

Blake is Mapping Community-Led Climate Solutions

Community Pyrotherapy: Beneficial Fire for Healing and Education

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My community inspires climate and health work in a multitude of ways. Because of the numerous disasters we've experienced over the last six years, we've really learned how to collaborate. We've learned that our relationship with our community and place are so vital for our overall health and wellness and that these crises often create opportunities to implement innovative strategies to help us be more resilient to future climate catastrophes and disasters.

Interested parties can get involved and support our work in many different ways. One, our work takes a transdisciplinary approach to community wellness that doesn't just focus on mental health and trauma, but also focuses on environmental stewardship, outdoor education, and promoting protective action. You can get involved with this work by researching our program because we have innovative approaches that there doesn't quite exist a blueprint yet for the work that we're doing and we're really trailblazing that path. We also need to tell our story. We are working boots on the ground with community members impacted and those stories need to be shared because Across the United States, we're experiencing unprecedented disasters, and our lessons learned in the community could benefit communities across the United States.