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As Science and Education Director, Lori ensures that Whitefish Lake Institute's science and educational programs perform to their potential. She has a Master of Science in Environmental Studies from Green Mountain College and a Bachelor's degree in Business Management. Lori has contributed to research in aquatic and terrestrial ecosystems in California, Colorado, and Montana. Her career

includes diverse management roles across a variety of disciplines.

Lori is the author of the Flathead Watershed Sourcebook: A Guide to an Extraordinary Place, a book and companion website that illustrates the natural and cultural histories of the Flathead Watershed while detailing biodiversity, water quality, land management, agricultural production, and economics. It identifies conservation and education resources and is being used by educators in grade schools, high schools, and colleges including the University of Montana. She was a contributor to and editor of *Voices of Our Lake*, and a co-coordinator of the third edition of the *Montana Lake Book*. Lori co-authored the Whitefish Water Resources Report: A Status of the Whitefish Lake Watershed (2015) and was lead author on the Investigation of Septic Leachate to the Shoreline Area of Whitefish Lake (2012).

Lori serves as the Chair of the Upper Columbia Conservation Commission (UC3), on which she represents the Conservation Districts of Montana. She also serves as a Supervisor and Vice Chair on the Flathead Conservation District Board, and is an Associate Faculty and Thesis Advisor for Prescott College. Lori is a trained Aquatic Invasive Species Inspector/Decontaminator. She is a past recipient of the Outstanding Writer Award from the Montana Chapter of the American Fisheries Society and the Partner of the Year award from the Northwest Regional RC&D.