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## New Board of Directors Candidate Biography Form

**Board Candidate:** Kira Christensen, P.E.

**Affiliation:** Civil Engineer, Tributary Habitat Program, U.S. Bureau of Reclamation

**Location:** Boise, Idaho, USA

**Focus/Specialties:** I am most interested in the collaboration of government agencies, non-government organizations and landowners to promote habitat restoration for endangered species populations in the Pacific Northwest.

**Specialties:** I have a special interest in communication and finding common ground to resolve conflicts and allow for restoration work to move forward. I also am a registered professional engineer with a license in civil engineering.

**Biographical Sketch:** I was lucky enough to spend my childhood in Idaho and grew up hiking, camping, and fishing all over the northwest. Following my parents' example, I started working in natural resources in 2004 as a student intern for the Bureau of Land Management (BLM). After gaining experience in water rights, mining claims, and the fire program I settled into civil engineering, where obtained a degree and worked for the BLM as a civil engineer for 12 years. In 2016 I moved to the Bureau of Reclamation where I've worked in the Tributary Habitat Program for over 6 years now, focusing on habitat restoration work in Idaho, Washington, and Oregon.

**Statement of Interest:** I have been attending RRNW since 2017 and am always impressed by the symposiums. I hope to bring my logistical and planning skills to the table to assist in coordinating future events and supporting the sharing of information related to river restoration with students and practitioners in the Pacific Northwest.