

From Student to Master

Brooke Reynolds, Montana Afoot and Afloat '17



"I had my watershed moment while out on the prairie somewhere between the American Prairie Reserve and the Barthelmess Ranch. It was there that I realized nothing in this world is black and white. **I used to think that there was only one right way to do things - especially in the world of conservation - but that is not necessarily true.** Now, I try to think about polarizing issues with practicality. I support a broad array of efforts/sectors that I didn't before because WRFI taught me that everything is nuanced and requires a hard look before forming an opinion. I dare to say that WRFI was one of the most valuable experiences of my life. **Being able to spend two months out in the field with your peers learning, discussing, and thinking about the world we live in is so precious and rare in this day and age.**"



After graduating from MSU-Bozeman, Brooke completed an MPA and JD through the University of Montana and now works for the Montana Water Court as a Water Master. When not considering water rights, Brooke can be found in the Ruby Valley and Snowcrest Range, where her family ranches.