December 24, 2013 Announcement
NM Chapter Elections for 2014
It's time to vote, and/or write in individuals (including yourself) for Chapter positions for 2014. Those holding present office are encouraged also. Only active members of the NM Chapter may vote. You may also vote at the Joint Annual Meeting in Arizona February 6, 2014. Those individuals who were nominated are described below.

Submit your vote by February 4 on-line at: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1G8SxdJnuYF0nc-NCvDHPkkH8CGVLWJzj7iS0UrPRREM/viewform or by filling out the ballot below and sending to the Chapter President, Bob Osborn by email to - robert.osborn@state.nm.us or mail to Robert Osborn, Private Land Program Manager, New Mexico Department of Game and Fish, P.O. Box 25112, Santa Fe, NM 87504. We usually have sparse nominations so please participate. Please write in individuals in the blanks below, new names are also acceptable (nominations and bios are below):

President Elect _____

Secretary_____

Treasurer_____

Board Member 1_____
Board Member 2_____
Board Member 3_____

Nominated President Elect - Quentin Hays (current board member)
Nominated Secretary – Ginny Seamster (current Secretary)
Nominated Treasurer – Dan Collins (current Treasurer)
Nominated board members includes –
Pam Herrera-Olivas (current board member)
Krysten Zummo (new candidate)
Kristin Madden (new candidate)

Duties of the positions follow
President Elect shall assume the duties of the President in the absence or upon the inability of the President to serve, and shall perform any duties assigned by the President. The President Elect shall succeed as President the year following their term.
Secretary shall be responsible for the files and records of the Chapter. The duties also include the recording of the minutes of meetings, correspondence, and the issuance of meeting minutes.
Treasurer shall be responsible for the funds of the Chapter, shall submit complete financial reports to the last meeting of the person's term of office and shall maintain the membership rolls. Duties also shall include the receipt and disbursement of funds.
Board Members shall attend and participate in Executive Board meetings; notify the President of any items to be considered for meeting agendas; perform tasks and assume duties as directed by the President and consider being a chairperson of committees.

Quentin Hays for President Elect

I am currently an Assistant Professor of Science and Natural Resources at Eastern New Mexico University in Ruidoso, where I spearheaded the creation of a new Student Chapter of TWS in 2012. I have a B.S. in Wildlife Biology from the University of Montana and a M.Sc. in Biology (Ecology and Evolution) from the University of Western Ontario, Canada. In addition to my teaching and administrative duties at ENMU, I own and operate a small biological consulting firm: Bosque Wildlife and Habitat. I have worked with biologists on the Lincoln National Forest since 2009 to design and implement systematic surveys for threatened, endangered and sensitive species of various taxa on Forest lands. I am also heavily involved with the Collaborative Forest Restoration Program (USFS) in the state of New Mexico. Additionally, I have led and continue to lead pre-construction baseline wildlife studies for wind energy projects in New Mexico, Arizona and Texas, as well as other private sector studies. In 2011, along with biologists from Bat Conservation International and the Lincoln National Forest I received the Wings Across The Americas (WATA) award for Bat Conservation.

I have worked for many different institutions, agencies, organizations and companies including The University of Alaska-Fairbanks; University of Montana; University of Washington; Smithsonian Environmental Research Center; United States Forest Service; Idaho Department of Fish and Game; Ducks Unlimited; Audubon Society; Wildlife Conservation Society; Bat Conservation International; Western EcoSystems Technology, Inc.; Tetra Tech, Inc.; and GeoSystems Analysis, Inc.

My wildlife studies and work have taken me from Montana to Maine, Alaska to Louisiana, Jamaica to New Zealand and beyond. I am a Master Bird Bander (USGS), a certified Type II Firefighter (Wildland), a Wilderness Emergency Medical Technician and hope to complete my application for Certified Wildlife Biologist® status this year. I feel that my involvement with the New Mexico Chapter of the Wildlife Society will help provide opportunities for the students I advise at the ENMU Chapter, and will continue to expand my involvement in wildlife science and management in New Mexico.

Dan Collins for Treasurer

I am currently employed by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service-Region 2 Migratory Bird Office in Albuquerque, NM as their Migratory Game Bird Coordinator. I deal with the management, assessment, and surveying of all migratory game birds within Region 2 (Texas, Oklahoma, New Mexico, and Arizona) as well as participate in both the Central and Pacific Flyways. I have degrees in Biology from Greensboro College (B.S.), Natural Resource Management from Sul Ross State University (M.S., "Ecology of a Badger (Taxidae taxus) population on the Chaparral Wildlife Management Area, Texas"), and Wildlife Ecology from Stephen F. Austin State University (Ph.D., "Moist-soil managed wetlands and their associated vegetative, aquatic invertebrate, and waterfowl communities in east-central Texas). I previously have worked for the USFWS out of the Pacific Flyway Office (Wildlife Biologist), Arkansas Chapter of The Nature Conservancy (Fire Management Technician), Mississippi State University (Mourning Dove Field Technician), Utah State University (Gunnison Sage Grouse Field Technician), and Sul Ross State University (Gamble's Quail Field Technician) to name a few. I have strong interests in migratory and upland game bird management, wetland ecology and management, and habitat management. I currently have two projects in New Mexico dealing with the Rocky Mountain Population of Sandhill Cranes and Interior Population of Band-tailed Pigeons with the hopes to develop several more here in the state of New Mexico. I look forward to engaging the New Mexico conservation community further by serving as an officer of the NM Chapter of The Wildlife Society.

Ginny Seamster for Secretary

I am an ecologist by training and am currently employed as a post doctoral research scientist at New Mexico State University working on a project funded by the South Central Climate Science Center that entails developing models of climate change effects on multiple species of greatest conservation need within New Mexico, Oklahoma, and Texas. The results of the project will be incorporated into the New Mexico Crucial Habitat Assessment Tool being developed by Natural Heritage New Mexico and New Mexico Department of Game and Fish. I have a Ph.D. in Environmental Sciences and a B.S. in Biology, both from the University of Virginia. I was born in Farmington, New Mexico and grew up in Santa Fe. I am especially interested in the conservation biology and ecology of mammalian predators, particularly felids. However, my ultimate goal is to do work that contributes to the conservation of key habitats, ecosystems, and biodiversity. My graduate research involved a non-invasive genetic survey of the coyote population at the Sevilleta National Wildlife Refuge and an evaluation of the effects of woody plant encroachment on the base of the coyote food chain. Before starting my current position, I worked as a GIS Analyst at the Trust for Public Land. Collaboration among state and federal agencies, non-profits, universities, and other entities is crucial to

the success of landscape-scale conservation efforts. The Wildlife Society provides excellent forums for individuals from different backgrounds to meet, share ideas, and set up collaborations on projects relating to the conservation and management of wildlife. I have been a member of The Wildlife Society since 2010 and I am also a member of the Ecological Society of America. I served as Secretary for the New Mexico chapter of The Wildlife Society in 2013. I would like to continue my involvement with the chapter and TWS events, including the AZ/NM Joint Annual Meeting in 2015.

Krysten Zummo for Board Member

Krysten became an active member of The Wildlife Society in 2009 while studying for her Bachelor's degree at the State University of New York at Cobleskill. She began taking on leadership roles as an undergrad where she served as the student chapter President and coordinated the 2011 Northeastern Wildlife Conclave. She soon became involved with the Student Development Working Group as Secretary, Newsletter Editor, Awards Committee Chair, and now Treasurer. This past year she was accepted into, and completed, The Wildlife Society's Leadership Institute. As a part of the Institute, she was encouraged to continue building leadership skills through becoming involved with local chapters and sections of The Wildlife Society. Although she is new to New Mexico, she has a vast amount of experience within The Wildlife Society and would love to become more involved with the New Mexico Chapter as a board member. It is her personal goal to create better connections between state chapters and their respective student chapters in order to increase student activity and retention in the society. If elected board member, she will move this goal forward while getting to know and assisting in the activities of the New Mexico Chapter.

Education:

B.T. Wildlife Management from the State University of New York at Cobleskill
M.S. Wildlife Science (In Progress) from New Mexico State University

Employment History:

Graduate Research Assistant, New Mexico State University, August 2013-Present
Avian Demography Crew Leader, Oregon State University, May 2013-August 2013
Instructional Support Assistant, State University of New York at Cobleskill, May 2011-May2013
Avian Field Technician, United States Forest Service, May 2010-August 2010
Avian Technician, Missouri Department of Conservation/University of Missouri, May 2009-August 2009
Environmental Steward, Suffolk County Parks Department, May 2008-August 2008

TWS Activities:

Associate Wildlife Biologist®, The Wildlife Society, May 2011-Present
Treasurer, Student Development Working Group, October 2013-Present
Member, Leadership Institute, May 2013-October 2013
Awards Committee Chair, Student Development Working Group, October 2012-Present
Newsletter Editor, Student Development Working Group, October 2012-Present
Secretary, Student Development Working Group, October 2011- October 2012
Student Chapter Co-Advisor, State University of New York at Cobleskill, May 2011-May 2013
Outstanding Undergraduate Student Award, New York State Chapter of The Wildlife Society, 2011
Coordinator, Northeastern Conclave, 2011
Co-Chair, Fish and Wildlife Festival, State University of New York at Cobleskill, 2011
Chair, Fish and Wildlife Festival State University of New York at Cobleskill, 2009, 2010
Student Chapter President, State University of New York at Cobleskill
Member, The Wildlife Society, 2009-Present
Member, New York State Chapter of The Wildlife Society, 2009-Present
Member, New Mexico State Chapter of The Wildlife Society, 2013
Member, Southwest Section, The Wildlife Society, 2013

Attendee, The Wildlife Society Annual Conference, 2008, 2009, 2011, 2012, 2013

Attendee, New York State Chapter of The Wildlife Society, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012

Attendee, Northeast Association of Fish Wildlife Agencies Conference (host of the Northeastern Section Meeting), 2010, 2013

Other Professional Affiliations:

American Ornithologists Union, 2011

Ducks Unlimited, 2012

Kristin K. Madden for Board Member

Kristin is the Bird Program Manager and migratory game bird biologist for the New Mexico Department of Game and Fish. She has a Master's degree in wildlife biology/environmental studies and conducted her research on nest-site aggression in Cooper's hawks in Albuquerque. She chaired the TWS Wildlife Disease Working Group subcommittee to provide comments on the National Wildlife Health Center Strategic Science Plan in 2011 and taught the basic wildlife rehabilitation course at the 2012 JAM. Kristin has been an avian biologist and wildlife rehabilitator in New Mexico for over 16 years and is a former Clinic Director for Wildlife Rescue Inc. of New Mexico. Kristin and her husband live in Albuquerque with their dog and assorted birds. Their son is a sophomore at NM Tech.

Professional affiliations:

The Wildlife Society, Wildlife Disease Working Group

Central Flyway Waterfowl and Webless Technical Committees

Intermountain West Joint Venture Sandhill Crane Habitat Conservation Working Group

New Mexico Burrowing Owl Work Group

Raptor Research Foundation

International Wildlife Rehabilitation Council

Pam Herrera-Olivas for Board Member

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