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I build, calibrate, and test remote sensing systems for environmental monitoring applications including low-cost imagers for monitoring water quality and drone-based sensors for measuring snow reflectivity.

## WHAT IS MY CONNECTION TO QUANTUM?

The sensors that my research group builds to study the natural environment measure photons, which are QUANTIZED packets of light.

**OUTSIDE OF WORK,** I like to play outside, especially on foot or skis! I grew up recreating in the Colorado mountains, and have enjoyed exploring the mountains around Bozeman and across Montana.

## WHAT ADVICE WOULD I GIVE HIGH SCHOOL ME?

Take advantage of opportunities to design and build cool things! I started to find my interest in optics and photonics when I built a parabolic passive solar heater in high school. I couldn't believe how much heat the sun could produce if you focused it just right. This small experiment propelled me into the world of optics and photonics, and I wish I'd had more of these experiences to build my excitement around engineering and design sooner.



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