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STANLEY, IDAHO—The Sawtooth Society is pleased to announce Kathryn Davis Grohusky as its new executive director. Grohusky, who specializes in leadership development, brings a diverse and highly relevant background to her new position. Grohusky has been a successful manager and energetic leader passionate about protecting wild places, providing superior project management and cultivating leadership and high performing teams.

She has experience in conservation, natural resources management, not-for-profit business management, volunteer management, environmental education, non-profit development, teaching, communications, coaching and training in environmental, government and not-for-profit leadership roles.



Grohusky has most recently served for several years as a Leadership Faculty for the U.S. Department of Veteran’s Affairs Aspiring Leaders Program (vALP) offering coaching and instructional services through the business she founded, CoachGro LLC. Her coaching business also included private international clients and local leadership workshops. Prior to coaching, she gained ten years of managerial experience as the Manager of the Summit County Community and Senior Center in Frisco, Colo. and as the Assistant Director of Keystone Science School in Keystone, Colo. Her leadership skills also include fifteen years of guiding and teaching outdoors for organizations including The National Outdoor Leadership School, Wyo., Breckenridge Outdoor Education Center, Colo., High Mountain Institute, Colo., Vail Mountain School, Colo., Teton Science School, Wyo., Colorado State University, Colo. and UC Berkeley, Calif.

Grohusky has volunteered in many board and committee roles during her 22-year residence in Summit County, Colo. She served on the Board of Directors as the Development Chair for The Peak School and most relevant to her new Sawtooth Society role, she was a founder and Board President for Friends of the Dillon Ranger District (FDRD). FDRD is a non-profit organization that partners with the USFS Dillon Ranger District of Summit County, Colo. by leveraging the power of

volunteers to assure that the White River National Forest in Summit, a world-class destination enjoyed by millions of people each year, is not negatively impacted by its popularity.

“Being offered this role as the Executive Director of the Sawtooth Society is a great honor,” said Grohusky. “What a valuable opportunity to work locally, regionally and nationally to protect the rare gem of wild land that is the 756,000-acre Sawtooth National Recreation Area. I look forward to developing the Sawtooth Society’s mutually beneficial partnerships and relationships from Stanley through the Wood River Valley, across the State of Idaho, regionally and nationally to preserve, protect and enhance the Sawtooth NRA.”

Grohusky earned her MS in Natural Resources Recreation and Tourism from Colorado State University and her BS from The Colorado College, Colorado Springs, Colo. Grohusky and her husband Brad Grohusky and their two high school freshman children moved to Hailey, Idaho earlier this summer from Colorado. They are all eager to participate in and enjoy the Wood River and Sawtooth Valley mountain lifestyles fulfilling their passion for outdoor explorations on bikes and in hiking and ski boots.

“Kathryn brings to the Society a wealth of experience in recreation management of public lands, non-profit leadership, development and volunteer management,” said Sawtooth Society President and Director Hans Carstensen. “We are very fortunate and pleased that Kathryn has chosen to join us to lead the Society.”

Formed in 1997, the nonprofit and nonpartisan Sawtooth Society is the only organization dedicated exclusively to protecting, preserving and enhancing the magnificent 756,000-acres that is the Sawtooth National Recreation Area. The many accomplishments of the Sawtooth Society include supporting the Boulder-White Clouds Mountains Wilderness areas, reducing budget cuts, leading the effort to reduce the risk of another catastrophic wildfire, encouraging inconspicuous development, helping to secure funding for \$20 million in conservation easements, championing the long-range Sawtooth Vision 20/20 planning and investing over \$750,000 in more than 190 projects to enhance recreation. In addition, the Sawtooth Society has established the largest of its kind volunteer program involving hundreds of urban and at-risk youth to do projects on the ground, build their understanding of nature, disconnect from technology and open their eyes to the grandeur of the area. For more information, email Kathryn Davis Grohusky at [kathryn@sawtoothsociety.org](mailto:kathryn@sawtoothsociety.org), call (208) 721-1495 or visit [www.sawtoothsociety.org](http://www.sawtoothsociety.org).