

LEONARD & SANDY SARGENT EVST GRADUATE FELLOW

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Daniel Anderson

Daniel Anderson grew up in the Tom Miner Basin in Montana, just north of Yellowstone National Park, and his childhood there instilled in him a deep sense of stewardship and appreciation for the land.

In 2008, he graduated from Montana State University with a BS in Construction Engineering Technology, and as a part of his degree, Daniel became the first college student in Montana to become LEED accredited. After several years working in green and sustainable construction projects in Montana and California, he returned, in 2016, to his roots in the Tom Miner Basin.

In 2017, Daniel founded The Common Ground Project (TCGP), an immersive and educational camping experience designed to create healthier communities and connect people to landscape. He also has been invited to write environmental communications for the Natural Resources Defense Center and the Greater Yellowstone Coalition, among others.

Admitted to the University of Montana's Environmental Studies (EVST) graduate M.S. Program in Fall 2019 as the Sargent Fellow, Daniel also intends to pursue a Natural Resources Conflict Resolution Certificate through the University's Alexander Blewett III School of Law. His goals in the EVST graduate program include designing a thesis or professional paper that showcases the social and environmental impact of The Common Ground Project, and furthers his leadership skills as he continues development of that organization and its vision.

The Sargent EVST Graduate Fellowship has made it possible for Daniel to join the EVST Program and will support his ongoing environmental and conservation work in Montana and beyond.

