

Special Forum, April 21 noon – 1:00 p.m.
Cascade UU Fellowship, 1550 Sunset Hwy, E Wenatchee

Let the Beavers do the Work!

Restoring Beaver Communities, Addressing Climate Change

Feeling overwhelmed about climate change and wondering what you can do to address it? Join Mark Ingman, natural resource specialist with Cascadia Conservation District, and restoration practitioner Julie Vanderwal with the Methow Beaver Project, to learn how people are working together to reintroduce beavers across our region and let these rodents do what they do best: increase water supplies and carbon storage while creating wetlands that provide valuable habitat and natural firebreaks.



Julie Vanderwal, Certified Ecological Restoration Practitioner, has worked at the intersection of restoration and education for over 25 years. She has integrated ecology into a variety of educational contexts, working with all ages through public schools and non-profits on stream restoration, native plants, and work-based learning. Julie has led effective native riparian plant reestablishment in a system dominated by reed canary grass and was an early adopter of beaver dam analogs, BDAs (2014). She currently manages beaver-based restoration projects for the Methow Beaver Project and operates a demonstration nursery in Twisp that produces peat-free, coir-free, and weed-free native plants.



Mark Ingman is a natural resource specialist for the Cascadia Conservation District and serves as the Entiat Watershed Coordinator where he implements salmon and steelhead habitat restoration projects in the Entiat and Wenatchee watersheds. Mark's projects use beavers and natural processes to kickstart ecosystem revitalization. Before coming to NCW, Mark studied water resources management at OSU, held several environmental positions in the public sector in OR and WA, and spent a year learning Mandarin while living in SW China. His time living abroad and working with a variety of organizations helps him to interact and build partnerships with a diversity of people in Chelan County