

Daisy Patterson



Education

M.S. Department of Environmental Studies
Focus on Natural Resource Conflict Resolution
The University of Montana, 2008.

B.A. Department of English
Davidson College, 2001.

Affiliations

- Member, Board for the Intermountain Chapter of the International Association for Public Participation
- Mediator, Community Dispute Resolution Center, Missoula, MT

Positions

- Associate, Center for Natural Resources and Environmental Policy, 2006-present

Daisy Patterson is an Associate with the Center for Natural Resources at the University of Montana. Before joining CNREP, Daisy spent one year with the Bureau of Land Management and four years with the Forest Service as a firefighter looking at the environmental conflicts surrounding wildland fires and fuels reduction projects. During the past years at CNREP, Daisy has worked with several communities, agencies, and stakeholder groups in western Montana and the Eastern Sierras on designing and facilitating public processes to address issues related to landscape conservation, interagency coordination, land use planning and growth management, transportation, and fish and wildlife. Ms. Patterson also applies knowledge of web design and development when useful in projects. Daisy lectures in the Natural Resource Conflict Resolution Program at the University of Montana, and serves on the Board of Advisors for the Intermountain Chapter of the International Association for Public Participation.

Eastern Sierra Land Tenure. 2008-present. Ms. Patterson is working with the Sierra Business Council, the Sierra Nevada Conservancy, the Bureau of Land Management, and several other partners to identify opportunities for land exchanges along the east-side of the Sierra Nevada. The objectives of the land tenure project are to facilitate sustainable growth and open space conservation.

Crown of the Continent. 2006-present. Conducted situation assessment of regional collaboration in the Crown region, the status of communication among members of the Crown Manager's Partnership (CMP), and the potential for further networking among stakeholders in the Crown region. Developed profiling documents for place-based organizations within the Crown region. Contributed to workshops on regional collaboration and stewardship. Provided the technical skills to develop a website that encourages networking among Crown stakeholders and provides a repository of information including images, presentations, and contact directories. Currently working to strengthen relationships among members of the business community in the Crown.

Facilitator and Process Design Consultant. County-wide Zoning. 2007-2008. Conducted 30+ initial interviews to determine feasibility of county-proposed public participation plan and provided a situation assessment report. Currently in the process of facilitating and mediating the public process in Ravalli County to develop a countywide zoning code and map. Provided advice to the Board of County Commissioners, planners, and technical experts on the public process; helped adapt the public process based on what works and what doesn't; facilitated 20+ community-based public meetings, forums, and roundtables involving 20-150 mostly angry participants; and mediated numerous sessions with a group of 10 recognized leaders representing different points of view.

Land Use Planning in the Ninemile Valley. 2007. Interviewed residents and conducted situation assessment to assist in determining next steps for land use planning for the Ninemile Valley in Montana. Managed website to catalogue information including interview notes, report drafts, maps, charts, and tables. Organized public meeting to present findings from assessment, gather feedback from the community, and connect interested land use planning organizations with community members seeking their services.