

Outdoor Learning Symposium

Building the Toolbox to Grow Outdoor Learning



Session 2: Standards-Aligned Outdoor Learning Curricula September 29, 4:00 - 5:30 pm MST

Speaker, María Rodríguez

María is the Education and Outreach Coordinator at the Institute for Applied Ecology (IAE). She recently started working at IAE co-leading the Forest Bound program. Previous to her work at IAE, María worked in Outdoor Education programs based in Idaho and North Carolina leading multi-day outdoor trips for teens and college students. She hopes that her work can support emerging ecological stewards, connections with the surrounding landscape, and advance the conservation of New Mexico's public lands.



Why is outdoor and environmental learning important to you?

"I believe outdoor learning is a powerful tool to create shared outdoor experiences that build meaningful communities and spark interest in long-lasting environmental change."

Presentation: María will present with Ashlee Wolf about IAE's *Blue Hole Cienega Curriculum* (6th through 8th) and *From Ponderosa to Prickly Pear Curriculum* (9th through 12th). They will discuss Next Generation Science Standards alignment and how to use these units in the schoolyard.