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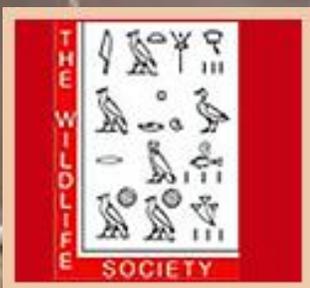


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## **COWCH Committee - VACANT**

Cover: A great gray owl sits patiently waiting for prey.  
M. Gocke.

## **A FEW WORDS FROM THE PRESIDENT...**

Summer has given way to fall. The long days (and long nights) of field work, hiking through sagebrush, riparian areas, forests and marshes are just another memory. I'm sure many of you have spent those long days bouncing around some dusty, dirt road and, if you are like me, enjoying that we occasionally are able to get out of the office. Throughout the summer incoming President Holly Copeland has been hard at work with her normal duties as well as planning a stellar annual meeting for the chapter. Although submissions of abstracts are now closed, do not forget to check out the conference website and register. You'll notice on the schedule that we will have a variety of great speakers, workshops, activities and scientific presentations.

This fall, we can really take stock of what we have accomplished to conserve wildlife throughout the state. Wyoming is home to many unique species and species in numbers not found elsewhere in the country. From large carnivores and ungulates to amphibians and song birds, much of what we all work on has immediate benefits to these species. As we get back in to the rhythm of meetings and deadlines, be sure to stop and realize the benefit that all of your hard work has done and is continuing to do for species throughout the state.

*M. Hayes, President WYTWS*



# WY TWS BOARD MEETINGS: AUTUMN HI-LITES



Daly Edmunds, WYTWS Secretary

Since our spring newsletter, the Board met three times via webinar/conference call – April 11, August 1, and September 13.

Below is a list of some of the topics discussed and decisions made. Board meetings are open to the membership, so participation is always welcome! For complete meeting minutes, please contact Daly Edmunds at [dedmunds@audubon.org](mailto:dedmunds@audubon.org).

**TREASURER** – Therese took a job in MT – congrats!!!

**TWS-SRM JOINT CONFERENCE IN CODY** – Lots of discussion on this, with Holly taking the lead on organizing it and getting guidance/direction/approval from the Board.

**GRADUATE SCHOLARSHIP** – Board voted to increase scholarship to \$1,000 for 1 M.S. and 1 PhD student at UW.

## **NATIONAL TWS CONFERENCE IN RALEIGH**

**Terry Kreeger for Honorary Membership to National** - On 3/23/16, Eric Maichak sent email to WY-TWS Board proposing Dr. Terry Kreeger for honorary member recognition, all agreed. For more about award, including previous recipients: [process & criteria](#).

Honorary Memberships recognize continuous outstanding service to any area of concern to The Wildlife Society by a TWS member who is a practicing or retired wildlife professional. First recipient was Ding Darling in 1950. Board secured letters of support from Terry Cleveland, Todd Cornish, Tom Ryder, and Dave Jessup. Submitted packet in April and notified in July that he was selected. He will be going to National conference to receive the award.

**Early Career Professional Development** – this course is being offered at National Conference in Raleigh. Board voted for \$605 for travel award to attend annual meeting, with understanding that selected recipient will attend this (no restrictions on point in career, workshop is still being planned).

**Travel Support for Educator of the Year** – Merav Ben-David won Educator of the Year award. Has requested \$500 to fund travel to NC to receive the award. Board approved with understanding that Ben-David will do a workshop for WY-TWS members on stable isotope analyses.

**ASPEN DAYS** – WY-TWS has been asked to house the minimal profit from this Pinedale fundraiser (\$100-\$200) in our existing “Special Meetings” account (be its own line item), as it has previously been held in personal accounts.

**WHISKEY MOUNTAIN CONSERVATION CAMP** – youth to adults. The camp needs ~\$1.2 million needed for renovations. This was brought up as a funding need at the Western Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies meeting. Eric Maichak will stay on top of this issue, engaging in larger meetings and keeping Board in the loop. There’s interest in having WY-TWS donate, also send out notice to members and do something in Cody.

**COMMUNICATION COMMITTEE** – Discussions continue on what the future will hold for newsletters. Eric Maichak has done an outstanding job in creating 3 newsletters a year (Autumn, Spring/Summer, Winter). However, it is time-consuming. Maybe reduce frequency? Maybe eliminate all together? Will call to members for help.

# ...Board Meeting Highlights

**SCIENCE COMMITTEE UPDATE** – In June 2016, subject matter experts from within WY-TWS membership reviewed the Draft Environmental Impact Statement released by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service re: the Eagle Take Permit. Their recommended comments were submitted to USFWS by the Board.

This is the first ETP being pursued in WY, and encompasses the take predicted for the first 500 turbines associated with Chokecherry Sierra Madre.

For first 500 turbines along western half of approved 1000 turbine wind farm, take is predicted to be 10-14 Golden Eagles and 1-2 Bald Eagles per year. The number of power pole retrofits that would be needed to offset the take of golden eagles from the CCSM Phase I Project would be between 1,492 and 3,778, depending on the turbine blade diameter and the number of years for which the retrofit would prevent loss of eagles.

**COWCH Committee** - WY-TWS needs a new Chair because Andrea Orabona can't given her new responsibilities as President of CMPS. Please contact Matt Hayes ([mhayes1@uwyo.edu](mailto:mhayes1@uwyo.edu)) if interested!

**Nominations/Awards Committee** - Anna Chalfoun was the Chair but is now president of Cooper's Ornithological Society. Need a new chair. Please contact Matt Hayes ([mhayes1@uwyo.edu](mailto:mhayes1@uwyo.edu)) if interested!

**JOB POSTING** - Board members have been receiving requests to post jobs to our list serve, Board confirmed that we will not be doing this as other outlets address this need.

*D. Edmunds, WYTWS Secretary*

## And Then Some: Ben-David & Kreeger Kudos

Despite monumental accomplishments for many wildlife professionals throughout their careers, inspiration and innovation often go unrecognized. Yet this year, Parent TWS selected Dr. Merav Ben-David for Wildlife Educator of the Year and Dr. Terry Kreeger for Honorary Member.



Ben-David's strong focus on inquiry-based learning and integrating active research on chipmunks into the University of Wyoming Student Chapter (that she also advises) has helped over 1000 wildlife students expand their understanding of natural processes and strengthen UW's student chapter. As noted by Ben-David, "There are no disagreements among educators that active and inquiry-based learning are the most effective teaching methods. Indeed this is the 'new wave in science education. I've been a believer, and a surfer of the wave, for over 16 years." Among Kreeger's accomplishments include 3 decades of research in chemical capture and handling of wild animals as well as wolf



reintroduction into Yellowstone. After Kreeger was notified, he said, "It is most unexpected to have received this award. To be named along with the likes of Ding Darling, Aldo Leopold, Olaus Murie, Jack Ward Thomas, and my longtime friend and colleague, Dave Mech, is truly humbling. I thank everyone who was involved with my nomination and acceptance."

Both Ben-David and Kreeger will accept their prestigious awards in Raleigh, NC at this year's Parent TWS conference in October. Way to go!



## Ramble On: Science Committee Update

The visible wisps of one's breath in the colder autumnal mornings while being serenaded by a cantankerous bull elk, attempting to keep his herd in line and ensure his future genetic legacy through his progeny; one of the many splendiferous things occurring with Wyoming's wildlife at this time of year. I apologize for waxing philosophic a bit more during flannel season – something about this time of year makes even the most curmudgeon-ish of us remember why we are proud to have chosen this profession as a calling. The Science Committee most recently assisted the Wyoming Chapter of The Wildlife Society with a review of a Draft Environmental Impact Statement regarding pending development that could impact golden eagles and other raptors in Wyoming. These reviews and letters on behalf of WYTWS and the Science Committee are available for your perusal on our webpage.

Dan Thomson,  
Science Committee Chair

There are a lot of strange occurrences unfolding on a societal level and I am one to revisit historical literature from the field when faced with confusion or malaise. I'll leave you with a fitting excerpt from Paul Errington's seminal *Of Men and Marshes* (1957):

*“Man seldom goes to such extremes as to rip open his progeny when they get annoyingly under foot. Outright cannibalism is not fashionable among civilized peoples. But the harshness of man toward man can equal anything to be seen on the marshes. It is not the way of muskrats to rationalize their cruder practices in terms of survival of the fittest or of manifest destiny or of chosen peoples or of utopian visions, but the common propensity of man and muskrats for growing savage under stress appears to be basic.”*

These words from the 1950s seem pretty analogous to current affairs...Keep the faith true believers; hope to see you all in Cody!!

D. Thompson, Science Committee Chair

### *The Wyoming Chapter of The Wildlife Society strives to:*

- ♦ *Provide an organization of wildlife management professionals from which statements affecting wildlife can be made exclusive of agency limitations.*
- ♦ *Provide for the exchange of ideas and information between wildlife workers without agency consideration.*
- ♦ *To strengthen The Wildlife Society, its objectives and goals.*
- ♦ *To promote and provide for intradisciplinary communication and training to keep abreast of modern needs and technological developments.*
- ♦ *To promote awareness of and continued improvement in wildlife management.*

# Amazing Summer: The 2016 WYTWS Fellowship Program

The mission of the WYTWS program is to develop and mentor future wildlife professionals. Now in its fifth year, this paid summer program allows the selected Fellow to explore multiple career opportunities as he/she travels, networks, assists, learns, and interacts with the public around Wyoming.

Jace Cussins was selected as the 2016 Fellow. This three-month position provided him the unique opportunity to shadow seventeen different wildlife organizations including federal agencies, state agencies, universities, NGOs, and consultants – many of which were WYTWS members.

Some of these experiences included: hands-on work with U.S. Fish and Wildlife Services and a University of

2016 WYTWS Fellow, Jace Cussins, holds a tagged juvenile golden eagle prior to release.

Wyoming grad student on endangered Wyoming toads, bighorn sheep/pronghorn antelope/secretive marsh bird/black bear hair snare surveys with Wyoming Game and Fish Department, necropsies at the Wyoming State Vet Lab, fed and hatched trumpeter swans with the Wyoming Wetland Society, participated in the Western States Sage and Columbian Sharp-tailed Grouse Workshop with Audubon Rockies, banded golden eagle fledglings and rabbit surveys with the Draper Museum, mist-netted and tracked bats with Wyoming Natural Diversity Database, and received a special invitation to attend the historic release of black-footed ferrets in Meteetsee. Jealous yet? I am! If you're able to make it Cody for our joint meeting with Society for Range Management, you'll hear directly from Jace about his amazing summer made possible by our chapter!



Thank you to all of the mentors from this last summer. Your time (ranging from a few hours to a week), talking about your educational background and careers, gave him unique insight into our complex field and is helping to guide him as he develops a meaningful career. This program is one of the reasons that I'm really proud to be a member of WYTWS!

*D. Edmunds, WYTWS Fellowship Co-Coordinator*

# Get Ready! WYTWS Partners with SRM at the 2016 Conference in Cody, November 15-17

As most of you are probably aware, the 2016 conference is just around the corner, and WYTWS is thrilled to be partnering with SRM at the Cody Holiday Inn November 15-17. This year's conference agenda boasts a list of exciting educational and networking events. We're currently offering 4 workshops on applied topics with workshop leaders that include several dynamic individuals, a field trip, and captivating oral and poster presentations within several main session themes. Furthermore, we're offering the WYTWS mentor program luncheon, a boisterous quiz bowl, a special breakfast event for current and past-presidents, and a fabulous banquet that includes award presentations for both WYTWS and SRM.

To register and check out workshop descriptions, we encourage everyone to check our conference website,

<http://www.wytwsconference.org>

To cast your votes for Professional of the Year and Best Newsletter Article,

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/LR92Z8G>

Additional questions regarding the conference can be directed to conference chairperson Holly Copeland (hcopeland@tnc.org). In the meantime, start planning your trip to Cody in November and get ready to support WYTWS and SRM!

## **THE PRIMARY DEADLINES FOR THIS YEAR'S CONFERENCE ARE:**

**September 23, Abstract Submissions**

**October 15, Student and Professional Travel Grant Applications**

**October 28, Block Room Reservations at Holiday Inn**

- rate code ZTD TWS Wyoming Chapter
- GSA rates apply

**November 2, Votes for Professional of the Year and Best Newsletter Article**

The following several pages of the newsletter have the Board candidate biographies, Professional of the Year Award nominations, Best Newsletter Article announcement, and donation receipt.

**All other conference info is at  
<http://www.wytwsconference.org>  
or [www.wildlife.org/wyoming-chapter](http://www.wildlife.org/wyoming-chapter)**



# WY TWS Committee Elections: Candidates, Visions, and Goals for the Future of WYTWS



It's almost election time for WY TWS! Positions currently open for election include President-Elect, Treasurer, and Board Member At-Large. Please take a few moments to read these candidates' biographical sketches and stay tuned for on-line voting information. Ballots will be tallied on in time for announcement at our annual conference in Cody. Good Luck!

## *President-Elect, Ben Wise*

I would like to formally submit my letter of interest to represent and serve the Wyoming Chapter of The Wildlife Society and its members by running for the position of President Elect. I am personally and professionally invested in Wyoming's wildlife and I am excited for the opportunity to participate in management and policy as the President Elect. This position is integral in helping to bring together and guide science based management and advocating for appropriate natural resource conservation policy. I am a lifelong resident of Wyoming and grew up with many opportunities to enjoy and conserve the wildlife resource that this state has to offer. I completed both my Bachelor's and Master's degrees at the University of Wyoming and as a biologist for the Wyoming Game and Fish Department; I have been actively involved with The Wildlife Society as a member for 5 years. I have held multiple positions within the Wyoming Game and Fish Department including Wildlife Research Biologist at the Tom Thorne/Beth Williams Wildlife Research Center, Regional Terrestrial Habitat Biologist for the Green River Region and my current position of Brucellosis-Feedground-Habitat Biologist for the Jackson Region. This professional work experience allowed me to work in multiple regions of the state and be involved with a great variety of wildlife and habitat issues, further increasing my knowledge and understanding of the complexities of managing such a diverse and highly valued resource. I am currently the chairman of the Legislative Affairs Committee for the Wyoming Chapter of The Wildlife Society and in the past, I have been an active member of the Science Committee.



My interest in running for the President Elect position of WY TWS is to increase interest and participation in both national and statewide policy that currently is or has the potential to effect wildlife and wild spaces. We, as a profession, are witnessing many long held treasures of the United States (including but not limited to public lands, the North American Model) and policy that has helped keep wildlife populations and wild lands functional (the Endangered Species Act) come under increasing scrutiny. This is a crucial time to come together as a society and utilize science and scientific minds to help direct policies pertaining to what we have professionally devoted our careers to. I want to inspire and increase WY TWS's presence throughout the state and will strive to improve our ability to work with elected officials to make the right decision for Wyoming's treasured wildlife resources. Thank you for your consideration for the position President Elect and I look forward to the opportunity to serve the society and the professionals that it represents.

## *Treasurer, to be Announced*

## *Board Member At-Large, to be Announced*

Wyoming Chapter of The Wildlife Society  
2016 Professional of the Year Award Nomination for  
**Rusty Kaiser**

We would like to nominate Rusty Kaiser, Wildlife Biologist, Bureau of Land Management, Pinedale Field Office, for the TWS Professional of the Year Award. A Master of Science graduate of the University of Wyoming's Department of Zoology and Physiology Program, Rusty is an excellent partner and collaborator on projects throughout western Wyoming. He has established himself as a go-to person for his common sense and highly successful approach to wildlife and habitat management throughout the Upper Green River Basin.



Rusty respects and appreciates multiple use on federal land but also knows when to draw a reasonable line and represent wildlife values. Because of these qualities, Rusty has found great success planning and implementing many projects including the Wyoming Range Mule Deer Habitat Project. This project has involved livestock permittees from over 15 allotments and includes resting the treatments for two years after implementation. Because trust and relationships have been developed with these permittees, Rusty has been able to successfully negotiate ways to accomplish these treatments without negatively affecting the permittees. This project also successfully completed NEPA to treat 30,000 acres without appeal or legislation. This is a testament to his ability to get multiple interest groups including energy companies, livestock permittees, and partner agencies on the same page and toward a common and shared goal.

Rusty has also been an active partner on cheatgrass and weed control efforts throughout Sublette and Lincoln counties. He has been known to say “weed control is the most important habitat treatment we can do because all the proactive treatments we implement will not matter if we loose the battle to cheatgrass.” Rusty has incorporated his long-term vision into his daily decisions to prioritize weed control for funding and actions on the ground.

Rusty has also engaged in the Wyoming Range Mule Deer research project, lead by Dr. Kevin Monteith. He assisted with project development with WGFD and UW and continues to be actively involved in capturing mule deer, collecting mortality data on fawns and helping with logistics required to successfully implement the project each season. Rusty's energy and insight were instrumental in ensuring the Wyoming Range mule deer project was coordinated and implemented at both the Bureau of Land Management's field and state office levels.

Working with sage grouse was not only the focus of his Master's Degree research project, but a component of his every day job at the Pinedale BLM. With increased focus on management of sage grouse habitat, Rusty has been actively engaged in the Upper Green Sage Grouse Local Work Group. He has partnered with other biologists to develop additional studies into geophagy, seasonal habitat use, and better understanding thresholds for livestock grazing that will still support grouse. He actively seeks out new lek locations and enthusiastically assumes significant responsibility to monitor leks each spring. Rusty continues to support and implement vegetation management practices that will support healthy sagebrush ecosystems into the future while improving resistance and resilience of rangelands in the short-term.

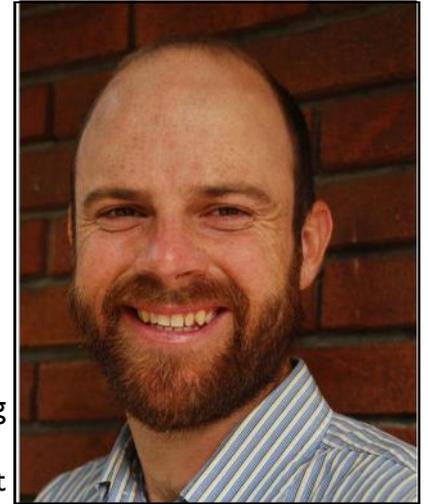
For these reasons and many more Rusty is very deserving of this award.

Respectfully Submitted by:

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Wyoming Chapter of The Wildlife Society  
2016 Professional of the Year Award Nomination for  
**Dr. Jerod A. Merkle**

Wyoming has a reputation for harboring an impressive array of wildlife professionals. Though there are many potential nominees for the 2016 Professional of the Year Award, we feel privileged and honored to stand behind Dr. Jerod Merkle. Jerod's passion for wildlife ecology developed rapidly as an undergraduate at the University of Arizona, Tuscon. Early on in his career, the Arizona native recognized the value of developing a breadth of knowledge in ecology through trapping small mammals, conducting herpetology surveys, banding over 500 passerines, electrofishing and tagging, as well as tracking, capturing and collaring Mexican wolves. As a Boone and Crockett Fellow and Masters student at the University of Montana, Jerod studied human-black bear interactions in Missoula with Dr. Paul Krausman. Shortly after publishing his Masters work, he courageously moved to Quebec for his PhD research on the behavior, movement, and cognition of bison in askatchewan. Over the past 2 years as a post-doctoral researcher at the Wyoming Cooperative Fish and Wildlife Research Unit, it has become clear that Jerod's expertise, character, and dedication to applied research of Wyoming's wildlife make him a strong nominee for the Professional of the Year Award.



Jerod's knowledge and ability to integrate innovative research with management issues is exceptional. His recent investigations of how climate change affects disease dynamics and transmission between wildlife and livestock have facilitated productive collaborations between the Wyoming Game and Fish Department, University of Wyoming, and U.S. Geological Survey. A focus of this work involves collating data from GPS collars, serology, satellite imagery, and vaginal implant transmitters to estimate how snowpack and spring green-up of vegetation shift elk distributions and thus the risk of brucellosis transmission to cattle over space and time. To our knowledge, this research is one of the most sophisticated risk assessments ever done for a wildlife-livestock disease. In addition, Dr. Merkle worked with website developers and data visualization experts to translate his work into a management-friendly, interactive website that allows managers to assess cattle risk under different environmental conditions with the click of a button. Dr. Merkle's work brings state-of-the-art animal space use methodology to the field of disease ecology, facilitating effective management protocols for disease control.

Jerod's unwavering commitment to The Wildlife Society is remarkable. He has held several positions of leadership since the foundation of his career, including Vice President of Arizona's Student Chapter, Chair of the Student Professional Development Working Group, as well as Student Liaison to both the Wildlife Society's Council and the Canadian Section through University of Laval's Student Chapter. Perhaps most noteworthy, Jerod is a recent graduate of The Wildlife Society's Leadership Institute Class of 2015. As nearly 70 percent of leaders in the wildlife profession are projected to retire in the next decade, Jerod's tireless contributions to developing and mentoring the next generation of wildlife professionals is not only essential, but also admirable.

The extent of Jerod's professional development, character, and analytical skills is especially apparent when he is teaching and mentoring graduate students. As a teacher, Jerod possesses a rare combination of character traits that allow students to feel comfortable and confident in the classroom. As any graduate student studying wildlife ecology will tell you, learning the necessary computer programming, data manipulation, spatial and statistical analyses to tackle novel research questions is not straightforward. Jerod's uncanny ability to patiently distill these complex ideas and analyses into a comprehensible, digestible format is exceptionally rare in academia.

As one who is equally comfortable behind a Leupold VX-6 scope, a laptop running step-selection functions, and a high-end camera photographing wildlife in remote places, Jerod is a bit of a renaissance man in our profession. While this breadth of talents is certainly unusual, we view Jerod as unique for a different reason. Doing research for a living is a fun but competitive enterprise, and scientific output in our early years is how we convince potential employers to give us a shot. As a result, and understandably, many postdocs are tempted to spend the bulk of their time cloistered in their offices, cultivating their own CVs and egos. Jerod is the exception, the altruist who is always quietly helping someone else on his own time. He has selflessly spent hundreds (yes hundreds!) of hours helping graduate students and other professionals around the state navigate difficult coding and analyses involving ungulate demography, movement, resource selection, and harvest pressure. Notably, Jerod's contributions help guide the success of these projects, which are essential to the wildlife management goals of various agencies in Wyoming, including the Wyoming Game and Fish Department, the National Park Service, Bureau of Land Management, US Forest Service, US Geological Survey, and US Fish and Wildlife Service.

Jerod's commitment to exceptional, applied wildlife research has been and will continue to be an important contribution to the state of Wyoming. We are fortunate to have him among us, and we are honored to nominate Dr. Jerod Merkle for the Wyoming Chapter of The Wildlife Society's Professional of the Year Award.

Respectfully Submitted by:

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# People's Choice: Get Ready to Vote for the 2016 Best Newsletter Article Award!

In the grind to complete daily tasks and stay afloat or let alone get ahead in the wildlife business, writing in a creative sense is something that is sometimes unnoticed or even considered totally unimportant. Creative writing in the wildlife arena is often philosophical and beautiful, can spawn ideas that we might not generate under normal circumstances, and occasionally is used to enhance forms of technical writing. This year, the Communications Committee is pleased to announce that the 2016 Best Newsletter Article Award will be judged not by us, but by YOU, the membership. Below are the criteria to help you decide your top pick:

1. The article or work was published in any of the 2016 WYTWS Newsletters (Winter or Spring/Summer)
2. The article or work was written by a WYTWS member in good standing
3. The article or work displays excellent readability and flow; it is enjoyable to read and captivating
4. The article or work employs appropriate and creative use of grammar and punctuation
5. The article or work is relevant to current wildlife and/or habitat issues in Wyoming
6. The article or work displays literary seriousness or humor; it makes you laugh, think, or affects your mood
7. The article or work displays a unique or possibly innovative writing style

Please take a few moments to review newsletters from 2016, pick, and vote at:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/LR92Z8G>

## SAVE THE DATE

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Wyoming Section



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Sincerely,

*/s/ Therese Hartman*

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## Note from the Editor....

Steam and the fragrant decay of vegetation waft from the land as the morning sun evaporates evening rain. Far in the distance, primal howls of wolves echo through the valley and announce a rendezvous as summer winds down. From the weathered deck of this backcountry paradise, lost in space and time, it appears that conservation and management are for a moment in synch. Yet growing ever louder in its methodical approach, the monotone buzz of a low-flying Supercub airplane sounds the pursuit for those who dared to cross the line and dine on domestic board-of-fare. Suddenly it is apparent that “conservation” and “management”, like power and control, often have two very different meanings and outcomes.

In 1905, Teddy Roosevelt re-designated forest reserve lands as the United States National Forest and hired Gifford Pinchot to steward this vast resource. Their vision and commitment to conservation and sound management provided opportunity not only for sustainable harvest of timber but sustainable recreation and research that many of us appreciate. Today, negotiations are occurring to permanently transfer lands in Wyoming from public to private ownership that could likely diminish potential actions to benefit future wildlife habitat and populations. As you step out of your field season and step into the woods, sage, or water this autumn to enjoy the Wyoming backcountry, ponder if Teddy or Gifford would approve of transferring lands they worked so hard to provide for the rest of us to enjoy. Probably not.

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