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From the Brodhead Watershed Association

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## BWA welcomes new executive director

Brodhead Watershed Association welcomes its new executive director, Kelly Gallo, who began the job on Sept. 28.

Gallo grew up on a Christmas tree farm in Orangeville, Pa., and has lived in Utah for the past 16 years. She returns to the Poconos with longtime experience as a conservation outreach professional connecting people of all ages to natural resources.

BWA President Craig Todd joked, “I know, you’re all wondering why a *watershed* association would hire a desert dweller as an executive director. As you read Kelly’s bio, you’ll agree that she’s the perfect fit for one of the most active watershed associations in Pennsylvania.”

“Like many committed to the Brodhead Watershed Association, my life has been carved by creeks and rivers,” Gallo said. “My childhood was spent playing in Fishing Creek, turning over rocks to look for bugs and crayfish. This led to a career of introducing people of all ages to macroinvertebrates, water quality, and watersheds as well as a lifelong commitment to facilitating connections with the natural world.”

Most recently, Gallo was an environmental health scientist at Summit County Health Department, Park City, Utah. While previously living in Pennsylvania, Gallo was an environmental education specialist for the Bureau of State Parks at Hickory Run State Park, White Haven.

She graduated in 1999 with a bachelor’s degree in elementary education from Bloomsburg University of Pennsylvania, and took graduate-level coursework in zoology, conservation, and education at Miami University, Utah State University, and University of Montana.

“It is evident by BWA’s success that there is a wealth of knowledge and contribution by amazing volunteers, board members, partners, and staff. I am most excited about working with this dedicated team,” Gallo said.

When not at work, Gallo likes to travel, garden, mountain bike, hike, snowboard, hunt and fish. She can be found reading about sustainable agriculture or taking courses in integrated pest management.

“After living in a cold desert in Utah for the past 16 years, I am excited to return to the Poconos and its plethora of water resources,” she said.

*BWA, a nonprofit environmental organization, formed in 1989 as a group of individuals and business owners dedicated to ensuring clean water in Monroe County. For more than a quarter of a century, BWA’s volunteer Streamwatchers have been testing water quality in the Brodhead, Cherry, Marshalls, McMichael, Paradise and Pocono creeks and their tributaries.*

