

VOLUNTEER SHOWCASE

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Volunteer Helps Create an Enjoyable Working Environment in Montana Field Office

Although Kayla Higgins has lived in a small Montana county her entire life, she continues to meet local producers and landowners she's never encountered before. That's one of the biggest reasons she enjoys volunteering at the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) Jordan field office in Jordan, MT.

Higgins, who started as an Earth Team volunteer six years ago while in high school, said, "I really like the atmosphere here." For as much fun as she is to have in the office, Higgins plays a large role in creating that atmosphere she enjoys so much.

Higgins currently volunteers about eight hours a week in the Jordan office, and has volunteered as much as 20 hours per week in the past. As an NRCS Earth Team volunteer she performs administrative tasks such as filing, mailings and mapping.

Recently, Higgins completed the monumental task of reviewing office files for personal identifying information. She also serves as the administrative assistant for the Garfield County Conservation District, handling invoices, preparing board meetings and writing articles for the district newsletter.



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The Earth Team is the volunteer component of the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), a USDA agency. For more about NRCS and the Earth Team, visit www.usda.nrcs.gov.

If you are interested in volunteering, call (888) 526-3227 or visit your local NRCS office to learn about volunteer opportunities.