

LEONARD & SANDY SARGENT EVST GRADUATE FELLOW

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Adam Andis

Adam Andis was awarded a Sargent Fellowship because of his proven track record of leadership in conservation. He is currently researching and studying the permeability of wildlife bypass structures within road corridors in relation to surrounding populations.

Prior to entering the University of Montana EVST Program, Adam earned a BS in Environmental Studies with a Wilderness Philosophy Emphasis at Northland College (Wisconsin) in 2008. He then worked for several years in southeast Alaska, including work as the communications director for the Sitka Conservation Society. In 2010, Adam helped found the National Wilderness Stewardship Alliance, and still serves on its Board of Directors. In 2011, he received the Bob Marshall Group Champion of Wilderness Award, and the Region 10 Wilderness Partner of the Year Award.

In his first year in the EVST Program, Adam was a Teaching Assistant and attended the National 50th Anniversary of the Wilderness Act Conference in Albuquerque, New Mexico, where he made multiple presentation:

- "Giving Wilderness a Voice in the Digital Age: Lessons for New-Media Campaigns" — a communication and media presentation;
- "Shifting Conceptions of Wilderness in Alaskan Nature Writing: A Survey of Three Centuries" — a literary panel presentation based on Adam's undergrad thesis;
- "Seeing Green: The Economic Benefits of Wilderness" with Andrew Pike (Pew Charitable Trusts), Ben Alexander (Headwaters Economics), and Gil Sorg (Las Cruces City Councilor);



- "The Meaning of the Wild" — a film to which Adam contributed was presented at the Wilderness Film Gala in conjunction with the conference. It has been shown worldwide and received multiple awards.

The EVST Program already sees Adam as an established conservation leader and as "an exemplary Leonard and Sandy Sargent Environmental Studies Fellow."