



### **Sommer Roefaro**

Sommer Roefaro serves as the North Moab Recreation Area Transportation Scholar for the 2012-2013 Public Lands Transportation Scholar Program. She will be working in Moab, Utah reviewing and researching the transit potential of connecting Moab with the North Moab Recreation Area including Arches National Park. Sommer's work will include making recommendations about how existing and future alternative transportation systems in the area could be further developed and promoted to realize the full value of reducing congestion and

dependence upon private vehicle use.

Sommer found a passion for "healthy and fun" transportation modes while living in Burlington, Vermont and Bozeman, Montana where she enjoyed both recreating and commuting by bicycle. She is a firm believer that leading an active life is leading a healthy life. She hopes to continually learn and work in the transportation planning field creating innovative solutions that allow all individuals the opportunity to experience a sense of community and the freedoms associated with alternative transportation. Sommer graduated from Montana State University with a M.S. in Civil Engineering and earned a B.S in Electrical Engineering from Western New England College. Her ultimate goal is to someday be a recognized expert in optimizing the relationship between transportation needs and land preservation.