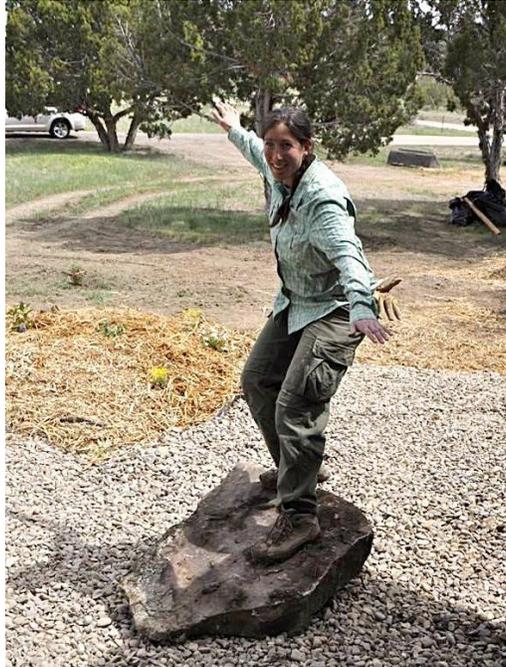


A Fond "See Ya Around" To Becca Samulski



Dear FireWise Friends,

I have been very fortunate to get to grow with such a wonderful organization over the past eight years. In August, the opportunity to direct Fire Adapted Colorado presented itself to me, and I will be moving on to serve fire adapted communities throughout Colorado. Fire Adapted Colorado (FACO) is a statewide network that supports professionals and organizations dedicated to helping Coloradans live with wildfires and creating the enabling conditions to make their work more effective.

With FireWise of Southwest Colorado, I have gotten to meet and work with so many amazing community members and an outstanding team of professionals within the organization and among our partners. In dedication to living in a fire shaped environment, I've sought opportunities to make it easier for residents and neighborhoods to reduce their own wildfire risk and made every effort to support good projects. Through this time, I have also learned a great deal about fire management and forest health that has inspired me to engage in wildfire resilience at a broader scale than the neighborhood and given me the opportunity to coordinate the Dolores Watershed Resilient Forest Collaborative.

I believe FireWise of Southwest Colorado, soon to be Wildfire Adapted Partnership, will continue to do great things with Ashley, Amanda, Bill, Charlie, Charlene and all of our amazing partners and volunteer Neighborhood Ambassadors. I will be transitioning out of the Assistant

Director role with the launch of Wildfire Adapted Partnership (and staff positions) in October and will just be staying on to wrap-up a few projects before the end of the year. I will still be living in Montezuma County and working to create a fire adapted culture in Colorado, so don't hesitate to reach out with questions or ideas. I'm keeping montezumafirewise@gmail.com as my personal email and can still be reached on my mobile phone at 970-739-7899.

Yours truly,

Becca Samulski