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Biographical Information

Mary Randolph is a graduate of the University of Nebraska, Lincoln, with a Bachelor of Science degree in Recreation and Environmental Education.

Mary joined the National Rural Development Partnership as Executive Director of the Wyoming Rural Development Council (WRDC) in August of 1997. In 2004 she also became the State Coordinator for the Wyoming Main Street program. Previous to this position she served 20 years with the U.S. Forest Service and Bureau of Land Management in Colorado, California, Oregon and Wyoming. She held positions in administration, timber, land management planning, public affairs and her last assignment as District Ranger on the Medicine Wheel Ranger District, Bighorn National Forest, Wyoming.

Mary currently serves as Chairman of the National Rural Development Partnership Executive Board.

A few examples of programs Mary has been involved in as Executive Director for the WRDC include: implementing the Wyoming Main Street program; helping to create a successful/affordable leadership program for rural communities in Wyoming; assisting several school districts in completing strategic plans to qualify for school-to-career grants; strategic planning for organizations and communities; facilitating a resource management plan on the Wind River Reservation; facilitating the PlanIt Wyoming Partnership; and implementing a community assessment process for Wyoming.

Awards:

Linda Hewlett Award for excellence in community development (WEDA 2002)
Ron Shaffer Award – for excellence in Partnership Building and Service to Rural America (NRDP 2003)
National Rural Development Partnership Rural Impact Award (2002)
Wyoming Woman of Distinction Nomination (2006)

Boards and Affiliations:

Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City Community Development Advisory Board
Wyoming Ag L.E.A.D. Board
State Forestry Advisory Board
Fannie Mae Advisory Board
Frontier Heritage Alliance Board

Friends of the Medicine Wheel Board
Institute for Environment and Natural Resources Open Space Advisory Board
Cooperative Extension Advisory Board
American Business Women's Association – member