**PROJECT TITLE:** Minnesota Freshwater Quest: Environmental Education on State Waterways

**PROJECT MANAGER QUALIFICATIONS – Julie Edmiston**

Julie Edmiston has been active in Wilderness Inquiry’s education programming and LCCMR projects through a variety of roles since 2008. Currently the Associate Executive Director, she has a background in education, business, nonprofit development, and program management.

As project manager, Julie will oversee the team that implements this project and ensure that Wilderness Inquiry delivers stated outcomes within the budget. Julie is familiar with the Freshwater Quest, avenues to connect with teachers and districts, and how to implement the program in a safe, effective, and cost-effective manner.

**ORGANIZATION DESCRIPTION – Wilderness Inquiry (WI)**

A non-profit organization based in the Twin Cities, WI has provided opportunities for outdoor recreation for our most underserved and at-risk populations since 1978. WI serves more than 40,000 people annually on canoe, kayak, horsepack, dogsled and hiking trips. The Canoemobile is WI’s youth program that connects thousands of Minnesota youth to their public lands and natural resources through hands-on outdoor learning experiences. The program works with federal, state, and local entities to engage youth – addressing the achievement gap and fostering the next generation of environmental stewards. WI has 18 full-time and 70 part-time staff.