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Speaker Bio - Harald (Jordy) Jordahl, Director, America's Watershed Initiative

Harald (Jordy) Jordahl is the first director of America's Watershed Initiative, starting the position in January 2013, having previously worked with the Initiative as a consultant on America's Great Watershed Initiative Summit held in St. Louis in September 2012.

In this position, he works with America's Watershed Initiative Steering Committee and leads the initiative working with diverse coalition of businesses, agencies and organizations committed to developing collaborative solutions to challenges facing water resources throughout the entire Mississippi River watershed (americaswatershed.org).

The steering committee includes representatives from The Nature Conservancy, City of Dubuque, Iowa, Mississippi River Commission/US Army Corps of Engineers, Upper Mississippi River Basin Association, the Mississippi River delta region, Ohio River Basin Alliance, Mississippi River Valley Flood Control Association, Ingram Barge Company, State of Wyoming Engineer's office, Big River Works, National Corn Growers Association, and Caterpillar, Inc.

For the last three years, Jordy and AWI partners have traveled throughout the Mississippi Watershed and each of the main basins to meet with stakeholders and experts to develop a report card measuring the status of six broad goals for the watershed including transportation, ecosystems, recreation, water supply, economics and flood control/risk reduction. (www.americaswatershed.org/reportcard) Over 400 businesses, organizations, academic institutions and local, state and federal government agencies have helped inform and shape the AWI report card, released in October 2015.

Prior to this position, Jordy worked on resource policy issues with state, local, federal and tribal governments while serving in legislative, executive, administrative and advocacy positions including policy advisor to the Governor, legislative policy aide, director of intergovernmental relations for the Wisconsin Department of Administration, and director of government relations for The Nature Conservancy in Wisconsin. His interests have focused on advancing projects affecting working landscapes and the connections between conservation and communities, agriculture, forestry and transportation.

Jordy's first exposure with the Mississippi River came on duck hunting trips with his dad to pool #9, often ending with a fresh catfish sandwich at the Bright Spot in DeSoto, WI before returning home. Jordy lives in the upper Mississippi River watershed in Madison, Wisconsin with his three children, wife and hunting dog and also manages family agricultural, timber and recreational properties in western and northern Wisconsin.