

### *ENVS student of the Week*

**Taja’Mir Butler-Rucker**, a first year student majoring in ENVS, was drawn to Western by the student-teacher ratio and the location because the town of Gunnison is so remote yet alive, and the beauty that rests in the valley, to her, is breathtaking. She knew that this would be the place to get out of her comfort zone, and interact within the community. With a dream job of being an environmental cinematographer, Taj follows the term “change your views, change the world,” as a motto for her studies. She wants to be inspired by the knowledge of what has, is, and will happen- and what she can do to fix it. She is an ENVS major, because she wants to *know what she can do, to bring peace to mother earth, and all of her inhabitants.*



Here’s the link to the [Master in Environmental Management Calendar](#)

### *Meetings*

**Upper Gunnison River Water Conservancy District Monthly Board Meetings:** They are always discussing interesting resource management issues and typically have guest speakers. The board is made up of a diverse set of stakeholders and is a great place to meet some of the leading voices in resource issues in the area. These public meetings are **typically held the last Monday of the month from 5:30pm to about 8:30pm**. They meet at the District office 210 West Spencer Suit B here in Gunnison. Find more info [here](#).

**Gunnison Sage-grouse Strategic Committee Meetings:** With representatives of the FS, BLM, USFWS, CPW, Gunnison County, HCCA, and several other community members, these meetings are all about the latest issues and lawsuits in the sage-grouse saga. The next public meeting is scheduled for **November 20th, from 10am-2pm** at the Courthouse at 200 E. Virginia here in Gunnison .More info [here](#).

**Colorado Chapter of The Wildlife Society Annual Meeting:** We invite you to present an oral presentation or poster on the topics of wildlife research, ecology, management, conservation, education, or policy at the 2016 annual meeting of the [Colorado Chapter of The Wildlife Society](#) Abstract Submission Deadline: January 8th , 2016 Meeting date is **February 3rd -5th 2016**, at the Double Tree Hotel, Colorado Springs, CO. More info in the attachment.

**Arkansas River Watershed Collaborative Meeting:** Anyone interested in the Arkansas River Basin interested in Watershed Health and building the collaborative is welcome to attend this meeting to gather information as they move forward in developing the organization's vision, mission, and planning process and will be welcoming local hosts Andrew Mackie from Land Trust of the Upper Arkansas, Jacob Mohrmann from Headwaters of the Arkansas Watershed group, and Terry Scanga from Upper Arkansas Water Conservancy District. There will be a discussion on the challenges/opportunities related to watershed health, how ARWC can add value to basin-wide watershed health and current efforts, and a path moving forward for the organization. This meeting will be held at The Scout Hut, 210 East Sackett Avenue, Salida, CO (east side of Riverside Park) on **Thursday, December 3, 2015 from 10 am to 3:00 pm. Please RSVP by Monday November 30. To RSVP, reply to this email ([Deb@ArkCollaborative.org](mailto:Deb@ArkCollaborative.org)).**

### *Items of Interest*

**Forest Forecasts:** The Aspen Center for Environmental Studies just released an interactive new tool called Forest Forecasts. It allows the user to select from over 100 different plant species and map how they are projected to shift based on best or worst-case climate scenarios. Check it out at [Forest Forecasts](#)

**Writing/Designing Winning NSF Proposals Workshop:** This comprehensive workshop is geared for those who wish to submit winning research proposals to the National Science Foundation (NSF) at a cost of \$375. See more info on this workshop and others at [NSF Proposals Workshop](#).

**Help the Gunnison Angling Society Chapter of Trout Unlimited Kick off Their Gunnison Basin Adopt-a-Trout Program:** Adopt-a-Trout is a youth education program that creates the next generation of conservationists and fisheries stewards and allows students to connect with their local environment as well as foster a life-long appreciation of natural systems. You can make a donation [here](#). Their goal is to reach \$1,400, make a donation today!

**FreeCycle:** Student-run and in need of donations. If you have any unwanted and gently used items, please consider donating them to this program. [FreeCycle](#) is in the basement of Ute Hall and is **open weekdays from 3-5 pm**. You may also drop off donations in the LEAD Office (UC 118). FreeCycle is currently being managed by Cara Leapley, a Student Sustainability Coordinator, MEM students and a team of volunteers.

**13th Annual P3 Awards: A National Student Design Competition for Sustainability Focusing on People, Prosperity and the Planet:** The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) announces the posting of the Request for Applications, [P3-People, Prosperity and the Planet Award Program](#), with the goal to research, develop and design solutions to real world challenges involving the overall sustainability of human society. **Open date: 10/06/2015 - Close Date: 12/08/2015.**

**Interagency Forum on Climate Change Impacts and Adaptations:** They meet regularly in Washington, D.C (you can attend over the phone) to discuss climate change impacts and adaptations in government. NASA, DOI, and the U.S. Global Change Research Program co-host this informal forum on climate change impacts and adaptations. Here's the description from the [website](#).

**Master Student Business Cards:** Through B&B printers, you can develop your own card, separate from Western, with a cost of \$60.00 for 250 cards. However, if you want to use the Western Template, then it will only be \$32.00 for 250 cards. To receive the template, email [mcasteel-denney@western.edu](mailto:mcasteel-denney@western.edu).

**Study Abroad Course in Malawi:** Through the University of Rochester. A great course that allows students from any background the opportunity to conduct field based research. They offer undergrad and graduate level courses. For more information visit their [website](#).

**Special Planetary Health Presentation:** The Center for Environment & Sustainability welcomes you to a lecture by Harvard School of Public Health Professor Samuel Myers. This talk is entitled “Planetary Health: A New Paradigm for Global Health in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century.” Dr. Myers’ bio is attached, but one interesting note is that his presentation for us serves as a dry-run for a lecture he is giving as an upcoming recipient of the “Prince Albert II of Monaco-Institut Pasteur Award.” Dr. Myers earned this award for “outstanding work and publications in the field of the impact of global environmental and climatic changes on human health.” The talk will occur in Borick 118 at **3:30 this Monday, November 16.**

### *Housing Available*

**Gunnison Marketplace :** A good place to look for housing on the closed Facebook group that you can request to be a part of. It is more widely used than Craigslist and has new postings all the time.

### *Volunteering and Training Opportunities*

**Telluride Fire Festival In Need of Western Student’s Help: January 14th-18th, 2016,** Suzanne Ewy is working with Erin Ries, Director of the Telluride Fire Festival, to bring some Western students to the Fire Festival to explain the science behind the fire based art in the festival. This art is similar to that found at Burning Man, etc., and the artists often exhibit/perform at both. What they’re looking for this year is a few students to help put together educational posters (and perhaps students who would like to hang out in person) explaining what science is going on in the art - physics, chemistry, etc. More info at: Telluride Fire Festival (<http://telluridefirefestival.org>). To work on this project, email Suzanne Ewy at [sewy@western.edu](mailto:sewy@western.edu).

**The Gunnison Center for Adult and Family Education (CAFE):** Seeking volunteers interested in working with adult English Language Learners and their children. This program provides Adult English Language Learners (ELL) classes and classes for children of adult ELL students. They are **looking for volunteers who can commit around two hours a week**. No experience is necessary, and volunteers do not need to speak any Spanish. The classes for ELL adults and the classes for ELL children meet **Monday and Wednesday evenings** at the Community School Library **from 6:00-8:00 pm**. They also need help with a class of women **Tuesday and Thursday mornings from 8:30-10:30am** at the Multicultural Resource office in the social services building. For more information, contact Karen Hausdoerffer. [khausdoerffer@western.edu](mailto:khausdoerffer@western.edu) or Marsha Collins (our director) at the CAFE office 641-7684.

**GOCO Seeking Peer Reviewers for Local Government Land Acquisition, Local Park and Outdoor Recreation, Mini and Planning Grant Applications:** Participating in a peer review is an excellent professional development opportunity, and you will be exposed to new and innovative ideas from your peers around the state. To volunteer to be a GOCO grant peer reviewer, please email Madison Brannigan at [mbrannigan@goco.org](mailto:mbrannigan@goco.org) with your complete mailing address and daytime phone number.

**Volunteer Abroad for Students of WSCU:** Volunteering and service-learning abroad opportunity with One Heart Source, an entrepreneurial non-profit organization that designs and catalyzes education programs that empower vulnerable people and communities with choice and opportunity, in Jamaica and South Africa for next summer. They offer a variety of 2 and 4 week programs in Jamaica and South Africa! Upcoming **application deadline is Next Friday, November 20. Apply here for our Volunteer Programs: [2016 Application](#)**. For their website, go [here](#). Email Farook Khan at [farook@oneheartsource.org](mailto:farook@oneheartsource.org) if you have any questions.

**DOI Learn Website:** This is a great resource for training and classes related to public lands. Some of the classes cost money, but others are free. Check it out at [DOI Learn](#).

**Leadership Speakers:** *What is Leadership?* Provides diverse speakers who allow us insight into leadership from a variety of lenses – be that poor leadership (the power of hindsight), accidental or intentional leadership, etc. Up next, we will hear from a documentary film editor on **this Monday, November 16th**. Please see attached poster for details, as well as visit [here](#) for more details and archives. As always, if you'd like to partner to bring in a speaker, please contact Brooke Moran. Further, if you're interested in having any folks visit with your classes or other groups, please contact Brooke at [bmoran@western.edu](mailto:bmoran@western.edu)

**Gunnison Valley Animal Welfare League:** Looking for volunteers. They are always **in need of weekly volunteers, which is a 2 hour commitment** (either morning/evening dog care, or afternoon dog walkers). They are also always looking for foster care providers for dogs. Contact Liz Moore ([703 283-4895](tel:7032834895)) with any general questions, Kayce at ([970 238-0252](tel:9702380252)) to get started fostering, and Erika Landis at ([303 809-8659](tel:3038098659)) for volunteering!

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## *Conferences*

**Tamarisk Coalition to Present at Their February 2016 Conference:** If you have been working on stream restoration, then consider submitting an abstract to the Tamarisk Coalition to present at their **February 2016** conference in Grand Junction. Check out their website [here](#). There are scholarships available too, if you want to attend and learn more about what people are doing in the riparian restoration world.

**Western Slope Soil Health Conference:** The Western Slope Soil Health Conference is the premier education event which is designed for the unique challenges that are region includes and provides a range of topics from the basics to advanced applications. **Taking place on February 11th & 12th, 2016** at the Delta Performing Arts Center in Delta, CO. Featured presenters: Gabe Brown from Brown's Ranch and Jay Fuhrer and NRCS Conservationist with local and regional speakers being added. For registration visit [here](#), call 970-874-4992, or Email: [Paul@Deltacountyed.org](mailto:Paul@Deltacountyed.org). Early registration is from (September 1st, 2015 to January, 22nd 2016.) Fee for college students is \$20 with a valid school ID required. General admission is \$40. Late registration/At door is still \$20 for students and \$50 for general admission.

**The 2016 National Environmental Justice Conference and Training Program:** Planners are inviting individuals to submit abstracts, not to exceed two pages, related to environmental justice at the 9th Annual National Conference on Health Disparities on **March 9-12, 2016** in Washington, D.C., with a theme of “A National Dialogue for Building Healthy Communities.” More info [here](#).

**SER Regional Conference:** This conference encompasses not only land management, and environmental restoration but also climate change implications, and adaptive management techniques. This conference will be taking place in Portland, OR, **April 4th-8th, 2016**, and may present a field trip opportunity as well as in the Washington/Oregon area on the 8th. Western student, MaryYoung would like to get a small group to drive out there, having to leave on the 3rd of April and there until the 10th. If anyone is interested, please email Mary at [mary.young@western.edu](mailto:mary.young@western.edu). More info at [SER Regional Conference](#).

### ***Jobs, Internships, and Fellowships***

**The Sustainability Program Coordinator/Manager Position:** The Sustainability Program Coordinator/Manager supports Lehigh University’s, in Bethlehem, Pennsylvania, advancement of sustainability strategies and goals by aligning communications, outreach, education, and behavior change with sustainability commitments. You can apply [here](#). More information on [Leigh’s sustainability](#) and their [Facebook page](#).

**The Mickey Leland Energy Fellowship Program:** The Mickey Leland Energy Fellowship (MLEF) Program provides students with opportunities to gain hands-on research experience with the Department of Energy’s (DOE) Office of Fossil Energy (FE). The application process **closes on December 21<sup>st</sup>**. The selection process will begin in January. See [Fellowship program](#) for updates when available. Also, you can email [MLEF@hq.doe.gov](mailto:MLEF@hq.doe.gov) for more information.

**Watershed Coordinator Position:** The Evans Economic Development Department in association with the Middle South Platte River Alliance (MSPRA) is seeking an independent, self-motivated, and outgoing individual to fill the role of Watershed Coordinator for the Alliance. More information [here](#). Position open until filled.

**Canary is Hiring:** They are looking to hire someone starting **in December** to help them with the Aspen Energy Challenge, Climate Action Planning, Climate Resiliency work and lots of other great programs. Please direct questions and find more positions at [city of Aspen](#).



Students race solar cars in Johnathan Coop’s 301 Science of Sustainability and Resilience.

**Garden Manager Position:** The Colorado Rocky Mountain School in Carbondale, Colorado, is now hiring a Garden Manager and is accepting applications from qualified candidates **until November 20th 2015**. More info [here](#).

**Upper Gunnison Natural Resources Information Center Project Intern:** They are still accepting more interns to work on the Upper Gunnison Natural Resource Information Center project, which is an ongoing effort to assemble research, data, and studies relating to the natural resources in the Gunnison Basin; convert this information into a searchable electronic format; and make this information easily accessible to researchers, students, and the general public on the web into next semester as well. To apply please contact Frances Bursch at [bursch@sdsu.org](mailto:bursch@sdsu.org) with a resume and brief letter of interest.

**Denver-Based GIS Intern:** Intern will provide operational support to various GIS projects; generate/maintain digital, geo-referenced spatial data (geospatial data) and evaluate it for spatial accuracy and source data consistency; generate, modify, and/or evaluate metadata for geospatial data; assist Field Offices in GIS database construction and maintenance; and work with a diverse group of resource specialists, planners, and managers. Send application materials to Gail Bower, Education Coordinator/ HR Manager Western Colorado Conservation Corps: [970-241-1027](tel:970-241-1027) [gbower@mesapartners.org](mailto:gbower@mesapartners.org) and more info on other positions [here](#).

**Western Washington University Hiring for Sustainable Cities Program Coordinator:** The Sustainable Cities Program (SCP) is an innovative community-engagement program that coordinates existing courses throughout the university and across disciplines to serve a single city during an entire academic year. Please see [here](#) for information on this. The Sustainable Cities Program (SCP) Program Coordinator will coordinate, organize, and manage the activity related to matching academic opportunities with city (or other entity) partners and more. For more info and application procedures go [here](#). Deadline for this is **this Sunday, November 15th, 2015**.

**Mills College Job Posting: Farm Manager Position:** This position is responsible for directing the planning, implementation and operation of a new 2.5 acre urban farm at Mills College in Oakland, California. They are looking for someone with prior experience leading a farm business, working with young adults, and integrating a farm into academics. See full job description and apply online at [Farm Manager](#). Let Nicole Gaetjens know if you have any questions at [mills.edu/green](http://mills.edu/green), [ngaetjens@mills.edu](mailto:ngaetjens@mills.edu) or her phone: [510.430.3224](tel:510.430.3224).

**FT Assistant Weed Control Supervisor Position:** Chaffee County BOCC is currently accepting applications for a FT Assistant Weed Control Supervisor. Duties include, but not limited to, working with Weed Supervisor in identifying and spraying noxious weeds, maintenance of proper permits, documentation of field operations, maintaining daily records, grant writing, preparing reports, developing and maintaining related maps. A complete job description and application can be obtained at under [Job Opportunities](#). Interviews will begin in January 2016; job responsibilities will begin April 1, 2016. Applications with resumes will be accepted at the County Finance Office, 104 Crestone Ave, Rm 220, PO Box 699, Salida, CO 81201, or email to [bvenes@chaffeecounty.org](mailto:bvenes@chaffeecounty.org). **Applications will be accepted until 5:00pm, December 20th.**

**YMCA of Greater Nashua Director of Development Position:** The YMCA of Greater Nashua in Merrimack, NH, is a growing Association that established itself as a leader in the health and wellness area to meet the needs of the community. Come join an innovative team working together to provide lifelong personal growth and the development of a healthy spirit, mind and body for all. The Director of Development is responsible for all streams of fundraising of the YMCA of Greater Nashua, including the annual support campaign, major gift fundraising, special event fundraising, corporate gifts, capital campaigns, foundation grants, and planned giving. Please send resume and references to Elizabeth Covino, Director of Community Relations at [ecovino@nymymca.org](mailto:ecovino@nymymca.org) and visit our website at [nymymca.org](http://nymymca.org) to apply. Position open until filled.

**AmeriCorps Youth and Community Coordinator Position:** Duties include coordinating with the US Forest Service the creation of a Youth Advisory Council to inform/determine long-term priorities for the Grand Mesa, Uncompahgre, and Gunnison National Forests. For more info on job listing go here, go here at their [website](#)