

## **October 2013 Grant News**

### **RCO Continues to Tip the Dominos**

Three more staff are promoted to open positions within RCO:

Tara Galuska takes over for Brian Abbott as the manager for Salmon Recovery Section. Tara has been with RCO since 2002 and has held the positions of outdoor grants manager and senior outdoor grants manager. Before coming to RCO, Tara worked in the Aquatics Division for the Department of Natural Resources, did some work and study in Costa Rica and earned her bachelor of science degree in environmental science, policy, and management from Cal Berkeley and a master's degree in environmental studies from the Evergreen State College.

Kat Moore has been promoted to fill behind Tara as the outdoor grants manager senior for the Salmon Recovery Section. Kat came to RCO in 2010 by way of the Capitol Land Trust. Before moving to Olympia, Kat worked for the Lane County Circuit Court in Eugene, Oregon. She has a bachelor of science degree in natural resources from the University of the South in Tennessee and a law degree and master of science degree in environmental studies from the University of Oregon.

Myra Barker has been selected as RCO's new compliance specialist. Myra has been with the agency for 14 years and has a wealth of experience on RCO grant programs. Before coming to RCO, Myra worked for the Department of Ecology managing the statewide licensing program for wastewater operators. Myra has degree in outdoor recreation from Indiana University.

We want to congratulate Tara, Kat, and Myra and wish them much success in their new positions.

### **Accessibility**

The Federal Access Board just released final rules, which spell out the newest requirements for accessibility to the great outdoors for federal agencies and some federally-funded facilities. These guidelines have been in the federal rule-making process since 1999 and RCO's accessibility specialist, Rory Calhoun, was one of the members of a national committee working on the rules. The final rules, which take effect in November, apply to federal agencies and not directly to state and local governments right now. However, RCO requires sponsors to use the most current draft or final rules when designing and building facilities not covered by building codes or Americans with Disabilities Act standards. The new rules are the ones to use to ensure accessibility for outdoor recreation facilities and trails for future projects (when the 2010 Americans with Disabilities Act standards or building codes don't apply). Visit the [Access Board Web site](#) for more details.