has focused on applying science to natural resource management and engaging in collaborative conservation efforts with a wide range of stakeholders,

partners, and landowners. Through this work, she has become deeply embedded in many conservation initiatives in Colorado and acutely familiar with the watershed and forestry issues facing western communities. She is excited to work on these issues at a more localized level in the Big Thompson watershed.

JOSH BOISSEVAIN | Staff Attorney, Colorado Water Trust

Josh Boissevain is the staff attorney for the Colorado Water Trust after joining the organization in August. Previously, Josh worked as a water lawyer at a small firm for three years where his clients included primarily municipalities, but also ranchers, farmers, and landowners. He also clerked for the Honorable James F. Hartmann in Colorado's Division 1 water court. Josh also served in the Peace Corps in the Republic of Moldova.

AMY BEATIE | Executive Director, Keep It Colorado; Former Deputy Attorney General, Natural Resources and Environment Section

Amy Beatie previously served as a private water attorney, the director of the Colorado Water Trust, a judicial clerk for The Honorable Gregory J. Hobbs of the Colorado Supreme Court, and as the top natural resources and environmental lawyer for the State of Colorado. Ms. Beatie has had wide policy exposure throughout her career. She obtained her undergraduate degree from Dartmouth College and her law degree from the University of Denver Sturm College of Law.