



## Kate Koch

Planning Assistant  
Student

### Education

#### Master of Urban and Regional Planning

Specialization: Small Town  
Planning, Eastern Washington  
University, Spokane, WA, 2008  
(expected)

#### BA, General Studies

Minor: Environmental Studies  
Western Washington University,  
Bellingham, WA, 2006

### Memberships & Honors

#### Secretary, 2007-2008

EWU Association of Student  
Planners

### Publications

*The Planet Magazine*  
Huxley College of the Environment,  
WWU

Staff Writer: 2001; Managing  
Editor: 2002; Editor-in-Chief:  
2002-2003

## Résumé

Ms. Koch's planning roots are in Whatcom County, where she worked as an assistant planner for two consulting firms generating four years of experience before she joined Studio Cascade in 2006. Her consulting work prior joining the team included long-range planning for small towns and counties, community development, tribal planning, and academic research on public perception of forest fire suppression techniques. In addition to her work as a planner, she served on a number of boards and committees for various organizations in the Bellingham area.

Balancing work with school, she is currently pursuing her Masters in Urban and Regional Planning at Eastern Washington University where she also serves as secretary for the Association of Student Planners. She is expected to graduate in 2008 with a specialization in small town planning. Her experience and interest includes:

**Public Participation/Communication** – Within the field of planning and beyond, Ms. Koch has logged countless hours moderating public forums, helping design and execute public participation strategies, and analyzing feedback from those meetings.

**Research/Writing** – Cultivated in her academic work on wildfire suppression techniques, Ms. Koch has developed strong skills in all types of research. If information is available, she will find it. Ms. Koch's journalism background primed her for writing visioning and long-range planning documents. Her research and writing was essential in drafting the Rockford Comprehensive Plan, the Foothills Subarea Plan, and the Sandpoint Comprehensive Plan.

### Relevant Experience

**Town of Rockford, Rockford, WA** – Researched, co-wrote and generated maps for the Rockford Comprehensive Plan update in 2007.

**Foothills Subarea, Whatcom County, WA** – Researched and co-wrote the Foothills Subarea Plan which is scheduled for adoption in 2008. Her work on this project also included an analysis of information generated by a community questionnaire.

**City of Sandpoint, Sandpoint, ID** – Assisted in executing the public participation strategy, provided mapping skills, and co-wrote the Sandpoint Comprehensive Plan.