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UTAH EARTH TEAM VOLUNTEER DIGS IN TO SERVE AND LEARN

What Riley Smith likes best about volunteering with NRCS is the variety of work/learning experiences she has gained since beginning as an Earth Team volunteer with NRCS Engineer Nathaniel Todea working on watershed projects. Since then she has spent time assisting Soil Scientist Ray Grow with work related to the 2014 National Resource Inventory (NRI) on grazing lands. She has assisted with logistics for the training exercises and has been on hand at the trainings to offer reference support with the NRI instruction manual. In addition she has gained skills using a PDA with GPS to assist with the training exercises.



Next week she plans to expand her experience by volunteering at the UACD-sponsored Utah Environthon for high school student teams to be held in Emery, Utah.

Riley (see accompanying photo) grew up in California and received a college degree from San Francisco State University in ecology with a minor in Native American studies. She received the Fall 2012 Climate Change Scholars award for her work on invertebrate phylogenetics in the central California rocky intertidal zone. She is currently applying for graduate school and her long-term career goals include work in watershed ecology with a research focus on human impacts.

Persons interested in learning more about becoming or recruiting an Earth Team Volunteer may contact [Gayla Pressett](#), statewide Earth Team coordinator.

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