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Targeted Rural Underserved Track

Idaho Entering Class of 2016

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.

Greetings Orofino!

I can't wait to meet everyone at Clearwater Valley and explore your town!

A little about me, I grew up across the mountains to the south in Salmon Idaho, another county seat with a population of about 3,000. Growing up I enjoyed hiking, backpacking, rafting, skiing, running, horseback riding, and hunting. Right now I am finishing up my degree at Boise State University and I have realized that living in a large city is not for me. I miss the quiet and open spaces of rural Idaho, not to mention the wonderful people.

I am glad I will be in Orofino because I haven't spent much time in northern Idaho before. Orofino looks beautiful along the Clearwater river and nestled in the mountains. One of my hobbies is photography so I can't wait to try to capture its natural beauty.

I am going on a trip to Europe before visiting this summer so I hope to have lots of stories and pictures to share with you. It will be my first time away from North America and I am really excited. I am also excited to be spending a lot of time with you during the next four years!

Thank you for welcoming me into your community!

See you soon!

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