



June 14, 2018

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## New Watershed Coordinator to Join AWG

We would like to introduce our new Watershed Coordinator – Nicole Monique (Mo) Loden. Mo joins AWG from Sierra Streams Institute in Nevada City. As the Water Quality Lab Manager, she collected and analyzed baseline data in Deer Creek & Bear River watersheds. Mo grew up in Knoxville, TN adventuring throughout the Cumberland Plateau and Appalachian Mountains. She graduated from the University of Tennessee with a BA in Environmental Studies and GIS.

There she spent two years with the Cumberland Trail Conference as an intern developing and maintaining trails. After college, Mo moved to California to serve as the River Monitoring Coordinator with the South Yuba River Citizens League as an AmeriCorps member where she managed 70+ river monitors collecting data to protect the Yuba watershed. Mo is an avid outdoor enthusiast who has been employed in fields of white water, snow skiing, and rock climbing from coast to coast in the United States, including Asheville NC, Missoula MT, and Truckee CA.



Mo will be starting with AWG on July 2.

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## Farewell Mixer for Sarah Green

Join Alpine Watershed Group as we bid farewell to Sarah Green as she moves on from her position as Executive Director. This will be casual mixer with refreshments provided as we recognize Sarah for the time she has dedicated to the Watershed Group over the last 9 years. The party will be held upstairs at Mad Dog Café on Wednesday, June 27 from 5:00pm-6:30pm. While you're there, check out the beautiful Wildlife and Nature Photography gallery by Karri Smith, a local artist. Mad Dog Café is donating their commission from the gallery sales to the Alpine Watershed Group and Alpine County Search and Rescue.

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## Join SNAP for 2018-19

Interested in serving the Sierra? Become a Sierra Nevada AmeriCorps Partnership (SNAP) Member! SNAP is recruiting for applicants for environmental AmeriCorps Members for the 2018-19 program. SNAP AmeriCorps Members serve 11 months with a Sierra Nevada, California environmental non-profit or agency. Members conduct and lead watershed restorations projects, do



ecological monitoring, conduct environmental education and outreach, and recruit and manage volunteers, as well as participate in career development and training. This is a unique opportunity to gain valuable experience in environmental organizations and agencies while working on key environmental issues facing communities in the Sierra Nevada.

Training begins mid October 2018 – applications are due by July 25, 2018. For more information, click [here](#).

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## Summer Volunteer Opportunities

Now that summer is in full swing, AWG needs your help! There are many opportunities for volunteers including the following:

- Invasive weed removal team at Grover Hot Springs - June/July/August
- Photo monitoring in Hope Valley - July
- Ambient monitoring days - August 11, September 15
- Tabling at public events
- Markleeville Creek Day - September 8

Please contact Marina Vance at [awg.snap.rm@gmail.com](mailto:awg.snap.rm@gmail.com) or call 530-694-2327 for more details.

[Volunteer Application](#)

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## Save the Date for Markleeville Creek Day!

AWG's 19th Annual Markleeville Creek Day is coming up on Saturday, September 8, 2018 from 9am-2pm. Last year's Creek Day was such a success thanks to all of the hard-working volunteers and team leaders who participated. Volunteers are needed to help complete projects throughout the East and West Forks including plantings, weed removal, trail building, tree wrapping, stream bank stabilization, and more! All are welcome to attend, no experience is necessary. Join AWG staff and fellow volunteers at the Markleeville library after the event for an ice cream social to celebrate.

Be on the look out for a registration link coming soon!

If you're interested in becoming a project team leader, please contact Marina Vance at [awg.snap.rm@gmail.com](mailto:awg.snap.rm@gmail.com) or call 530-694-2327.

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## Upcoming Events

- June 23rd 10am-4pm: [Native Species Festival](#) at Taylor Creek
- June 24th 10am-4pm: [Lake Tahoe Bird Festival](#) at Taylor Creek
- July 28th 9-4pm: Monitor Training for Physical Habitat Assessment, more details to come

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