

# CMPS Newsletter

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## A Message from the President

Bill Vodehnal— Nebraska

With summer upon us and the year nearly half over, I wonder where all the time has gone and when I will complete those tasks on my to-do list. Weather-wise, we have quite the contrast from a year ago with respect to precipitation here in Nebraska, but the effects of drought still linger even though we received much needed rain in May. We are not out of the woods yet and time will tell what our landscape will look like in ensuing years and its impacts on wildlife populations. I feel fortunate not to endure the drought of many southern states.

As you will see from this newsletter, I have been engaging more from a conservation review perspective as I feel there are important issues on the horizon that we as a section should voice our opinion. A letter was recently sent to all Congressmen and Senators of the 7 CMPS states concerning reauthorization of CRP and the conservation compliance issue. Another letter was sent concerning a recent bill introduced by 3 Missouri Congressmen attempting to remove fish and wildlife as an authorized purpose of Missouri River management. These are important issues needing a voice for fish and wildlife and I'm sure there are many more issues that we will address in years to come. I feel we have a professional responsibility as members of TWS and the section to be a voice for these species and landscapes. Roger Tory Peterson once said "My fervent desire is to see the soils safeguarded, the waters unpolluted, the forest and grasslands properly managed and wildlife protected...Conservation is plainly a moral issue."

I will need your help with engaging on issues down the road as many issues go beyond the scope of my awareness and professional expertise. Hopefully, you will be up to the challenge and assist in whatever way possible. As you can probably tell by now, my nature is not to sit back and just put TWS membership on my resume, but to do everything possible for fish, wildlife, and our natural world by engaging at the parent, section, and chapter level of TWS. Gifford Pinchot once said "Unless we practice conservation, those who come after us will have to pay the price of misery, degradation, and failure for the progress and prosperity of our day." I don't want future generations to pay the price or face the consequences because I failed to act during my time. I'm fairly confident that you feel the same way or you wouldn't be in this profession.

Before I close, I want to express a special thank you to Sara Peterson for her efforts on our CMPS newsletter this past year. She will be leaving Nebraska soon for the east coast and we will truly miss her efforts, but wish her well in her new wildlife adventures and journey. If anyone could help with taking over for Sara, I would very much appreciate your willingness to step up.

I look forward to seeing you at the annual CMPS meeting in Cedar City, UT and have a great summer.

Bill



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## Section Business

The following letter was sent to United States senators on behalf of CMPS members regarding the current USDA Farm Bill issue:

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June 1, 2013

The Honorable House or Senate Member  
Address House or Senate Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Congressman or Senator Last Name,

The Central Mountains and Plains Section (CMPS) of The Wildlife Society is a subunit of the parent organization comprised of states including Colorado, Kansas, Nebraska, North Dakota, South Dakota, Utah, and Wyoming. The Wildlife Society is a professional organization that strives to ensure that wildlife and habitats are conserved through management actions that take into careful consideration relevant scientific information. We are advocates for effective wildlife policy, law, and programs that benefit wildlife and stewardship of our natural resources. The USDA Farm Bill has demonstrated its importance to wildlife and habitats across the United States.

CMPS would like to bring your attention to two important issues facing wildlife, soil, and water resources. Nationally, the number of lost Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) acres ballooned to 9.7 million, with the total acres nationwide falling to its lowest point in over 20 years. In the last 5 years, the 7 CMPS states have lost approximately 2.6 million acres of CRP, 26% of the acres lost nationwide. That's roughly an area the size of Yellowstone National Park or the area of the states of Delaware and Rhode Island combined.

CRP provides critical habitat for many species in the Great Plains and Rocky Mountains that have lost native grassland habitats to agricultural, industrial and urban development. For example, Lesser Prairie-Chicken (*Tympanuchus pallidicinctus*), Columbia Sharp-tailed Grouse (*Tympanuchus phasianellus columbianus*), and Plains Sharp-tailed Grouse (*T. p. jamesi*) have found a last bastion for survival in CRP fields, preventing these species from being listed under the Endangered Species Act. Millions of waterfowl and grassland birds use CRP fields as crucial nesting and feeding habitat as well. CRP also boosts rural economies. Outdoor recreation related to the pursuit and take of pheasants contributed approximately \$226 million to the South Dakota economy in 2011 alone with many of these birds being pursued on CRP fields.

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Every American should be alarmed at the loss of program acres because CRP provides benefits to them as well. By curbing erosive forces, CRP maintains topsoil on highly erodible lands and prevents an estimated 450 million tons of irreplaceable topsoil from entering our rivers and streams. In addition to maintaining the fertility of some of the best farmlands the world has ever known, preventing topsoil erosion ensures that millions of people have clean drinking water. CRP also sequesters 50 million metric tons of carbon dioxide annually in soils and vegetation. The benefits are too numerous to list, but the importance of CRP lands to all U.S. citizens is well documented.

CMPS members live and work in states rooted in the soil. We understand the value of a dollar and that asking our government to continue spending more than it earns will lead to an impoverished future for our children and wildlife. In the environment where you work, special interests ask daily for protection for this program or that we hope that our voice for conservation of our national soil, water and wildlife resources and the local communities that depend on them can be heard. As you consider Farm Bill revisions we ask for your support in keeping the CRP cap at or above the 25 million acres outlined in the Senate Agricultural Committee bill.

Members of CMPS of The Wildlife Society would also like to show our support for conservation compliance. The draft Farm Bill produced by the Agricultural Committee and sent to the Senate floor encourages good stewardship by relinking conservation compliance to crop insurance premium subsidies in a workable manner. Access to crop insurance is maintained for all eligible farmers provided they follow basic conservation for fragile soils and wetlands. Protections such as grace periods to come into compliance and good faith exemptions are included to ensure farmers do not lose benefits prematurely. Conservation compliance helps farmers return environmental benefits to the public in exchange for taxpayer support of the farm safety net, making it truly a win-win policy. We also ask that you support this linkage during the ongoing debate on the Farm Bill.

As wildlife professionals actively invested in the health, wellbeing, and biodiversity of our working lands, we look forward to working with you and your colleagues through the passage of the 2013 Farm Bill and beyond. If you have any questions about these two critical issues or need additional perspective from the wildlife profession in CMPS, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

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Congressmen Graves (R-MO), Hartzler (R-MO), and Luetkemeyer (R-MO) introduced H.R. 1460 in April to revise the Missouri River Mainstem Reservoir System Master Water Control Manual to seek removal of fish and wildlife as one of the authorized purposes for the Corp of Engineers to consider. The other authorized purposes include flood control, navigation, hydropower, water supply, water quality, irrigation, and recreation. Fish and wildlife and the habitat supporting them were impacted severely from the development of the Corps' Bank Stabilization and Navigation Project on the lower reaches of the Missouri River. Compliance with the Endangered Species Act and the 2003 Biological Opinion by the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service recognizes that the Corps' operation of the river has contributed to the listing of three species as threatened or endangered. Retaining fish and wildlife as an authorized purpose allows the Corps' to lessen these environmental impacts while maintaining the social and economic benefits of the system. These federally mandated mitigation efforts not only compensate for losses of fish and wildlife habitat but concurrently provide societal benefits including retention and reduction of flood flows and improvement of water quality.

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Fish and wildlife are public trust resources covered under the Public Trust Doctrine which establishes a trustee relationship of government to hold and manage wildlife, fish, and waterways for the benefit of resources and the public. It is the responsibility of government to consider impacts of various projects on public trust species to ensure that these resources are protected for future generations to enjoy. Fish and wildlife along the Missouri River provide significant economic and recreational value to the communities and people within the region and the United States.

The fish and wildlife habitat of the Missouri River has been altered drastically through channelization of the lower reaches from Sioux City, NE downstream to St. Louis, MO and development of a mainstem reservoir system with alteration of the lower reaches primarily to salvage a struggling navigation industry. In 2003, the Revised Master Manual study of the Missouri Mainstem Reservoir Systems found the economic value of recreation (\$85 million) far surpassed the value of navigation (\$9 million).

The severe flooding of 2010 and 2011 not only impacted individual lives along the river, but highlighted the need to develop a comprehensive Missouri River management strategy to overcome reoccurring Federal disaster payment expenditures that cost the American taxpayer billions of dollars. Current Congressionally authorized actions (i.e. Missouri River Recovery Program and Wetlands Reserve Program) have created the potential to reduce flood impacts to individuals, reduce costs to taxpayers, and further expand public benefits through enhanced fish and wildlife resources. A healthy Missouri River which includes plentiful fish and wildlife resource throughout the entire basin will directly benefit the broadest contingency of public in the Missouri Valley.

In fairness to U.S. taxpayers, we urge Congress to take a constructive approach to Missouri River issues by funding the completion of the Missouri River Authorized Purpose Study (MRAPS) which would assess each of the eight authorized purpose of the 1944 Flood Control Act. This act has never been reviewed for efficiency since 1944 or to see if there could be cost savings by adjusting management to meet contemporary needs. The scoping phase of MRAPS has been completed already.

The Central Mountains and Plains Section of The Wildlife Society urge you to oppose H.R. 1460 with respect to removal of fish and wildlife as an authorized purpose of management of the Missouri River by the Corps of Engineers. If you have any questions about our position on this issue or need additional perspective from the wildlife profession in CMPS, please don't hesitate to contact me.

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## Section Business

### Proposed Bylaws Revision

A subcommittee of the CMPS Board convened to review our current bylaws in an effort to keep them updated and relevant to the current standards of our section. The following changes were suggested and approved by the Board prior to Bismarck, ND meeting 2012. Both Articles V and IX received considerable discussion at Bismarck meeting with resolution of Article IX, but not Article V.

For your convenience, I have provided only the excerpts that included suggested changes. The entire Bylaws can be found on our section website.

Currently our bylaws state:

#### ARTICLE V – ELECTIONS AND OFFICERS

Section 2. BALLOTING – Ballots shall be counted by the Nominations and Elections Committee. *Only those ballots received by the Committee prior to the close of the Old Business session at the Annual Business Meeting shall be counted.* For ballot counting purposes, the President shall appoint a replacement for any member of the Nominations and Elections Committee who has been nominated for office. The new Section officers shall be announced and assume office at the close of the New Business session of the Annual Business Meeting.

#### ARTICLE IX – AMENDMENTS TO BYLAWS

##### Section 1. AMENDMENTS

CLAUSE A – VOTING. The Bylaws may be altered or amended by a majority vote of the members voting at the *Annual Business Meeting of the Section, a Special Meeting, or by mail ballot* any time of the year provided the details of such alterations or amendments have been submitted to all members via the newsletter at least 30 days prior to such meeting or vote.

The Board proposes the following changes:

#### ARTICLE V – ELECTIONS AND OFFICERS

Section 2. BALLOTING – Ballots shall be counted by the Nominations and Elections Committee. *Ballots shall be provided to membership via electronic on-line voting methods or paper copy ballots. All ballots must be received via electronic voting or faxed/mail paper copy 14 days prior to the start of the Annual Meeting\**. For ballot counting purposes, the President shall appoint a replacement for any member of the Nominations and Elections Committee who has been nominated for office. The new Section officers shall be announced and assume office at the close of the New Business session of the Annual Business Meeting.

*\*Comment: The particular closing date for voting was purposefully left open to allow for consideration by Board Members from year to year.*

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## Section Business

### Candidates for CMPS board member positions

*Ballots will be forthcoming*

#### President-Elect

**Vote for one candidate**

#### **Karie Decker**

**Asst. Administrator, Wildlife Division, Nebraska Game & Parks Division**

Karie Decker is currently an Asst. Division Administrator for the Nebraska Game and Parks Commission where she heads up the Research, Analysis, & Inventory Section in the Wildlife Division. She is involved with coordinating research and inventory of both game and nongame species through various partnerships across Nebraska. These projects help us understand our current and future ecological status, and in turn, in setting rules and regulations based

on sound science. Previously, Karie held the role as a Program Specialist for the Nebraska Invasive Species Project at the Nebraska Cooperative Fish and Wildlife Research Unit from 2009-2012 where she gained invaluable experience in both aquatic and terrestrial systems.



Karie grew up hunting and fishing in Montana, and received her undergraduate degree from the University of Montana in Missoula. She then worked as an educator and researcher for a number of years at various locations across the US and South America before going back to school to get her master's degree in fisheries and wildlife management at the University of Arizona. Her research has historically focused on examining broad-scale evolutionary patterns in avian ecology. These interests have now expanded across taxa, and have linked behavioral and evolutionary patterns to daily management practices. Karie is thrilled to be in a position where she works with over a dozen different state and federal agencies and organizations to coordinate wildlife research activities in Nebraska.

Through CMPS, she hopes to become more engaged in the research and management of neighboring states to better understand what drives our wildlife populations at a regional scale. She also hopes to increase interstate communication and explore the potential to pool resources for collaborative projects. Finally, she hopes to continue to encourage student and professional participation in TWS at all levels.

## Section Business

### Board Member at Large

Vote for two candidates

**Justin Hamilton**  
**Public Lands Manager**  
**Kansas Department of Wildlife, Parks & Tourism**

Justin Hamilton is a Public Lands Manager for the Kansas Department of Wildlife, Parks & Tourism and manages seven properties in northeast Kansas. Prior to his current position he worked in southwest Kansas as a Public Lands Manager and a Wildlife Biologist Technician. He holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Wildlife Ecology and Conservation Management from Northwest Missouri State University, and a Masters degree in Biology from Fort Hays State University. As a student Justin held several temporary positions with entities such as the U.S Fish and Wildlife Service, Missouri Department of Conservation, University of Missouri-Columbia, The Sternburg Museum of Natural History, and the Kansas Wetland Education Center. In his spare time Justin enjoys hunting, fishing, birding, and spending time in the outdoors with family and friends.



**Emily Munter**  
**Wildlife Biologist**  
**U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service**

My name is Emily Munter, and I am running for an at-large member position for the CMPS board. I have been enriched in my professional growth by the The Wildlife Society for over a decade, and I am excited at the opportunity to give back to TWS at the section level. My experiences with TWS began with the University of Nebraska at Kearney Student Chapter where I was a member during my undergrad years and served one term as the Chapter's Vice President. I have been involved with the Nebraska Chapter since 2004 and have served the Chapter in two terms as Treasurer and one term each as President-elect, President, and Past-president. I currently participate in the Awards and Conservation Review Committees for the Nebraska Chapter. I was selected as one of ten participants in the inaugural year of the Leadership Institute at the national level in 2006.



Since 2010 I have been a wildlife biologist for the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's Nebraska Partners for Fish and Wildlife Program where I provide technical and financial assistance to private landowners in west and southwest Nebraska for wetland and grassland restoration projects. Prior wildlife-related work includes District Habitat Manager for the Nebraska Game and Parks Commission for 7 years and a number of seasonal and part-time positions. I obtained my B.S. in Science with a Wildlife Emphasis from the University of Nebraska at Kearney and my M.A. in Education with Biology Emphasis from Chadron State College. My thesis research consisted of examining the effects of seasonal prescribed fire on cheatgrass and native mixed-grass prairie vegetation.



## Section Business

**Andrea Orabona**  
**Nongame Bird Biologist**  
**Wyoming Game and Fish Department**

I earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Wildlife Biology with a minor in Outdoor Recreation from Colorado State University, and a Master of Science degree in Zoology with a Wildlife Conservation and Management concentration from the University of Wyoming. My thesis research was on behavior and dispersal of white-tailed prairie dogs in Shirley Basin, Wyoming to determine, in part, if the population was sufficient to support black-footed ferret reintroduction.



I was fortunate to have several diverse experiences with seasonal work, including black-footed ferret telemetry in Meeteetse, Wyoming; deer mice mark/recapture along the South Platte River in Colorado; Yuma Clapper Rail population research near Yuma, Arizona; and Kokanee salmon dispersal in the Green River of Wyoming and Utah. Since 1992, I have worked for the Wyoming Game and Fish Department as the Nongame Bird Biologist, specializing in monitoring and management of Species of Greatest Conservation Need across the entire State.

My participation in The Wildlife Society began as an undergraduate at CSU, where I served as President, Treasurer, and Legislative Affairs Committee chairperson of the Student Chapter. My commitment to The Wildlife Society has continued for three decades through the Wyoming Chapter. I have participated in the Legislative Affairs Committee; served as Newsletter Editor; chaired the Information and Education Committee, Nominations Committee, and Resolutions and Position Statements Committee; and served as Secretary, President-elect, and President. I recently volunteered to chair the Celebrating Our Wildlife Conservation Heritage (COWCH) Committee for the Chapter, and look forward to logging many more interviews with the pioneers and pillars of our profession.

**Clint Otto**  
**Research Ecologist**  
**USGS, Northern Prairie Wildlife Research Center**

Clint Otto is a USGS Research Ecologist at Northern Prairie Wildlife Research Center in Jamestown, North Dakota. Clint studies the effects of land use change on wildlife and insect pollinators in the northern Great Plains. He is interested in developing decision-support tools for incorporating land use change into long-term conservation strategies for wildlife and their habitat. Some of his current projects include assessing the impacts of biofuel crop production on grassland bird communities and commercial

honey bee health and productivity. Clint received a Ph.D. in Fisheries and Wildlife from Michigan State University (2012), a M.S. in Biology from Towson University (2006), and a B.S. in Biology from the University of Wisconsin Stevens Point (2003). (<https://profile.usgs.gov/cotto>)



## Save the Date

### CMPS Annual Meeting

The 2013 CMPS conference will be held August 13-15 at the Hunter Conference Center, on the beautiful campus of Southern Utah University. The center is located next to the Adams Theatre, on the corner of Center Street and 300 West. Conference events will be located in the downtown Cedar City area. For more information regarding activities and recreation during your visit to Cedar City, including Zion, Bryce, Canyonlands, and Grand Canyon National Parks, visit <http://www.scenicsouthernutah.com>



### Paper and Poster Submissions Instructions

We are currently inviting paper and poster submissions for CMPS 2013. Submissions should be sent to Dr. Mike Conover, [mike.conover@usu.edu](mailto:mike.conover@usu.edu), by July 1, 2013. We invite submission of contributed papers and posters on topics of wildlife science, management, conservation, education, or policy. All contributed papers (oral presentations) will be scheduled for 20 minutes, which includes 15 minutes for the presentation and 5 minutes for questions. While all topics that fit into the above categories will be appropriate for our conference, this year we are focusing on 3 major issues: Human-Wildlife Conflict Management, Refuge and Riparian Ecology and Management, and Energy Development and Wildlife Management.

### General Conference Schedule

**Tuesday, August 13th: Field trip:** We will be traveling to areas just north of Cedar City to visit a geothermal energy plant installation. We will learn about mitigation measures for wildlife being implemented at this site. We will then visit an area currently under rehabilitation from an expansive wild fire. Finally we will visit existing geothermal and wind energy installations. Conference Registration and Social: We will begin our meeting at the Hunter Conference Center on Tuesday night.

**Wednesday, August 14th:** Paper sessions, CMPS business meeting, and an evening social.

**Thursday, August 15th:** Paper sessions, conclusion of the CMPS meeting, banquet, and auction.



### Travel

You can fly into Cedar City via two regional airports or two international airports. The drive from Salt Lake City (3.5 hours) or Las Vegas (2.5 hours) is uniquely beautiful. St. George is a larger regional airport, approximately 1 hour from Cedar City. There are shuttles available to Cedar City from Las Vegas and St. George. There are several taxi services providing travel from the Cedar City Airport.

### Accommodations

We have reserved a block of rooms at the Best Western Plus Town and Country Inn, 189 N. Main St., Cedar City, UT (phone: 435-586-9900). This hotel is 3 blocks from the Hunter Conference Center, a quick enjoyable walk in August in Cedar City. Our room rate is \$75/night. Please mention our group name (CMPS 2013) when making your reservation. This block of rooms will be held through July 12, 2013. There are also several bed and breakfasts and smaller hotels located around the Southern Utah University campus. Visit <http://www.cedarcity.org/> for more information.

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### Registration Form

Please register at your earliest convenience. Please send this registration form and a check or money order to:

Dr. Nicole Frey, c/o Biology Department, Southern Utah University, 351 W. University Blvd., Cedar City, UT 84720.

**Please make checks payable to the Central Mountain Plains Section of TWS.**

**Unfortunately we are unable to accept credit card payments.**

**Name:**

**Name on Badge:**

**Title:**

**Employer:**

**Mailing Address:**

**Email:**

General Registration	\$90 prior to August 1, 2013 \$110 after August 1, 2013	\$ _____
Student Registration	\$ 50 prior to August 1, 2013 \$ 70 after August 1, 2013	\$ _____
Field Trip	\$ 20	\$ _____
Wednesday Social Guest	\$ 20	\$ _____
Banquet and Auction Guest	\$30	\$ _____
Total		\$ _____

## Save the Date

### 2013 STUDENT TRAVEL GRANT APPLICATION CENTRAL MOUNTAINS AND PLAINS SECTION THE WILDLIFE SOCIETY

The Central Mountains and Plains Section (CMPS) of The Wildlife Society (TWS) announces the availability of travel grants for students planning on attending the Society's 2013 Annual Conference in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Travel grants of up to \$500 each will be awarded to a limited number of student chapters of TWS to assist with expenses incurred attending the TWS Annual Conference. Students may apply through their college student chapter of TWS.

Preference will be given to:

Current undergraduate students,

Students who are currently or who have recently been involved in activities of TWS, CMPS, or a local TWS chapter.

Group applications of up to three individuals submitted through student chapters of TWS located within the CMPS geographic boundary.

To be eligible, applicants must meet the following criteria:

1. A member of the Central Mountains and Plains Section;
2. A member of The Wildlife Society;
3. A member of their college or university student chapter.
4. A recent Baccalaureate graduate or enrolled at least half time in a program leading to a degree in wildlife biology or closely related field at a college or university within the geographic boundary of CMPS

Each individual applicant, applying as part of a group, must submit the following electronically:

1. Completed typed application form (signed by student and faculty advisor, electronic signatures are acceptable or a complete e-mail string from student to faculty advisor to CMPS secretary treasurer will be accepted in lieu of signatures);
2. A typed one-paragraph narrative describing involvement in Society activities (student chapter, state chapter, section or TWS);
3. A typed one-paragraph narrative explaining why you should receive a CMPS Travel Grant.

Incomplete applications, applications not typed and applications not submitted electronically will be disqualified.

Successful recipients will be notified as soon as possible after the application deadline. Payment will be made when the CMPS Treasurer receives a receipt (or receipts for group applications) confirming payment of registration fees for the TWS conference (forwarding a copy of E-mail registration confirmation from TWS will meet this requirement).

Typed applications and all requested material must be submitted electronically by **September 1, 2013** to Bill Vodehnal: [bill.vodehnal@nebraska.gov](mailto:bill.vodehnal@nebraska.gov).

**Applications can be found and downloaded from the CMPS website: <http://wildlife.org/cmp/>**



## Save the Date

**TWS National Meeting**  
**Milwaukee, Wisconsin**  
**October 5-10, 2013**




## Save the Date!!

### 2013 Conservation Affairs and Subunit Leadership Workshop

This in-depth, hands-on training will provide tools for wildlife professionals to use while serving in their current and future capacity within The Wildlife Society. The morning session includes an overview of Subunit and Officer benefits and responsibilities, how to maximize our Publications and Communications Department, and an overview of Government Affairs and Policy 101. The afternoon focuses on team building and team management followed by programmatic and organization-wide strategic planning for your subunit. Lunch is provided!

**When:** Saturday, October 5<sup>th</sup>, 2013 from 8:00 am – 5:00 pm  
**Where:** Milwaukee, Wisconsin  
**Cost:** \$25 registration fee (covers lunch)  
**How:** Register online at [wildlifesociety.org/registration](http://wildlifesociety.org/registration)

QUESTIONS?  
 Contact Katie Edwards ([kedwards@wildlife.org](mailto:kedwards@wildlife.org)) or Terra Rentz ([terra@wildlife.org](mailto:terra@wildlife.org)) for more information!

Are you currently serving as a Section, Chapter, or Working Group officer?  
 Have you ever considered *being* an officer for a TWS subunit?  
 Are you interested in engaging in conservation affairs or committee work for your subunit?  
 If you've answered YES! to any of these questions, then we'll see you at the workshop!



**THE WILDLIFE SOCIETY**  
**ANNUAL CONFERENCE - MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN**

**Conservation Affairs and Subunit Leadership Workshop**  
*Saturday, October 5, 2013, 8:00am – 5:00pm*  
*Location: TBA*

This in-depth, hands-on training will provide tools for wildlife professionals to use while serving in their current and future capacity within The Wildlife Society. This workshop will enhance their awareness in conservation affairs, competency in communication, and skills pertaining to leadership and strategic planning. We will discuss officer benefits and responsibilities, how to get more out of your TWS publications, TWS' historic role in policy, team building and team management, and strategic planning.

#### **Workshop Preliminary Agenda**

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| 8:00 am  | Welcome and Introductions  |
| 8:15 am  | Subunit Benefits and Responsibilities Overview – Resources, expectations, financial management, and social media<br><i>Katie Edwards, Professional Development Coordinator</i>                   |
| 9:15 am  | Break  |
| 9:30 am  | Publications and Communications Overview – How to work with The Wildlife Professional and Other Media Outlets<br><i>Dinya Abbot, TWP Managing Editor and Jessica Johnson, TWS Science Writer</i> |
| 10:30 am | Break  |
| 10:45 am | Government Affairs Overview – What is Government Affairs and why is it important?<br><i>Terra Rentz, Deputy Director, Government Affairs &amp; Partnerships</i>                                  |
| 12:00    | Lunch provided – Keynote Speaker Address<br><i>Keynote Speaker (TBD)</i>   |
| 1:00 pm  | Team Building and Team Management<br><i>Presenter (TBD)</i>  |
| 2:45 pm  | Break  |
| 3:00 pm  | Programmatic and Organization-wide Strategic Planning for Subunits<br><i>Organization of Wildlife Planners (TBD)</i>   |
| 4:45 pm  | Closing Remarks  |
| 5:00 pm  | Workshop Adjourn   |



## Save the Date



### 11th National Wild Turkey Symposium

January 2016, Tucson, Arizona

#### First Call for Papers

The National Wild Turkey Symposium seeks original research and synthesis papers on the ecology and management of wild turkeys for presentation at the Symposium and publication in the Proceedings. The Symposium occurs every 5 years and brings together state, federal and private wild turkey researchers, land managers, and enthusiasts to exchange ideas relative to ensuring sustainability of the wild turkey resource.



Contributed papers will be peer-reviewed. Submissions can include presentation of original results, case studies, and review articles of pertinent topics. The proposed areas of emphasis for the Symposium include: understanding the future of wild turkey habitat; delivery of science to affect policy; science behind hunter recruitment and retention; and maintaining sustainable wild turkey populations.

**Process:** Authors are asked to submit an abstract by **20 September 2013**. The abstract is limited to 300 words, not including the title, author(s), and author(s) affiliation(s). The abstract must include contact information for the corresponding author. Submit abstracts to: [daren.miller@weyerhaeuser.com](mailto:daren.miller@weyerhaeuser.com) with "Wild Turkey Symposium abstract" in the email subject line. An Editorial Board will review all submitted abstracts and authors of selected abstracts will be asked to submit a full manuscript for consideration. Authors of accepted manuscripts are expected to present their work at the Symposium in Tucson. The Proceedings will be available at or soon after the Symposium.

#### Key Dates:

Abstracts due Sept. 20, 2013

Manuscripts invited Nov. 15, 2013

Initial manuscripts submission due Aug. 8, 2014

**For more Information:** Please direct questions to the Symposium Editor: Dr. Darren A. Miller, Weyerhaeuser Company, P.O. Box 2288, Columbus, MS, 39704; (662) 245-5249; [daren.miller@weyerhaeuser.com](mailto:daren.miller@weyerhaeuser.com).

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## Chapter Updates

### Emporia State University

Nathan True— Chapter President

The Emporia State University Student Chapter of The Wildlife Society has stayed busy over the course of the fall 2012 and spring 2013 semesters. The ESU chapter had a booth set up at the 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Bluestem Wildlife Appreciation and Conservation Days, as well as the 4<sup>th</sup> Beau Arndt Outdoor Appreciation Day. Members of the student chapter worked the booth that had informational material for the public about the importance of managing wildlife and to inform them about what The Wildlife Society is and everything we do. In September, ESU TWS held a recruitment banquet in hopes of encouraging new students to join the student chapter. In January many of the ESU TWS members attended the Kansas Natural Resource Conference in Wichita, Kansas. While at the conference ESU TWS teamed up with the Kansas State University Student Chapter to run a raffle fundraiser. The raffle was very successful for both of the student chapters.

*Apologies to the Wayne State College chapter for missing this update in the last issue.*

### Wayne State College

Erica Hill— Chapter President

Our most exciting news is that this year our chapter became an official campus organization at Wayne State College. Previously we had been a small section of the Biology Club and this distinction allows us to do many more wildlife related activities. We have held a couple bake sales and have volunteered at the Majestic Theater here in Wayne to raise funds for the club.

Last April, we volunteered at the Wayne Green Expo working the NGPC Outdoor Education Trailer. Last September, the club worked the NGPC Outdoor Education Trailer again at the Ponca Outdoor Expo and camped in the park. Just last month, in February, we traveled to Broken Kettle Grasslands Preserve north of Sioux City, IA and learned how the area was managed and helped with some brush cutting. We also attended the Nebraska Wildlife Society meeting in Chadron.



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