

MENV Capstone Team

We are Masters of the Environment (MENV) students at the University of Colorado Boulder partnering with the Northwest Colorado Cultural Heritage Program to help leverage the Flat Tops Trail Scenic Byway as an asset for cultural and historical preservation, economic development, environmental conservation, and outdoor recreation.



Aviva North is specializing in Sustainability in the Outdoor Industry and is currently a Community Vitality Intern with the City of Boulder. Previously, she graduated with a degree in Geography from Mount Holyoke College. Between educational pursuits, she was an Admission Counselor at the University of Colorado Boulder, where she increased community engagement and recruitment efforts in Colorado's Western Slope region, including Northwest Colorado, and helped develop the CU Boulder Rural Network on campus. Currently, Aviva's career goals center around environmentally sustainable community economic development for tourism-dependent regions.



Daniel Raggio is specializing in Sustainability in the Outdoor Industry and hopes to focus on developing sustainable outdoor recreation programs within rural and urban communities. Daniel graduated from Northern Arizona University with a double major in Astronomy and Geophysics. He currently works for REI Co-op, serves as an alumni adviser for leadership development for the Sigma Nu Chapter at Northern Arizona University, and has focused on personal and athletic development as a coach for high school track and field and cross country.



Joey Putnam is a community conservationist specializing in Sustainability in the Outdoor Industry. He combines natural resource management and outdoor recreation for sustainable community development. During his time as a seasonal crew member for the Montana Conservation Corps, he engaged local and federal stakeholders on issues of land use and tourism near Glacier National Park. Prior to entering conservation, Joey studied English literature and American Studies at St. Olaf College in Northfield, Minnesota. He uses this background in the humanities to bring a unique and creative perspective on environmentalism, drawing on people's relationship to place and culture as a way to form alliances across diverse sets of stakeholders.



Rebecca Burd is specializing in Environmental and Natural Resources Policy in MENV and hopes to work on wildlife conservation and protection in her future career. She is a Venezuelan-Russian Jew who is also passionate about preserving history and cultures and enjoys Latin dance and snowboarding. She graduated from American University with a Bachelor of Arts in International Studies and currently works at the National Renewable Energy Laboratory as a Markets and Policy Intern.