

# Wolves, Wine & Whiskey

A Zoom Happy Hour:  
Wolf-Human Coexistence in Washington



Grab a glass of wine, a tot of whiskey,  
an ale or your favorite beverage and  
join us for a virtual happy hour.

**May 14, Thursday, 6:00 pm**

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We look forward to sharing a few growls and howls!

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Presentations by

 WildEarth Guardians - Samantha Bruegger

 Kettle Range Conservation Group - Tim Coleman

 Center for Biological Diversity - Sophia Ressler

 Defenders of Wildlife - Zoe Hanley

 The Lands Council - Chris Bachman

 Guarding the Respective Interests of Predators & Humans - Daniel Curry

**Samantha Bruegger** is Wildlife Coexistence Campaigner for WildEarth Guardians and works across the Western States promoting policies, rules and legislation that support sustainable coexistence with our wild neighbors. Samantha has centered her career on human element of nature interactions; her career spans the government, private and nonprofit sectors.

She possesses a Bachelor of Arts from University of California Riverside and a Master of Public Policy from Pepperdine University. She currently resides in Salem, Oregon with her family and you can find her exploring the Pacific Northwest with a small human on her back and wearing her Grandpa's old Stanford ball cap.



**Timothy Coleman** has been active in the conservation of forest and water resources since 1971. In 1985, Timothy and his wife Susan built a solar-powered log cabin north of Republic, Washington. During the winter of 1988, Tim spent 5 weeks



camped with 15 others activists in northern British Columbia fighting the B.C. government's wolf kill program in the Pink Mountain region. Since

1993, Timothy has served as director of the Kettle Range Conservation Group in rural Ferry County Washington. He cofounded the Northeast Washington Forestry Coalition, the Columbia Highlands Initiative and the Wild Washington Campaign that led to the passage of the Wild Sky Wilderness in 2008. In addition to Forest Watch oversight in the Colville National forest, he currently serves as a member of the Washington Wolf Advisory, a position he has held since 2016. In addition to WAG duties, he is carrying out remote camera monitoring of wolves and livestock in the Kettle River Range Mountains.





**Sophia Ressler** is an attorney and Washington wildlife advocate for the Center for Biological Diversity. She works to protect wolves, bears, orca and other endangered and persecuted wildlife in Washington state. Sophia received her J.D. with a certificate in environmental law from Pace Law School in New York and chose to return to her home state after graduating in 2014 to work to protect the places most near and dear to her.



**Zoë Hanley** is a Northwest Representative for Defenders of Wildlife based out of White Salmon, Washington. She leads Defenders' coexistence initiatives in the region, working directly with communities sharing the landscape with imperiled species like grizzly bears and gray wolves. Defenders of Wildlife is a national non-profit dedicated to the protection of all native animals and plants in their natural communities.



**Chris Bachman** is a biologist working with The Lands Council to promote restoration of wildlife and native ecosystems as the paramount mission of public land management and to reduce livestock/wildlife conflict while enhancing biodiversity and ecological resiliency. His work promotes prioritizing management for wildlife on our public lands, particularly wild roadless areas; and promotes conservation as the priority management policy for fish and wildlife.

Chris co-founded the Eastern Washington Wolf Coalition in 2016, and recently established the Western States Carnivore Alliance, a group dedicated to defending and restoring the gray wolf and all native carnivores throughout the West promoting governmental agency, policy and management reform using public education, science, activism and litigation.



**Daniel Curry** has been directly involved with wolf conservation since 2004. He has a passion to help bridge a gap between these misunderstood animals and people. He worked with wolves in captivity for several years at Wolf Haven International. During his time there he became aware of why people want wolves back in our environment and how special of species they truly are.

He later moved to North East Washington and started Washington's first and only small business that focuses on human wildlife conflict mitigation named G.R.I.P.H. with the hope of helping to establish an equilibrium between human interests, our environment and it's wild inhabitants.

He has come to understand why people do not want wolves on the landscape. He has personally experienced both sides of the spectrum by living and working in both polar extremes. This has offered him unique perspective. That perspective has allowed



him to see and pursue a unique option to help wolves fill their ecological niche while helping alleviate the reasons that people generally dislike them in the first place. He has the passion, experience, and vision to pursue this path to the fullest and continue to do so on a daily basis in many various facets.

