

CAROLINE LAMAR PIHL

Targeted Rural UnderServed Track

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TRUST seeks to provide a continuous connection between rural, small city underserved communities, medical education, and health professionals in our region. Our goal is to create a full-circle pipeline by guiding qualified students through a special curriculum that connects continuity communities in WWAMI to the University of Washington School of Medicine and its network of affiliated residency programs in an effort to help meet the workforce needs of the region.

Hello again, Libby!

For those of you I haven't met, my name is Caroline Lamar Pihl, and I'm delighted to be continuing my medical education with you this summer. I come from Pray, where my rural home was nestled in the foothills of Paradise Valley. My first 17 years were spent roaming the Absaroka-Beartooth Wilderness and exploring Yellowstone National Park. When college came around, it was time to venture east. I received a BA in History and Literature from Harvard University in Cambridge, Massachusetts. My free time was devoted to climbing, skiing and hiking in the White Mountains of New Hampshire. Every summer, I hightailed it back west to work for raft companies in Alaska and Montana.

After graduation in 2008, I worked as a Conservation Fellow for Senator Max Baucus. My time in D.C. was spent working on an investigation into the EPA's 2002 denial of a Public Health Emergency in Libby. There, amid stories of health care providers and community members from your town, I first gave medicine serious consideration. For the last 5 years, I have been living an adventure-filled seasonal lifestyle in and around Bozeman. Summer seasons found me digging tread on West District Trail Crew in Yellowstone. Winters were spent running Eagle Mount's Adaptive Ski Program for individuals with physical or developmental disabilities. Working with so many inspiring people, of such diverse abilities, made firm my intention to pursue medicine.

I am beyond thrilled that my journey in medicine will continue with you, and I can't wait to start exploring the mountains of NW Montana.

Caroline

Caroline and boyfriend, Mark, skiing
Sepulcher Mountain in Yellowstone



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