

Bio for Melissa Tilleman

Recently relocated to Gunnison after completing 1700 hours of service with Ameri*Corps in Denver. During her term of service, Melissa worked in a variety of different capacities including: management of land conservation projects as an Assistant Crew Leader of urban youth, facilitation of environmental and service learning education to fellow corps members, and participation in a nationally recognized home energy and water conservation program for income-qualified residents. Prior to her Ameri*Corps term, Melissa worked in Kalamazoo, Michigan providing private ESL and French lessons to working adults who had relocated to the US or were relocating to a francophone country. For 2006-2007 school year, Melissa taught English in Mont de Marsan, France to primary school students grades third through fifth. In addition, she volunteered at UNICEF France and was an Art Teaching Assistant to a first grade class. For three out of the four years she attended University of Oregon, Melissa tutored UO student athletes in a variety of subject areas such as, English, Writing, French, Business (accounting, economics, etc), History, and Statistics. In 2006, she received a Bachelor of Arts in both Business Administration and in French. Melissa is extremely passionate about the outdoors, different languages and cultures, slow food, land and wildlife conservation, sustainable community development and working with youth.