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STANLEY, IDAHO—The Sawtooth Society is pleased to announce its new hire Kelly Conde as its permanent and full-time volunteer/membership coordinator. Conde is a graduate of the University of Montana with a Master’s degree in environmental journalism with a focus on policy.

A native of Boise, Conde said growing up, she always made a summer trip to Stanley with her family. During her undergraduate years at Montana State University, where she received a degree in environmental science, Conde also worked for a watershed hydrology lab, which had a field site near Stanley.

An avid rafter, Conde guided for The River Company, based in Stanley, for several summers after graduating from college. She also volunteered for the Peace Corps in Morocco for two years.

“I am heading up the new Austin Kraal Memorial Volunteer program, which is already the largest volunteer program aimed at helping to accomplish critical projects on the ground in the Sawtooth NRA,” she said. “I am very excited about getting people out there and working and we have a variety of projects scheduled for this summer, which groups of all ages and abilities can accomplish. One of my goals is to make it easy to volunteer—providing the project, equipment, training and even the lunches!”

Conde is also in charge of membership outreach and the Sawtooth Society’s social media where she plans to bring her creativity to get the word out about the Society and help sponsor and organize events with Society partners who also care deeply about the Sawtooth NRA.

“Getting more traffic on our Facebook and website pages so everyone can learn about what we are doing to help the Sawtooth NRA is one of my main goals,” she said. “I will also be doing additional policy work for the Society, which will be a great opportunity to more fully use my degrees.”

Executive Director, Gary O’Malley said, “We’re very fortunate to have someone with Kelly’s educational and professional background take on this new and growing segment of our work. I’m confident that with Kelly’s energy and passion, she will take the good work that has been done to-date to a completely new level.”

The Sawtooth Society offers memberships, programs, grants and volunteer opportunities to benefit the area and has a number of upcoming volunteer projects and donation opportunities for getting involved. For details and more information, visit the Sawtooth Society’s www.sawtoothsociety.org or email kelly@sawtoothsociety.org.

