

## **PRESS RELEASE**

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The Clark Fork Pend-Oreille Conservancy (CFPOC), located in Sandpoint, Idaho, is delighted to welcome Eric W. Grace as its new Executive Director. Eric comes to us with 13 years of experience as the Executive Director of the Genesee Valley Conservancy (GVC) in New York State.

Eric received his Bachelors degree in Political Science from Colorado College. In 1996, he was accepted to SUNY Environmental Science and Forestry School for a Masters degree in Land Use Planning. While studying, Eric volunteered with GVC and did projects for the Save the County Land Trust in Syracuse, NY and the Genesee Land Trust in Rochester, NY.

In July of 1998, Eric accepted a position with GVC as its first Executive Director. He was responsible for establishing the office, furthering the preservation goals of the Conservancy and fundraising. He grew the organization from no staff to 4, oversaw an operating budget of \$230,000, and received over \$8 million in funding for the protection of important agricultural land resources. Eric has overseen the conservation of more than 9,000 acres.

“We are pleased to have someone like Eric come to the CFPOC,” stated Board of Directors President, Kyler Wolf. “Eric brings with him very strong conservation and organizational experience,” Wolf continued.

“I am really excited to assume the position at the CFPOC,” stated Grace. “It is a very accomplished organization, with a great record of conservation success and a really promising future. I’ve only been on the job for a few days, but I can tell that there is great potential for making lasting, positive impacts in the region.”

The Clark Fork-Pend Oreille Conservancy is a nonprofit land trust that works with landowners and organizations in the Clark Fork River and Lake Pend Oreille watershed to protect maintain and enhance natural resources and recreational values that contribute to our quality of life. The CFPOC can help rural landowners who are concerned about protecting their land from potential development. To date, the CFPOC has protected over 1,700 acres of prime wildlife habitat, ranch land and areas of great scenic value. For more information, please visit: [www.cfpoconservancy.org](http://www.cfpoconservancy.org) or call (208) 263-9471.