**2017 Fall/Winter Travel Grant Recipients**

The Colorado Chapter of the Wildlife Society executive board would like to congratulate Stacy Lischka and Megan Jones on being selected to receive the 2017 Fall/Winter Travel grant award. This year the chapter was able to fund two awards in the amount of $500 each.

Stacy will be using her award to attend the 2017 Annual Conference of The Wildlife Society in Albuquerque, New Mexico. Stacy will be giving a presentation entitled “Understanding Motivations for Human Behaviors to Limit Human-Wildlife Conflict” in the talk session on Ecology and Conservation of Ursids. Stacy’s presentation offers methods that wildlife managers can use to encourage people to voluntarily bear-proof residential waste. This opportunity will allow Stacy to connect with other researchers and managers in the US working to address similar issues threatening the sustainability of bear populations.

Megan will be using her award to attend Pathways to Success: Integrating Human Dimensions into Fish and Wildlife Management Conference and Training in Estes Park in September. Megan has been invited to present her research titled “Identifying Barriers and Supports for Women Conservation Leaders”. Megan’s research involved interviewing over 60 women employed at conservation agencies and NGOs in Colorado and across the US to identify the most compelling and pervasive barriers holding women back from conservation leadership and the most meaningful supports helping them advance. Megan’s research is useful for wildlife conservation and management professionals who seek to make their workplaces more inclusive of diverse voices and underrepresented groups.

The Colorado Chapter of the Wildlife Society will be offering additional opportunities to apply for travel grants in December of 2017 for the spring/summer travel grant. Please check our website or newsletters for those announcements.