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Prior to joining AFWA, Ms. MacLean executed numerous national social marketing initiatives for the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, the U.S. Department of Energy, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the CureSearch National Childhood Cancer Foundation. She holds a Bachelor's degree in Communications from the University of Minnesota and Masters in Film and Video from The American University. She previously served on the Board of the Association for Conservation Information. Ms. MacLean is an alumnus of Cohort 7 of the National Conservation Leadership Institute, served as a peer coach for Cohorts 8 and 9 and a faculty member for Cohort 9 and the upcoming Cohort 10.