

## Krysten Zummo-Strong

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Krysten received her Bachelor's degree in Wildlife Management from SUNY Cobleskill in 2011. It was here where she first became an active member of The Wildlife Society. Upon becoming involved with TWS she immediately recognized the importance of The Society in addressing current issues in the field, providing networking opportunities for both students and professionals, and creating positive relationships for effective wildlife conservation. She has been working with the Student Development Working Group since graduation with her Bachelor's degree, serving in each board position, and as the Student Liaison to Council. In 2013 she participated in TWS's Leadership Institute, an experience that made even clearer the importance of building relationships for a positive and effective work environment. She has previously served on the New Mexico Chapter board and currently serves as the Chair of the Early Career

Professional Working Group and as the NE Representative to the Colorado Chapter.

After graduation with her Bachelor's degree, Krysten was hired by the college as the Department of Fisheries, Wildlife, & Environmental studies' Wildlife Technician. After two year's she left to begin her Master's degree, studying the effects of climate and habitat on scaled quail populations in south-central New Mexico. Her research focused on how climate variables, such as timing and amount of rainfall, and habitat structure influenced the survival and reproduction of scaled quail. Currently she lives in Northeast Colorado where she is a wildlife biologist for Pheasants Forever, NRCS, and CPW. In this position, she works with landowners across multiple counties to create habitat for wildlife.

Krysten's personal focus is on implementing effective communication both within the field of conservation and between wildlife professionals and the public. In her roles in TWS she aims to find new and more effective means for TWS units to communicate with one another and bolster their goals through collaboration.