Pete Kolbenschlag

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Community Engagement and Strategic Communications

20+ years' success leading community-based advocacy, engagement, and communication campaigns

Repeated success guiding organizations, businesses, and communities in all aspects of environmental, conservation and progressive advocacy: As a founder and leader of a private consulting firm, and as director of several nonprofit organizations.

Demonstrated expertise in strategic development and planning, campaign oversight, coalition building, government and stakeholder relations, and media/communication strategies. Excellence as a writer, communicator, presenter, and organizational leader: Capable of driving successful initiatives focused on environmental issues, climate action, clean energy, and sustainability.

Highlights of Expertise

• Strategic Community Engagement
• Advocacy Communications
• Team Building and Coalition Development
• Stakeholder Engagement
• Policy Analysis
• Media and Public Relations
• Executive Leadership
• Government Relations
• Content Development / Writing

Career Experience

Mountain West Strategies, Ltd., Paonia, Colorado *Founded and currently lead a boutique consulting firm focused on public strategies for clean energy, climate action, and environmental issues.*
- **PRINCIPAL/OWNER** (2006 to Present)

Colorado Environmental Coalition, Grand Junction and Denver, Colorado *Led broad range of conservation issues as the Western Slope Field Director and Lands Defense Coordinator.*
- **WESTERN SLOPE FIELD DIRECTOR** (1997 - 2006)

Additional Experience

- **Executive Director** (2 years) ▪ Utah Progressive Network, Salt Lake City, Utah
- **Development Director** (1 year) ▪ Children's Service Society, Salt Lake City, Utah
- **Campaign Coordinator** (1 year) ▪ Utahns For Choice, Salt Lake City, Utah
- **Ass't Canvas Director** (4 months) ▪ Fund for Public Interest Research, Salt Lake City, Utah

Education & Credentials

Bachelor of Arts in Communications and English   1988
Western Kentucky University, Bowling Green, Kentucky