Welcome Elaina Wiegand  
Office Manager

Elaina’s background is a perfect fit for the Office Manager position for the Northwest Colorado Council of Governments. She has spent much of her career coordinating, organizing, and multitasking for a variety of non-profit organizations. She was recently employed by the National Sports Center for the Disabled as a Volunteer Coordinator which prepared her to handle high volumes of requests for information with an eye for details. She has also worked as a Community Organizer, an Event Coordinator, and as Administrative Assistant for AmeriCorps and Mercury Manufacturing. She is looking forward to learning more about the NWCCOG and how towns collaborate to make a difference in the lives of our community. She said, "I also look forward to doing whatever I can to improve workflow and ease in the office. I absolutely love what I do and hope to be helpful to everyone at NWCCOG."

Originally from Trenton, Michigan, she’s been in Summit County for nearly two years. As with most of the people who come to Summit County, she loves the outdoors and enjoys hiking, rock climbing, skiing, running, camping, and exploring - and she loves to take her 3-year-old Aussie mix, Asher, with her whenever she can. In addition to outdoor recreation, she also enjoys concerts, museums, art venues, historic locations, sewing, writing, and learning about other people and places. With her ability to pack all those activities into her life, we think she’ll be a great office manager!

A Word About Water and the People Who Help To Protect It

People often remark about the breadth of services provided by the NWCCOG. A lot of programs are mentioned, but there are...
few observations about the role played by the organization relative to water. There are two
unique, but complimentary organizations within NWCCOG tasked with focusing on arguably the
most critical resource in Colorado - water.

1. The **Water Quality and Quantity Committee (QQ)** comprises municipalities, counties, water
and sanitation districts, and conservancy districts in the headwaters region of Colorado located in
Grand, Summit, Eagle, Pitkin, Park and Gunnison counties. The Colorado River Water
Conservation District is also a QQ member. The QQ Committee is made up of elected and
appointed officials from member jurisdictions.

QQ's purpose is to facilitate and augment the efforts of member jurisdictions to protect and
enhance the region's water quality while encouraging its responsible use for the good of
Colorado citizens and the environment. The QQ Committee monitors water development
activities and participates in legislative and administrative proceedings that affect water quality or
quantity in the basin of origin.

2. NWCCOG is the designated regional water quality management agency for the region, and as
such NWCCOG's **Watershed Services Program** creates and implements a water quality
management plan for the region in compliance with the Clean Water Act. It provides demographic
information, descriptions of wastewater treatment facilities, summaries of trans-mountain
diversions, recommendations for State water quality standards and classifications and an
overview of the Region's water quality over time. Most importantly, it provides policy
recommendations for future water quality management in our region.

One of the most notable accomplishments of these groups, is that after many years of
negotiating clarity standards for Grand Lake, the Water Quality Control Commission recently
adopted the only clarity standard in the state. The coordinated efforts of state, local, and
federal agencies to address water quality is historic. Thanks to the efforts of the QQ members
over the past 25 years, adaptive management and cooperative efforts are becoming the new
normal.

**Lane Wyatt**

**QQ Contract Staff Co-Director & Watershed Services Program Director**

Having been involved with this project in one way or
another since 1987, Lane is certainly an expert in his
field. He works with both groups: QQ and Watershed
Services. Under Watershed Services he administers and
implements NWCCOG's Area-wide Water Quality
Management Plan. He is also part of the contract staff
team for QQ and provides technical assistance to QQ -
primarily on policy matters such as water quality
standards rule-making and Environmental Impact Studies
for trans-mountain diversions.

Lane grew up in Canyon City, but it was while he was at
North Carolina State University that he was recruited for
this position. He made a call about Pollution Trading
He says the best thing about working at NWCCOG is the amazing people: the staff, the terrific Board of Directors, and the QQ Committee. He also says, "The nature of the projects and issues we work on are so interesting and cutting edge."

When asked what he thinks surprises people about what the NWCCOG provides to the community he says, "I don't think many members realize how we can represent them in front of Boards and Commissions on water matters, thus saving considerable money on legal and technical fees."

As for his favorite activities - he says, "Pretty much anything outdoors makes me happy."

**Victoria Jarvis**

**QQ Contract Staff Co-Director**

While studying for the bar exam in the summer of 2013, Torie began working with QQ part-time; becoming full time later that fall. As an independent contractor, she provides policy review and guidance to QQ members on issues relating to environmental health, local authority, and the headwaters economy. Primarily, she serves as QQ's lobbyist during the state legislative session and represents QQ during state administrative proceedings before fulfilling her duties on the Water Quality Control Commission and Oil and Gas Conservation Commission. She and her team also work to actively monitor water development around the state and its impacts on the headwaters region, including trans-mountain diversion oversight.

Torie was born in North Carolina and grew up in Alabama. She began her water career as a raft guide in college at West Virginia University and moved to Telluride to guide in the summer and ski in the winter. She’d done some work as an AmeriCorps*VISTA volunteer working on abandoned mine-land issues and became familiar with Summit County’s water quality issues. Around that time, she also met the man who was to become her husband, (who grew up in Silverthorne). She attended law school in Oregon before starting with QQ and always knew she wanted to return to Summit County.

When asked what she liked best about working with NWCCOG she replied, "The elected officials and staff from the NWCCOG and QQ regions are amazing! They are active and involved in all that we do and really believe in QQ's mission, which makes my job so much more rewarding."

She also thinks, "QQ is a big surprise to people, especially to folks from other parts of the state. We're the only council of governments with a Committee looking directly at environmental, local

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programs for Dillon reservoir to Barbara Green, Independent Counsel for the project (then and now), and ended up in Summit County working on water quality issues in Colorado.
authority, and economic issues, and as such we have a powerful voice on these issues statewide."

It comes as no surprise that when asked what she does in her spare time she answered, "I still spend as much time as possible on rivers around the West. I love the headwaters of the Colorado but also spending time on the desert river sections downstream. I'm always ready for another three week trip through the Grand Canyon. My newest hobby is roller derby, which I started two years ago and LOVE. I also love cooking, especially spicy food, and traveling to new places."

**New Programs Help Match Volunteers to Projects**

Many people in our communities love to volunteer, but sometimes don't know how to find opportunities that make the best use of their skills.

**Volunteer Match** is the online volunteer portal where people can go to search for opportunities in their area. The website [VolunteerMatch.org](http://VolunteerMatch.org) is a resource to find just the right match for your time needs and preferences.

The "Got an Hour? Give it back" campaign was developed by the Aging Network Volunteer Collaborative to help local agencies attract volunteers to programs that work with seniors.

People who are looking specifically for an opportunity to help seniors can go to [GiveItBackToSeniors.org](http://GiveItBackToSeniors.org). This site will link directly to openings where seniors might need a little extra help.

As these programs continue to grow there will be additional opportunities for volunteers to get even more involved.
Senior Day At The State Capital

Each year seniors are treated to a special day at the state capital. Topics are general updates of issues that may have impacts on seniors -- such as healthcare costs, economic programs, etc. This year, the group was also treated to remarks from Governor Hickenlooper. As you can see below, the turnout was very strong!
SAVE the DATES:

Retired and Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) recognition 5/9/16 -
Colorado Mountain College in Edwards
RSVP Volunteer Recognition Event
May 9, 2016 11:00 am - 1:00 pm
Colorado Mountain College in Edwards

REGISTRATION FORM
Return to: Alpine Area RSVP • PO Box 2308 • Silverthorne, CO 80498
FAX (970) 468-1208 • volunteer@nwccog.org

You are cordially invited to attend the RSVP Volunteer Recognition Event.
Event date: Monday, May 9th
Deadline for registration: Monday, May 2, 2016 5:00 pm

RSVP Volunteers: FREE (1 guest can attend for free)
Non-RSVP Volunteers: $20 each

You may pay in advance or at the door with cash or check
Please make checks payable to: NWCCOG

SCHEDULE
11 am—Noon  Registration and Visit with Volunteer Stations
Noon—1 pm  Buffet lunch and awards ceremony

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Senior Awards Luncheon - 5/11/16, Summit County Community and Senior Center in Frisco
For registration Information Contact Amanda at noc12@nwccog.org
2016 Senior Awards Ceremony
"Blaze a Trail"
May 11, 2016
10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
Summit County Community and Senior Center

Caregiver Conference 6/14/2016
For more information contact Erin at aaa12@nwccog.org

Caregiver Conference
Free
Lunch Included
June 14, 2016
Glenwood Springs Community Center
9 AM - 3:30 PM
Planning for the Future / Planning for Yourself / Planning for Your Loved Ones
2016 NWCCOG COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULE

Thursday, May 26, 2016  
**Full Council & EDD Board Meeting**  
Location: Glenwood Springs Community Center, 100 Wulfsohn Road, Glenwood Springs  
Time: 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.  
Primary Agenda Items: Review/acceptance of 2015 audit; presentations by the City of Glenwood Springs and the State Demographer's office; program updates.

Thursday, July 28, 2016  
**Full Council Meeting**  
Location: Walden, Meeting Room TBD  
Time: 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.  
Primary Agenda Items: Approval of 2017 dues; discussion re: Annual Planning Meeting Agenda

Thursday, August 25, 2016  
**Full Council & EDD Board Annual Planning Meeting**  
Location: Buffalo Mountain Room, Summit County Commons, Frisco  
Time: 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.  
Primary Agenda Items: Strategic Planning for 2017

Thursday, October 27, 2016  
**Full Council Meeting**  
Location: NWCCOG Office/Conference Call  
Time: 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.  
Primary Agenda Items: Review of draft 2017 budget

Thursday, December 8, 2016  
**Full Council & Foundation Board Meeting**  
Location: NWCCOG Office/Conference Call  
Time: 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.  
Primary Agenda Items: 2016 budget revisions; approve 2017 budget; adopt 2017 meeting schedule; annual NWCCOG Foundation Board meeting.

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