



I'd like to thank everyone for the opportunity to serve as representative on the Colorado Chapter of the Wildlife Society. I grew up in Michigan and my appreciation of the outdoors was cultivated by my parents, both of whom were Wildlife Biologists. As a kid, my dad would show me around a refuge he managed and explained wildlife management and pointed out rare species for that area, like snowy owls. After serving in the Navy, I earned a B.S from Western Michigan University in 2003 and a M.S. from Michigan State University in wildlife biology and management in 2011. Later that year, I moved to Wyoming and worked as a Wildlife Biologist for the BLM. After spending three years in Wyoming and working on a myriad of wildlife and energy development conflicts, I transferred to the BLM San Luis Valley

Field Office (SLVFO) in Monte Vista, Colorado. At my current job, I manage terrestrial habitat for the BLM in the SLVFO, and have the opportunity to face a different array of wildlife habitat and management issues. Some of my daily duties include managing habitat for Gunnison sage-grouse and mitigating impacts from domesticated sheep and cattle grazing on wildlife. I spend my off time in the outdoors fishing, hunting, cross country skiing, and backpacking.