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Sara Porterfield is the founder and principal of Tributaries Consulting, a historical consulting firm that provides research, writing, education, and public outreach for the water community. She holds a PhD in History from the University of Colorado Boulder and is currently at work on a book about the transnational history of the Colorado River. Her research explores how the Colorado has historically been connected to rivers around the world through policy, infrastructure, and recreation and how this history changes our understanding of Western water. Her goal is to expand understanding of and narratives about the American West's water and bring fresh, innovative perspectives to present and future challenges facing water in our region. When not writing and researching, you can find Sara on the trails and rivers of the American West or trying (usually in vain) to wear out her border collie mix, Japhy Ryder.