

Methow Conservancy Hires New Communications/Development Director

April 1, 2004 -- Sarah Brooks recently joined the staff at the Methow Conservancy as the Communications/Development Director. A long-time admirer of the Methow Valley and its amazing natural beauty and friendly people, Sarah will be responsible for coordinating the Conservancy's public relations and fundraising efforts.

Sarah has a Master's Degree in Public Administration from the University of Washington's Daniel J. Evans School of Public Affairs and has previously worked as the Community Relations Coordinator for a national nonprofit organization focused on health education. Most recently, she has served as an Assistant Dean of Admissions at Carleton College, in Northfield, Minnesota.

"I am looking forward to gathering together my various experiences with fundraising, public relations, and community outreach to serve a very important cause—preserving and protecting this amazing valley. I am honored to have the chance to work with so many dedicated, enthusiastic, and knowledgeable volunteers and supporters. I can't wait to get started," Sarah notes.

Sarah, her husband, 11-month-old daughter, and 3-year-old dog have settled in the Methow Valley after surviving several long but snowy winters in a small town in southern Minnesota. They are looking forward to running and skiing all the great trails and becoming actively involved in the vibrant life of the Valley.

The Methow Conservancy is a private nonprofit organization dedicated to inspiring people to care for the land by accepting voluntary conservation easements in the Methow Valley, providing conservation education opportunities for visitors and residents, and assisting with community-based conservation projects. To date, the Conservancy has protected more than 3,700 acres of land in the Methow Valley.