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## Give Methow is Coming to a Close Soon!

This October, MBP is asking for your crucial support of our future 2024 Summer Interns. Next Summer's student interns will help us restore critical fish and wildlife habitat and climate resilience to our watersheds by reestablishing natural stream processes with the help of native beavers! This week we are featuring one of our fantastic 2023 Summer Interns, Rachel.



## Rachel

Rachel is majoring in Environmental Studies and Biology at Whitman College. When we asked her to share her motivation for pursuing this internship and her favorite memory from the summer, here is what this stellar young student had to say:

"I was already interested in field work and ecology prior to working with MBP but it gave me really great insight into the world of conservation work and it emphasized how vital community and mutual support is to getting stuff done. That's not something that is super apparent when you're in school and I feel like I made really valuable connections interning for MBP. It also showed me how positive and uplifting workspaces can be and was truly my favorite job I've ever worked. My favorite memory from my internship was probably setting traps for the first time out in the Okanogan after Honey was caught. Even though it was a really long day, the sunset was really beautiful and learning new trapping skills was super exciting. My other favorite memory is when McKenna ripped her pants!"



Rachel in the center of the photo learning to analyze soil as we install a groundwater monitoring well at our Bear Creek stream restoration site.



**Methow Beaver Project Give Methow 2023, by Terry Hunt**



Left: Rachel helping set beaver live-traps to relocate beavers from human conflict.

Right: Rachel dragging fir boughs to one of our beaver based stream restoration sites. The boughs are used in our beaver dam analogs or BDA's to slow water down, much like the vegetation, sticks and mud in a real beaver dam.



Rachel and Joe (MBP's Restoration Coordinator) installing a BDA in Cow Creek, June 2023.

Left: Before weaving the BDA with vegetation.

Right: After weaving fir boughs through the posts to slow water like a real beaver dam. Note the increase in surface water area as well as water depth in the after pic, especially comparing their boots and the stadia rod that helps us measure stream depth.



Rachel (left) helping install a beaver coexistence device called a culvert protection fence in the Bonaparte Creek watershed, a tributary of the Okanogan River.



Thank you again for showing your support for the Methow Beaver Project and nature-based solutions to restoring watershed function, protecting biodiversity, and rebuilding climate resilience! We could not do this without you!!

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