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## INTEGRATED DESIGN EXPERT JUAN ROVALO JOINS BIOHABITATS

**PORTLAND, OR** — October 17, 2018 — Ecological consulting firm Biohabitats, Inc. is honored to welcome the newest member of its team, biologist and Certified Biomimicry Professional, Juan Rovalo. In his role as Senior Ecologist and Integrated Design Specialist, Rovalo will apply his expertise in ecologically-grounded regenerative design to the Biohabitats' ecological planning and design projects throughout the Pacific Northwest region of the U.S. He will also help expand the firm's reach internationally to Meso-America, the Caribbean, and other parts of the world.

Affiliated with Biohabitats' Cascadia Bioregion office in Portland, Oregon, Rovalo will be based in the Bainbridge Island office of like-minded Biohabitats collaborator and regenerative design firm, McLennan Design.

"I am eager to take my passion for integrating ecology and design to the next level of impact and ability," said Rovalo. "I look forward to working with Biohabitats' world-class team on ecological restoration, conservation and regenerative design projects."

Prior to joining Biohabitats, Rovalo was the founder and Principal of In Site, where he helmed numerous interdisciplinary ecological projects in eight countries over 15 unique ecoregions. He contributed expertise to such notable projects as the Gross National Happiness Centre in Bhutan and the Blackadore Caye eco-resort in Belize. Rovalo holds a B.S. in Biology from Universidad Nacional Autónoma de Mexico and an M.S. in Biomimicry from Arizona State University.

"Juan understands the power of ecology to serve as a bridge between stewardship and development," said Biohabitats founder and president, Keith Bowers. "His ability to integrate a deep knowledge of biology into planning and design will enable us to enhance the biodiversity and resilience of even more communities throughout the world."

Founded in 1982, Biohabitats is an ecological consulting firm that applies the science of ecology to restoring ecosystems, conserving habitat, and regenerating life-sustaining natural systems through research, planning, design, engineering, and construction.

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