

**Position:**

Advocacy Director

Full-Time, Exempt

Reports to Executive Director

**Overview of Protect Our Water Jackson Hole**

Protect Our Water Jackson Hole is a 501(c)(3) tax-exempt, locally-based, nonprofit organization dedicated to protecting and restoring the quality of surface and groundwater in Teton County, Wyoming.

**Mission**

To serve as a powerful advocate and catalyst for protecting and restoring the surface and drinking waters of Teton County, Wyoming

**Who we are**

POWJH was initially formed as Friends of Fish Creek (FOFC) in 2014. Our work as FOFC revealed that the effects of nutrient pollution evident in Fish Creek extend far beyond the Westbank of the Snake River, seriously threatening water quality and aquatic systems throughout Jackson Hole. Water pollution in our seemingly pristine valley comes from multiple sources that threaten serious damage to the environment, human health, and economy across Teton County, Wyoming. Our board and staff have a proven history of aggressive thinking and accomplishment.

**What we do**

Our priorities include but are not limited to the following:

* Support the implementation of the 2024 Teton County Water Quality Management Plan
* Drive the process to restore water quality and aquatic habitat in Fish Creek through development and implementation of TMDLs and/or a local watershed management plan
* Advocate for the expansion of sewer line infrastructure and septic system connections
* Push for state-of-the-art wastewater treatment methods—to stay ahead of capacity needs while improving outputs—at the Jackson municipal wastewater treatment facility and other wastewater treatment facilities in the valley
* Support the development of regional wastewater management authorities and water and sewer districts where needed
* Ensure that all residents and visitors have safe drinking water by developing effective aquifer protection strategies and enhanced regulation of public water systems
* Develop improved septic system regulations, public water system protections, and land development regulations that protect surface and groundwater quality
* Research and promote funding programs to assist property owners with drinking water well testing, septic system monitoring, inspection and maintenance, and sewer system hookups
* Collaborate with local partners to educate the community on a broad range of water quality-related issues and solutions for protecting and restoring our water resources

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**Advocacy Director Job Description**

Protect our Water Jackson Hole (POWJH) seeks an Advocacy Director to lead our main programs: advocacy, community solutions and outreach. As an advocacy organization, we promote actions that improve water quality in the Snake River headwaters and throughout Teton County. The Advocacy Director will work with a team of two (Communications Manager and Water Resources Program Manager) to accomplish the following goals:

 **Advocate for Clean Water**

* Understand and monitor adherence to regulations that affect water in Teton County
* Work independently and with outside legal counsel to develop, file, and pursue legal and administrative remedies as needed
* Support Science & Regulatory Committee of POWJH Board of Directors as the key staff liaison
* Work with POWJH staff, collaborators, and outside legal counsel to draft and promote changes to regulations that affect water quality
* Collaborate with public and private natural resource organizations, non-profit organizations, and agencies to effectively advocate for clean water
* Prioritize the restoration of water quality in Fish Creek in concert with its watershed management plan
* Engage in grassroots outreach and organizing around town and county policy and funding issues.
* Educate elected officials and their staff on water quality issues and priorities
* Participate in meetings with local/state leaders and other key stakeholders and develop written and oral testimony as needed to support POWJH’s advocacy positions
* Coordinate with local, state, and federal agencies and partner organizations to achieve common goals and spur needed changes
* Write, submit, and review applicable open record requests as needed

**Communicate with the Public**

* Develop materials to support POWJH advocacy efforts, including educational materials, action alerts, reports, meeting summaries, and testimony on pending rules and legislation
* Help raise funds for POWJH's program, including identifying new funding opportunities; preparing and submitting grant proposals and grant reports; and assisting the ED cultivating major donors.
* Assist with public outreach events and other organizational activities
* Communicate POWJH's goals, operational plans, and strategic vision to external audiences
* Assist by writing letters to the editor, op-eds, press releases, and other external communication content
* Provides education programs consistent with grant requirements as needed

**Provide Science-based solutions**

* Develop and coordinate work plans and strategies with staff and outside science advisors to restore and protect the quality of groundwater and surface water resources
* Oversee programs that help residents know their water, manage their septic systems and connect to appropriate wastewater systems
* Attend and report on pertinent water quality meetings and hearings
* Ensure that POWJH’s strategic plans, policies, and positions on issues reflect the best available science and current statutory and regulatory requirements

**Qualification/knowledge/skills**

* Two to three years of relevant advocacy experience with a conservation or environmental organization and/or work with an applicable government agency or as an attorney in a related arena
* B.A.,B.S., or above in the sciences, conservation or environmental studies; J.D. preferred.
* Working knowledge of laws and regulations, including the federal Clean Water Act, Safe Drinking Water Act, NEPA and state and local equivalents
* A passion for water quality restoration and protection in Teton County
* Demonstrated ability to work with scientists, engineers and other technical experts to advance environmental priorities
* Competency with office technology including Google platforms and Microsoft Office
* Exceptional public speaking, written and oral communication skills
* Project management skills
* Motivated self-starter able to work independently to execute their responsibilities while collaborating with other organizations with the ability to demonstrate initiative and a positive attitude

**Compensation**

Competitive salary commensurate with experience. POWJH offers a generous benefits package including paid time off, medical, dental and vision insurance, and a 401(k) with employer match

To Apply
Send a letter of interest and resume to phil@protectourwaterjh.org