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Wildlands Restoration Volunteers Hires David Elmore As New Executive Director

LONGMONT, Colo • August 30, 2024 — Wildlands Restoration Volunteers (WRV) announced today that David Elmore has been named executive director for the Colorado non-profit which builds diverse communities that care for the land.

“We are excited to announce this appointment,” said Ann Erickson Lang, chair of the WRV Board of Directors. “It’s clear that Dave will lead with a purposeful and measured approach in this role. He brings an extensive nonprofit background of over twenty-five years and shares WRV’s passion for both our natural environment and the communities that bring us together.”

Elmore most recently served as the Executive Director of Paradox Sports, a Boulder-based non-profit that connects people with disabilities to climbing opportunities across the United States. Dave’s prior positions include Associate Head of School for the Watershed School in Boulder and Director of Program and Safety for Outward Bound California.

Dave has a Master of Science degree in Environmental Policy and Management from Denver University and a Bachelor of Science degree in Psychology & Environmental Studies from the University of Oregon. Dave lives in Longmont.

“The mission of building diverse communities that care for the land resonates deeply with me, having personally worked with mission-driven organizations for over twenty-five years. As a conservation and restoration leader, WRV stands out at a time when our natural landscapes need increased stewardship more than ever,” said Elmore. “To join the Wildlands Restoration Volunteers team is an honor and I’m so excited to be working with such an amazing group of people.”

Prior executive director Katherine Postelli joined WRV in 2018 and her vision and support helped lead WRV through a time of immense change and growth. The WRV Board of Directors also wishes to thank Kevin Shuck for serving as the Acting Executive Director during Katherine’s medical leave and after her tragic passing. “Kevin demonstrated such tenacity, creativity, determination, and grace. I am so grateful for his commitment to WRV and his leadership during this transition,” said Ann Erickson Lang.

Elmore begins his new position on September 3, 2024, and will oversee the remainder of Wildlands Restoration Volunteers’ 25th anniversary year. In 2023, WRV completed 219 restoration projects and training events, including their 2,000th project.

About Wildlands Restoration Volunteers

WRV began when 20 people came together to plant willows around Heron Pond near Longmont in 1999. It has since grown into a corps of 3,500+ active volunteers who donate over \$800K in labor and expertise to Colorado’s natural heritage every year. WRV empowers residents to care for the land through Wildlands University and a bilingual youth & families program. WRV has engaged volunteers in 675,000+ hours restoring the land across Colorado, with activities concentrated in the Front Range.

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