

We're happy to present the **October 2012 issue** of NWF's Young Professionals Listserv. Please use this listserv to share your own initiatives, pose questions and network by simply emailing [youngprofessionals@lists.nationalwildlife.org](mailto:youngprofessionals@lists.nationalwildlife.org).

Also, don't forget to check out NWF's alumni/young professionals' networks on [Facebook](#) and [Linked In](#).

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### **ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT**

*Christopher Noonan*  
*2006 Campus Ecology Fellow*  
*Worcester State University, MA*

#### **Project:**

Chris founded the campus Environmental Advocacy Group at Worcester State University and developed an environmental master plan for his campus, strengthening recycling efforts and implementing strategies for converting to renewable energy.

Worcester has installed 540 solar panels on the roof of a campus building. At the time of the Fellowship, the installation was the largest on any college campus in the state – and the largest in Worcester. The photovoltaic array generates 140,000 kWh of electricity annually, or enough energy to supply electricity to 20 homes of about 2,800 square feet each.

Since Chris's Fellowship, the Environmental Advocacy group is now a major student organization and has continued to meet and organize projects and events on campus. WSU has recently hired a full time Campus Sustainability Coordinator, installed a second 100kW photovoltaic solar array on a campus building, and continued with a range of activities including speakers, green career fairs and efforts to reduce waste and improve efficiencies on campus.

#### **What he's doing now:**

Following his Fellowship, Chris earned his Master's of Science in Environmental Science and Policy from Clark University. Currently, Chris serves as Senior Program Advisor for the Institute for Energy & Sustainability (IES) where he has taken a lead role in a number of projects attracting businesses, jobs and sustainability practice to Central New England; including installation of electric vehicle charging stations, host to a smart grid venture showcase with 12 international early-stage smart grid companies, and a HUD funded brownfield remediation project in Worcester, MA. In addition to his work with IES, Chris co-hosts "Energy This Week" a weekly radio program on WCRN 830AM, has a guest column in the MA High Tech Journal and serves on the Board of Directors for the Association of Clean Teach Incubators of New England.

What are YOU up to? We love to hear all of the exciting and inspiring things NWF alumni are investing their time in. Let us know ([cochranc@nwf.org](mailto:cochranc@nwf.org)) and you could be featured in the “Alumni Spotlight.”

## ***JOBS/OPPORTUNITIES***

### ***Bureau of Land Management Recreation Ranger and Geology Intern Bakersfield, CA***

American Conservation Experience, a nationwide Non-Profit Conservation Corps based in Flagstaff, Arizona, in partnership with the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Bakersfield Field Office, is seeking one intern to dedicate 24-weeks to provide recreational services and locatable minerals management monitoring within the recreation area for the Bakersfield Field Office in California.

[More Information](#)

### ***Sustainable Water Markets Fellowship Program, The Bren School of Environmental Science & Management University of California, Santa Barbara***

The Bren School of Environmental Science & Management at the University of California, Santa Barbara is now accepting applications for their new Walton Family Foundation Sustainable Water Markets Fellowship Program. This program offers a rich education in science, economics, policy, business and law, augmented by specialized training in innovative approaches to sustainable water resources management and conservation planning. Fellows will receive career-oriented training, including preparation in collaborative problem solving and development of leadership and project management skills.

[More Information](#)

### ***Youth Outdoor Recreation Outreach Coordinator – YOuROC Arizona, Colorado, Idaho, South Dakota***

Do you have a passion for the outdoors, love the American West and embrace social media? Do you have what it takes to inspire and motivate your peers? If so, YOU could lead a brand new youth outreach effort encouraging young people to Get Out West!

Outdoor Nation and the Western Governors’ Association have launched a new campaign called Youth Outdoor Recreation Outreach Coordinator (YOuROC). The campaign will empower one young, extraordinary leader in each western state to spearhead an outreach program that inspires a new generation to get outdoors. The YOuROC program is an once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to work with your Governor to promote your state’s great outdoor places. The first phase of the program will launch in Arizona, Colorado, Idaho and South Dakota. Other western states will be announced soon, so return to this webpage for more information!

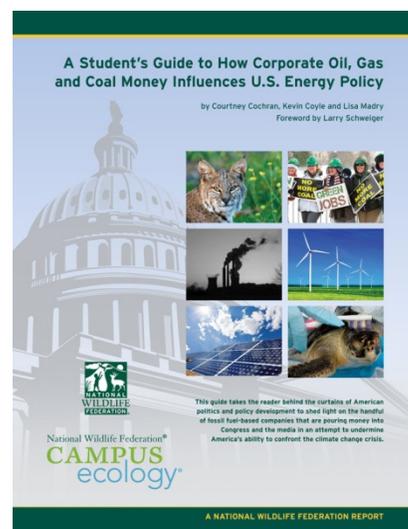
Don’t delay – applications are due October 5<sup>th</sup>!

[More Information](#)

## **TAKE ACTION**

## *NWF Releases New Report on Dirty Energy Politics*

NWF's Campus Ecology Program recently released a new report titled, "[A Student's Guide to How Corporate Oil, Gas and Coal Money Influences U.S. Energy Policy](#)". The guide is intended to serve as a primer for college students to understand the influence that the corporate fossil fuel industry has in U.S. energy policy and public decision-making. The guide describes how the energy industry bankrolls the campaigns of incumbent Congressional representatives holding key energy and environment committee assignments as well as other candidates through generous donations to political action committees (PACs), super PACs, non-profit groups and other entities that contribute to campaigns and run independent expenditures, some without public disclosure of donors.



**This new resource also includes a call to action for students to stand up and push back against the influence that the fossil fuel industry is having on the political process.**

The report is sponsored by Energy Action Coalition's [Power Vote campaign](#) and was released in conjunction with the **Power Vote National Day of Action**, September 20<sup>th</sup>, on which students and youth activists across the country joined together in calling for the end of dirty money political contributions by big polluters. More than 50 events, including rallies and voter registration drives have taken part as a part of the campaign, and thousands have signed the Power Vote pledge promising to vote for a clean energy future in this election.

Visit [www.CampusEcology.org/DirtyEnergyPolitics](http://www.CampusEcology.org/DirtyEnergyPolitics) to download the report and learn what you can do to take action!

## ***IN THE NEWS***

### *Farmscape: The Changing Rural Environment – A Play*

In late 2007, Mary Swander, Iowa's poet laureate and a professor at Iowa State University, assigned her students a verbatim play about the challenges farmers face. "I wanted them to learn the complexity of the farming issue, how political, how contentious it is," she recalls.

Fanning out across the state, the students, many of whom had never set foot on a farm, conducted lengthy interviews with farmers big and small, and immersed themselves, literally, in the agrarian world of livestock, slaughter, and commodity crops, all while gingerly dancing around manure patties.

The result is, *Farmscape: The Changing Rural Landscape*, a grassroots play that takes on everything from corporate consolidation to GMOs, climate change, and the rise and fall of the family farm.

Read the full article in Grist, [HERE](#).

## ***EVENTS***

### *Outdoor Nation Youth Summits*

*Twin Cities: October 6 - 7*

*San Francisco: October 20 - 21*

*Atlanta: November 3 - 4*

For the third year in a row, Outdoor Nation Youth Summits so that you - America's youth - can find solutions to the challenges that are keeping people indoors.

If you're between the ages of 16 and 28 and want to change the world so that everyone has the chance to get outside, then we have the experience for you! If you are new to Outdoor Nation and want to learn more about us, then you should register for one of the **Outdoor Nation Signature Summits**. If you are an Outdoor Nation alum or ready to take your leadership skills to the next level, then you should register for one of the **ON-IT Summits**.

[More Information](#)

### *Hike & Seek*

*An NWF Be Out There fundraising event*

[Seattle, WA: October 13](#)

[Bernardsville, NJ: October 13](#)

[Washington, DC: October 20](#)

[Atlanta, GA: October 27](#)

This Fall NWF is hosting our annual Hike and Seek events across the country, check out the event dates and locations and take your favorite young person for a day of outdoor exploration!

Help children explore the natural world for an active, healthy, outdoor lifestyle. Spend a Saturday morning with us at NWF's Hike & Seek fundraising event. We encourage families to discover the health benefits of an active childhood experience and aim to inspire your child's sense of adventure.

Don't have kids but still want to be involved? We're looking for volunteers! Contact Christine Uncles, [UnclesC@nwf.org](mailto:UnclesC@nwf.org) for details about volunteering.

### *Green Festival*

Celebrating 10 years as the Nation's premier sustainability event!

San Francisco, CA

November 10 – 11, 2012

Los Angeles, CA

November 17 – 18, 2012

**More Information:**

[www.greenfestivals.org](http://www.greenfestivals.org)

## **MORE JOBS & OPPORTUNITIES**

*New Leaders Council Institute, Entrepreneurship Training Program*

The New Leaders Council Institute is an intense, five-month progressive entrepreneurship training program. It is the premier leadership and professional development, training, mentoring, networking, and career and political advancement program for young professionals. The NLC Institute is highly-selective, admitting only 15 to 20 fellows to each program. We recruit men and women who are successful in their industry, risk-takers, and progressive advocates. New Leaders Council sponsors NLC Institutes throughout the country, allowing fellows to learn from guest speakers at the top of their field.

NLCI is currently accepting applications through November 11<sup>th</sup>.

[More Information](#)

***Sustainability Manager, Columbia Sportswear  
Portland, OR***

Lead and drive strategy, programs and initiatives on corporate wide sustainability efforts.

Responsibilities include:

Identify operational efficiencies that reduce global environmental footprint; develop corporate targets for sustainability and environmental initiatives throughout the entire supply chain; identify internal and external challenges and opportunities and shape strategy to meet them; develop knowledge of current trends and best practices; develop and coordinate internal and external stakeholder teams to drive the transformation of sustainable product creation.

[More Information](#)

***Benchmarking Project Manager, Alliance for Biking and Walking  
Washington, DC***

The Alliance for Biking & Walking, a coalition of more than 200 grassroots biking and walking advocacy organizations across North America, is seeking a Research Manager to work with the Alliance's National Bicycling and Walking Benchmarking Project.

The Benchmarking Project Manager will report to the Alliance's President/CEO. The Benchmarking Project collects and analyzes data from all 50 states and the top 50 cities (by population) on bicycling, walking, and health. Find more info on the project

at: <http://www.PeoplePoweredMovement.org/benchmarking>.

[More Information](#)

***Asst. Director, Facilities Operations & Maintenance, Portland State University  
Portland, OR***

Portland State University Facilities and Property Management (FAP) is seeking an Assistant Director to direct the mechanical, electrical, building maintenance, work order center, lockshop and landscape maintenance operations on its downtown campus of educational, housing, and parking facilities and accompanying green spaces. This position reports to the Director of Facilities and Property Management.

[More Information](#)

***Sustainability Projects Coordinator, Dickinson College  
Carlisle, PA***

Dickinson College, a leader in sustainability education, is hiring a Projects Coordinator to join the staff of its [Center for Sustainability Education](#) and lead projects that engage students in hands-on learning about renewable energy, energy conservation, sustainable operations and building sustainable communities. The Projects Coordinator will supervise student interns and organize projects, workshops, events and partnerships that use the campus as a living laboratory; oversee Dickinson's

Biodiesel Shop; update and improve our greenhouse gas inventory; and assist with other activities that advance Dickinson's sustainability goals.

[More Information](#)

**Look for the next Young Professionals Listserv issue coming in November 2012.**

**\*Previous and current bulletins are archived and can be found on Campus Ecology's website, here:**  
<http://www.nwf.org/Global-Warming/Campus-Solutions/About/Alumni-Highlights.aspx>

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