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Dr. Katie Clifford is a social scientist who focuses natural resources, hazards and environmental governance in the American West. As a researcher at the Western Water Assessment (WWA), she works with a range of stakeholders to provide usable science and decision support in the context of environmental change. In this role she has worked with ranchers, recreational guides and land managers to understand their climate decision needs and to guide scenario planning processes in the Gunnison Basin. Most recently she led adaptation planning workshops in five communities on the Western Slope and in Southern Utah to help them think through social vulnerability from changing patterns of drought and flooding and develop context specific strategies. Katie is committed to producing research that will meet the needs of stakeholders and to bringing social dimensions into the planning process and adaptation discussions.