

**Full Name**

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**Position Statement**

I am an American Institute Certified Planner (#30358) and have 13 years of experience as a Municipal Planner for the Town of Pagosa Springs, Colorado. I have recently accepted the newly created position of Community Development Director with the Town of Pagosa Springs that will oversee the Planning Division, Building and Fire Code Division and new Housing Division.

I attended Colorado University for Architectural Engineering and Red Rocks Community College for Passive Solar and Sustainable Community Design. I have experience in the construction industry and have been exposed to multiple construction trades. I enjoy working with our community members in achieving meaningful projects that will serve many future generations.

Some of the most current pressing matters facing all of us in Southwest Colorado include Affordable/Workforce Housing, Development Pressures, Population Growth, Effective Public Engagement, Equity, Staffing Capacity, Climate Change, Water Resources, and the Rising Cost of Living. I see an opportunity to collaboratively work with other SW Colorado area planners to share ideas, successes and failures that we can all learn from to address these issues and to better serve our individual communities and our entire region.