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Dustin Pearce is GIS Analyst with the Conservation Biology Institute. He has focused geospatial and stakeholder engagement experience in the San Joaquin Valley of California on agricultural lands, natural lands, and renewable energy development. His experience and background allows him to work with diverse stakeholder groups bridging the divide between disciplines, and fostering trust among stakeholders. Dustin has worked in a variety of landscapes across the southwestern United States, working on invasive species riparian ecology, rehabilitation of endangered and threatened wildlife, restoration of native vegetation, hydrological modeling, and species modeling. Dustin possesses strong technical experience in geospatial modeling, and strong leadership experience in stakeholder engagement and project management.

EDUCATION

Master's of Environmental Science and Management. Bren School of Environmental Sciences and Management, University of California Santa Barbara. Santa Barbara, CA. June 2015. Thesis: *Solar Energy and Conservation in the San Joaquin Valley*.

Bachelors of Science. Biological Sciences – Specialization in Conservation Biology and Ecology. Arizona State University, Tempe, AZ. May 2013.

EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

December 2015 – Present. **GIS Analyst**, Conservation Biology Institute, Corvallis, OR

July 2015 – November 2015. **Visiting Researcher/Consultant**, Bren School of Environmental Science & Management/Conservation Biology Institute, Santa Barbara, CA

April 2014 – June 2015. **Master’s Thesis Project Manager**, Bren School of Environmental Science & Management, Santa Barbara, CA

July 2014 – September 2014. **California Renewable Energy and Wildlife Intern**, Defenders of Wildlife, Sacramento, CA

April 2014 – June 2014. **Graduate Student Policy Intern**, California State Senate: Office of Hannah Beth Jackson, Santa Barbara, CA

SELECT PROJECT EXPERIENCE

Renewable Energy Transmission Initiative 2.0 (California Energy Commission). Facilitate data development and modeling necessary within the Environmental Land Use Technical Group as part of this state led initiative partnered with the California Public Utilities Commission, and the California Independent System Operator.

Solar and the San Joaquin Valley: Identification of Least Conflict Lands (Energy Foundation, Hewlett Foundation). Led a diverse set of stakeholder groups in the identification of natural resource values and least conflict areas for solar energy development value within the San Joaquin Valley. The project involved multiple NGO’s and state agencies across agricultural, ranching, environmental, transmission, and solar development backgrounds.