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Elizabeth Kolbe is the 2009/10 program coordinator for the State of the Rockies Project, and the co-editor of the 2009 and 2010 *State of the Rockies Report Cards*. This is her third year with the Rockies Project, and second year as program coordinator. When working as a student researcher for the 2007/08 State of the Rockies Project, she wrote a report on Renewable Energy in the Rockies. In May, 2008, she graduated cum laude from Colorado College with a B.A. degree in environmental science. Her senior thesis focused on the environmental, political, and economic climate and energy efficiency of ethanol production in Iowa, her home state. Liz is also a volunteer assistant coach for the Colorado College women's basketball team.



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Matthew K. Reuer served as the technical liaison for the 2009-10 State of the Rockies Project, overseeing tasks including data assimilation, GIS analysis, and logistics management; in addition he co-edited the 2007, 2008, and 2009 *Report Cards*. He is also the technical director of the environmental program and the chemistry department at Colorado College. He received his doctorate degree from MIT in 2002 and was a Harry Hess postdoctoral research fellow at Princeton University from 2002 to 2004, focusing on global carbon cycle research. Matt's scientific interests in this region include the environmental chemistry of western rivers and watersheds and global change impacts on alpine biogeochemical cycles. He is also highly interested in western development issues and the creation of innovative energy policies in the Rocky Mountain West.



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Stephen G. Weaver is an award-winning photographer with over 30 years experience making images of the natural world and serves as technical director for the Colorado College geology department. Educated as a geologist, Steve combines his scientific knowledge with his photographic abilities to produce stunning images that illustrate the structure and composition of the earth and its natural systems. As an undergraduate geology student, he first visited the Rocky Mountains where he fell in love with the mountain environment and the grand landscapes of the West. Steve currently photographs throughout North America with a major emphasis on mountain and desert environments. His use of a 3x5 large format view camera allows him to capture images with amazing clarity and depth.



Zoë Wick is a student researcher for the 2009/10 State of the Rockies Project. From Seattle, Washington, she will graduate in May 2010 with a degree in sociology. While at Colorado College Zoë has enjoyed spending time in the Rockies and learning about agriculture, and has become especially interested in the ways government policies affect community life and the environment. After graduation she plans to teach English in Sao Paulo, Brazil. Her extra-curricular activities include working with middle school students on an environmental project, and she enjoys running, singing, and learning guitar.



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