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Methow Conservancy Hires Program Assistant

May 27, 2005 -- The Methow Conservancy added Mary Kiesau to their staff last Monday (May 23) to fill a new Program Assistant position. A North Carolina native, Kiesau discovered the North Cascades and the Methow four years ago upon moving to the Northwest and continued to come to the Valley often until moving here recently.

Kiesau will be responsible for creating and managing a volunteer program for the Conservancy and will provide extensive support to the organization's educational programs, event planning, membership development and stewardship efforts.

Kiesau brings a wealth of conservation and organizational experience to the Conservancy after seven years of running conservation programs for The Sierra Club in the Northwest and North Carolina, in addition to a stint with the North Carolina Division of Water Quality and working as a naturalist and ranger for the National Trust for Scotland. Kiesau is a graduate of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

"The Methow Valley's friendly people, community spirit, natural beauty and ecological diversity make it an amazingly special place, and I'm thrilled to have the opportunity to help protect it," said Kiesau.

"We are excited to have Mary join our team, and we feel that her experience and expertise will enhance our conservation efforts. We look forward to working with and learning from Mary," said Sarah Brooks, Associate Director of the Conservancy.

The Methow Conservancy is a 501(c)3 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 worked with more than 60 families to protect more than 4,000 acres of critical habitat in the Methow Valley.

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