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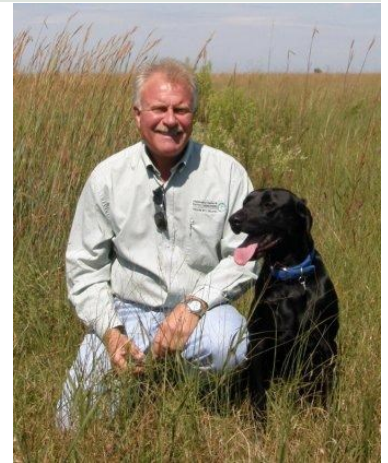


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A Message from the President

William Vodehnal—Nebraska

Spring is amongst us or at least just around the corner and for that I am very grateful as my attitude is pretty tired of winter. I do have to admit that winter in Nebraska truly was not as challenging as for those living north of us as the news constantly reminded us of the many snows and bitter cold that those nearer the Canadian border were enduring. My Spring reminder is the sounds of birds as I walk out the door in the morning and observing the many ducks and geese venturing overhead. Sandhill cranes are thick along the Platte River which draws many to the state and even I took some time to enjoy the spectacle this past month. Of course, my favorite is visiting the greater prairie-chicken and sharp-tailed grouse display grounds during their annual ritual during April.



Spring brings joy, but unfortunately we wildlife professionals face many natural resource challenges that tend to dampen the spirit. I was getting ready for work one morning last week and had the television sharing the news around the world while doing my morning thing. I overheard the newscaster say that North Dakota was gaining 20,000 new jobs in the state and my initial reaction was great for them as the employment market has been fairly grim in recent years across the country. The newscaster continued on to say that all the jobs were related to the oil business, particularly the Bakken shale formation. I said to myself that can't be good from a natural resource and wildlife perspective. I am hard of hearing and hopeful that I heard incorrectly and North Dakota folks will say it's not true.

The newscaster did remind me of how I need to be better informed about the natural resource issues facing biologists in the Great Plains, particularly the states occupying the Central Mountains and Plains Section. Generally speaking, issues associated with the Missouri River or the oil industry for example don't necessarily affect individual states, but tend to involve several states. Most states do a very good job of addressing natural resource and wildlife issues in their borders and their experiences should be shared with adjoining states. I have been a proponent of the TWS Government Affairs Program and supporting some form of Conservation Affairs Network. I view this as an opportunity to share our experiences across state lines and assist with addressing issues from a regional perspective. Hopefully, this Network can get some legs under it to foster great communication.

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A Message from the President

I better close for now, but do want to invite all of you to attend the Central Mountains and Plains Section meeting in Sheridan, Wyoming this coming August. More will appear in this newsletter, but the Wyoming folks are doing a wonderful job of organizing this year's meeting.

Take care and have a great Spring.
Bill

Section Business

TWS Council Report

Gary C. White, Central Mountain and Plains Section Representative

TWS Council met March 9–10 at the start of the North American Wildlife and Natural Resources Conference in Denver, Colorado. As usual, the agenda was full, but the meeting went smoothly.

New Staff at Headquarters

Three very recent new staff hires are already hard at work. Ed Thompson takes over the reins as Chief of Staff and Membership and Conferences, replacing Darryl Walter that took another job last November. Ed comes to TWS with a wealth of new ideas on recruiting membership, improving the web site, and just a lot of enthusiasm for his new job. Ed comes to TWS from the Airplane Owners and Pilots Association. You'll enjoy talking to Ed at the next annual meeting in Pittsburg.

As a key component for growing revenue for TWS through personal and corporate donations, grants, and corporate partnerships and sponsorships, TWS has hired Hedy Ross to manage the development and stewardship of these key relationships. Hedy is a seasoned association professional with a wide range of experience that includes communications, marketing, and publishing. She also has experience starting and running her own digital software company which involved pursuing significant investors and grants.

Hedy is currently working with Chief of Operations Thompson on the foundational structure of a new TWS fundraising platform and infrastructure that will broaden our donor audience and position TWS activities and assets as highly desirable philanthropy and/or sponsorship opportunities for corporations.

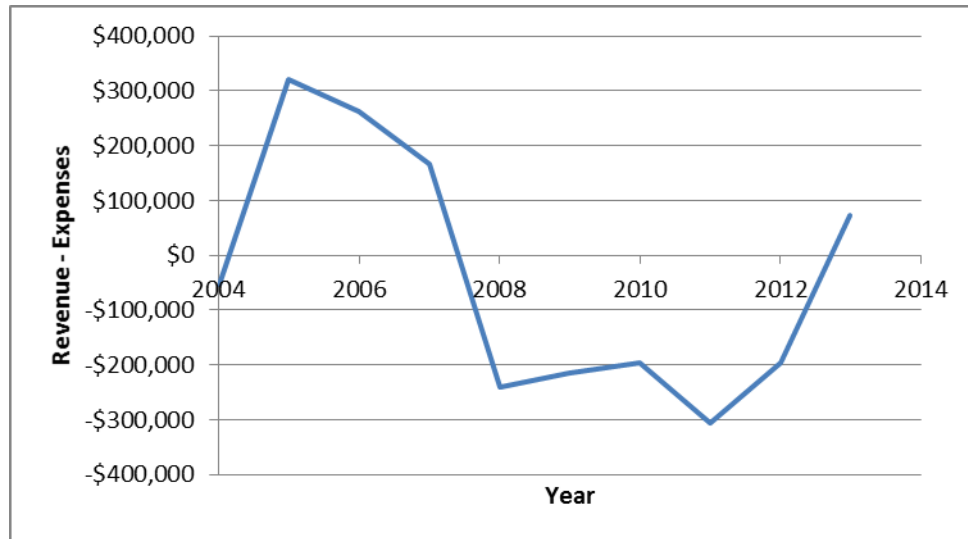
Keith Norris was selected in December as the new Assistant Director for Government Affairs. He is a graduate student at The Ohio State University, where he has completed Master's degrees in Public Policy & Management and is completing one in Environment & Natural Resources.

Keith has been actively involved with The Wildlife Society, as President of the Purdue Student Chapter, co-webmaster with the North Central Section, and as a member of both the Ohio state chapter and the international organization. He has recently submitted an application for certification as an Associate Wildlife Biologist®. Norris' first day with TWS was February 18.

Section Business

Fiscal Issues

Finally good news on the budget – TWS was in the black in 2013. This is a milestone, in that 2013 is the first time in the last several years that TWS actually posted a budget in the black. See the graph below. Ken Williams and the staff have worked hard to make this happen, making some substantial changes. The budgeting process now in place is consistent, less subject to error and misinterpretation, and a good deal more transparent than previously. Staff are better able to monitor expenses on a monthly basis, and see what is coming in future months.



Further good news is that the projected revenues – expenses for 2014 is also positive. TWS appears to have turned the corner on keeping the budget in the black. Whew!

Leadership Institute

The Leadership Institute is TWS' response to an increasing demand for training opportunities for early career wildlife professionals with the objective of creating leaders that are more effective and encouraging increased participation in leadership roles within TWS. The Leadership Institute was not funded in the 2013 budget approved by Council, so staff worked with Council and TWS Subunits to raise the \$15,000 needed to continue the program this year. As of September 1, 2013 nearly \$28,000 has been received to support the Institute in 2013/2014. The 2014 call for application was released in late January; the application deadline was 21 March. So hopefully some of you enthusiastic and motivate young wildlifers got your application in because funding for the Institute is available in 2014.

TWS Action Center

The TWS Action Center is an easy-to-use tool that enables our members in the U.S. to quickly and effectively communicate with their elected officials. Through the action center, members can look up their elected officials based on zip code and send them a message, receive and respond to action alerts from TWS when our members' voices need to be heard, and contact newspapers in their area with letters to the editor. As of February 1, TWS has sent nine action alerts to members, in addition to the initial email blast announcing the new site.

Section Business

Conservation Affairs Network

The Conservation Affairs Network is TWS' newest initiative aimed at uniting Chapters, Sections, and staff at Headquarters around conservation affairs and policy related issues. Developed after a meeting of Section officers at the 2011 Annual Meeting in Portland, Oregon, the network represents a grassroots effort that identified a need at all levels of the organization and a desire to increase our effectiveness as Wildlife Professionals in the conservation affairs arena.

Spring 2014 marks the start of the implementation phase for the Conservation Affairs Network at all levels of the organization. Since October, staff has hosted a call with all Section and Chapter officers to discuss the final guidance document and eight different regional calls to bring Chapter and Section officers within specific regions together to discuss the Network and its challenges and opportunities. Each region has expressed a commitment to engage in the Network and officers are discussing the initiative and how it looks for their specific subunit with members during various annual meetings this spring. Every region is approaching the process slightly differently.

Implementation timelines will vary for each subunit, but staff anticipates that most of our subunits will have Conservation Affairs (or related) committees established and connected to the Network by the end of 2014.

A canned Power Point presentation was developed to assist officers in talking about the Network in a consistent fashion. The Power Point was distributed via e-mail to all current officers in our database. If any officer or member needs a copy of the Power Point and/or the associated narrative they can request it from Laura Bies (laura@wildlife.org) or Keith Norris (knorris@wildlife.org).

JWM, WSB Notifications

Another technology hitch has been members not receiving notification of new issues of the Journal of Wildlife Management, Wildlife Monographs, and the Wildlife Society Bulletin for which they have electronic subscriptions. To receive notifications via email of new issues, or new articles posted to the web, you need to go to the Wiley web site, which is linked to the TWS journals web page, and sign up for these notifications.

Membership in TWS

When I've attended the various state TWS annual meetings, I'm made a point of how approximately 50% of the state chapter members are not members of the parent society. In the following table I list the number of members that belonged to TWS during February for the last 3 years. I think you would find that the membership roll for each of the 7 state chapters is considerably above the values in this table.

State	Feb 2012	Feb 2013	Feb 2014
Colorado	387	384	352
Kansas	99	97	77
Nebraska	86	85	88
North Dakota	87	88	103
South Dakota	88	80	77
Utah	115	108	85
Wyoming	168	162	151
Total	1030	1004	933

Section Business

Seeking Nominations for Officers to CMPS Board

CMPS is seeking candidates to fill 3 positions that will become vacant during the August CMPS meeting in Sheridan, Wyoming. Two At-Large and the Vice President positions will be filled and they are 2-year terms. The Vice President position is selected in even number years and does not automatically succeed to the President position. During odd numbered years, the President Elect is selected and they will succeed to a 2-year term as President after serving a year as President Elect. We desire to have the list of candidates in the Summer Newsletter and voting to end 14 days prior to the annual meeting. A board committee has been formed and will be calling for potential candidates, but if you desire to be considered, please email Bill Vodehnal (bill.vodehnal@nebraska.gov). Please strongly consider serving at the Section level for TWS.

CMPS Bylaws Revision Consideration 2014

The proposed change to the bylaws is highlighted in red. Members will vote on the proposed change when they vote for the board candidates.

CLAUSE F—AWARDS. Recognize and commend outstanding achievement in wildlife-related activities within the Section through an Awards Program.

- i. An Awards Committee shall consist of the Executive Board and shall be chaired by the Vice-President.
- ii. **The Awards Committee shall develop minimum requirements for a nomination application and will develop criteria for ranking applications. These requirements and the subsequent ranking of applications are at the discretion of the Awards Committee.**
- iii. **Nominations applications** for awards shall be presented in writing to the Vice-President prior to 15 June.
- iv. The awards shall be presented at the Annual Section Meeting. Every effort should be made to encourage the award winners to attend this meeting.
- v. The Awards that may be bestowed include:

CMPS Awards Nominations Due June 15

The Central Mountains and Plains Section (CMPS) of The Wildlife Society gives two awards annually to honor the accomplishments of worthy individuals. The Professional Award is given to a professional individual or group and the Citizen's Conservation Achievement Award is given to an individual or group of citizens to recognize an outstanding contribution towards furthering the enhancement of wildlife endeavors within the Section. Nominations for an award must include a nomination letter emphasizing the basis for determining 'an outstanding contribution towards furthering the enhancement of wildlife endeavors within the Section.' In addition, at least one supporting letter of nomination is required (from a separate individual) and inclusion of a detailed Resume/CV (for individual nominations) of the nominee is encouraged. Nominations should be mailed to the CMPS Vice President, Mike Conover, at Wildland Resources Department, Utah State University, Logan, UT 84322-5230 or emailed to Mike.Conover@usu.edu. Nominations must be received by June 15, 2014 to be considered.

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Wyoming Chapter Honors Passing of Tom Easterly with \$1,000 Donation

Thomas “Tom” Easterly of Greybull, Wyoming passed away on February 20, 2014. A Celebration of Life Service was held at the Elks BPOE Lodge #1431 in Greybull, Wyoming on February 26, 2014. Over 400 friends, family, and colleagues attended the service to honor Tom and offer support to the surviving members of his family.

Tom was employed by the Wyoming Game and Fish Department, as a wildlife biologist, in Greybull since 1992. Throughout his career Tom focused on ensuring the area’s native wildlife species were able to live in a sustainable habitat. Equally important to Tom were the many partnerships and relationships he built throughout the State and local community.

An active member of the Wyoming Chapter of The Wildlife Society, Tom served as Chair of the Resolutions and Positions Statements (RAPS) Committee from 1993-1995 and Chair of the Professional Development Committee in 1998. He was also a member of several committees over the years and often attended the annual meetings.

A true outdoorsman, Tom’s passion and enthusiasm for the resource reached far beyond his career. He contributed to both local community and regional outdoor education efforts by teaching annual hunter safety programs, leading community forums to reinforce the need for habitat management, volunteered at the local and state level on mountain biking issues, and volunteered on the Greybull and Shell volunteer fire departments. Tom was also active with Pheasants Forever and the National Wildlife Turkey Foundation.

Tom was soft-spoken, yet stubborn; an independent spirit, yet fiercely loyal to his friends. His many friends will find comfort in their fond memories of Tom that will allow his legacy to live on. A fund has been established to honor the memory of Tom Easterly. Proceeds from the Tom Easterly Memorial Fund will be used annually to purchase a lifetime game bird and small game license with conservation stamp for a youth in the Greybull/Shell area. To jump start the fund, the Wyoming Chapter of The Wildlife Society recently made a contribution of \$1,000. This honors Tom's personal and professional interests in upland game bird management, game bird hunting, hunter recruitment, and local community. If you’d like more information on contributing to the Tom Easterly Memorial Fund please contact john.demaree@wyo.gov or bud.stewart@wyo.gov.



Chapter Updates

Chadron State College

Amanda Hicks—President



The Chadron State Wildlife Club has had a very good spring thus far. We held our annual Ice Fishing Tournament at Box Butte Reservoir on February 1st. We had 26 individuals enter the tournament and, although the fishing was slow, it was a nice day to be out on the ice. In mid-February we had quite a few members travel to Scottsbluff, Nebraska to participate in a big horn sheep capture and release. Later in February, nine students attended the Nebraska Chapter of The Wildlife Society meeting in Kearney, Nebraska. It was a great learning and networking opportunity for us. In mid-

March, ten students attended the Western Region Student Conclave in south eastern Nebraska. Everyone had a great time learning from the different activities and presentations. For some, it was their first time being in that part of the state and their first time seeing the migration of the Sandhill Cranes. In late-March, the Club co-hosted a Turkey Workshop put on by the Nebraska Game and Parks Commission. Nick Zaczek of the National Wild Turkey Federation was the guest speaker. Two of the club's members also spoke to the attendees.

With only five weeks of classes left this semester, we will be nominating a new President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer at our next meeting. Then at the last meeting of the year we will have a pizza/movie party and vote for the new Presidency. It has been a great year at Chadron and we are all looking forward to the next year.

Emporia State University

Bill Jensen—Faculty Advisor

The Emporia State University Student Chapter of The Wildlife Society went on a field trip through the eastern half of Oklahoma during their 2014 spring break. They ventured from the Winding Stair Mountain National Recreation Area of the Ouachita National Forest down through the Red Slough Wetlands Area before looping around below the Blue River dam north of Durant. The group focused on identifying fish, reptiles, and birds in these areas. Future plans include trips to fish hatcheries, prairie burning, and holding a fishing tournament fund raiser.

Western State Colorado University

Heather Miller—President

As the spring semester marches on we have been busy enjoying the activities of the season. The annual Biology Bonanza was held with over twenty local children in attendance. The kids had a variety of activities to choose from such as making bird feeders, radiotelemetry and building a cell to take home (a tasty cell made of candy). Seven students attended the Mont Vista Sand Hill Crane Festival where we witnessed the thousands of cranes coming in for a landing to feed in the morning as well as their

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wonderful courtship dance. Before returning home we stopped off at the Great Sand Dunes National Park where we climbed a fantastic sandy peak and learned about the indigenous species of the dunes. Dan Piquette received the Jim Olterman Award while attending the the CCTWS meeting along with two other students. We would like to give a special thank you to CCTWS for helping to fund our travels to the meeting.

Colorado State University

Callie Puntenney—Secretary

The Colorado State University Student Chapter of The Wildlife Society (CSU TWS) was proud to accept the “Best of the West” award at the annual Western Conclave meeting in Nebraska. The award recognizes the success and effort of a TWS student chapter in the Western region. Eleven other schools attended the student conclave co-sponsored by the TWS student chapters at University of Nebraska-Lincoln and University of Nebraska-Kearney. Students participated in field trips to the Omaha Henry Doorly Zoo and the raptor rehabilitation facility at the Centennial Fontennelle Forest, as well as documenting large populations of Sandhill Cranes along the Platte River during photography tours lead by Michael Forsberg.

Earlier in the semester, seven of our members attended the CCTWS Annual State meeting. They were able to talk with professionals and learn about current wildlife issues while volunteering and attending workshops and plenary sessions. The state meeting was also an opportunity to present a poster about our newly acquired responsibility, the Camera Study Project. The Camera Study Project is an educational camera project that uses 6 camera traps in Pine Ridge natural area to teach 6th graders at Boltz Middle school about ecology and engage them in wildlife research questions. TWS members work closely with the students to help them use the camera images to develop hypotheses and perhaps, in the future, the cameras may be a resource for CSU TWS members to develop their own research.

Our own student meetings have had a variety of guest speakers like graduate student Danny Martin explaining reptile research, Seth Bares sharing his experience as a wildlife refuge manager, and our very own Camera Project team describing the camera project.

Our students have also been involved on the weekends with various birding trips, including one led by Jeff Birek from the Rocky Mountain Bird Observatory where the students spotted ferruginous hawks and many other raptor species. In February members volunteered at a Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM) festival at a local elementary school where they used pelts, skulls, and pinecones to teach the kids about wildlife. A few weeks later, more members went to Loveland to teach youth hunters in the 4H program about the historical and biological aspects of hunting.

The semester is far from over and we have more planned , including a techniques workshop led by Colorado Parks and Wildlife professionals and in April, we will work with all of the CSU Warner College of Natural Resource professional societies for a month long celebration of collaboration in Natural Resources, culminating in a professional panel and mixer.

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<— CSU TWS members at the STEM festival

Birding with Rocky Mountain Bird Observatory's Jeff Birek. —>



<— Students who attended the Western Student Conclave from left to right: Toryn Schafer, Marina Rodriguez, Alyssa Graziano, Ariana Dickson, and Brandon Bank



The awards the students won at Conclave include:

Team Events:

Quiz Bowl (tests students' knowledge on fish and wildlife identification and basic ecological concepts)- Second place.

Wildlife Cache (requires students to apply concepts learned in the classroom to simulated field scenarios)- First place.

Individual Event Award winners:

Oral Research Presentations

First Place: Marina Rodriguez, *The effect of calcium supplementation on nesting Tree Swallows*

Second Place: Ariana Dickson, *Exploring density estimation and related data collection methods for Three-wattled Bellbird populations in Costa Rica.*



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Kansas State University

Allison Bays—President

The Kansas State University chapter of The Wildlife Society is having an eventful spring! This past weekend was our annual banquet where we doubled our attendance numbers from last year and we were also able to give out awards to deserving students. Our club is starting a bird banding project with one of the university professors where members will learn how to mist net and band birds. Other events include having our club present a booth on Earth Day at the zoo and participating in a school Ecofest event.

The Kansas State University chapter is visiting Milford Nature Center's Fish Hatchery and a behind the scenes tour of their wildlife rehabilitation center this April.

In the first week of May the group is participating in a herpetofaunal count at Konza, the local prairie biological research area. Some members are also participating in a city-wide Manhattan "Frog watch" to get an estimate on frog abundance and diversity in the town. That weekend will also include a canoe and camping trip with Kansas State University chapter of the American Fisheries Society.

University of Nebraska—Lincoln

Kyle Schumacher—President

On March 14-17, the UNL Wildlife Club from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln had the privilege of hosting the 2014 Western Regions Student Conclave. The weekend saw 130 students from 10 schools in 8 states attend. Those in attendance were Humboldt State University, Washington State University, University of Idaho, New Mexico State University, University of Wyoming, Colorado State University, Texas A&M-Kingsville, Chadron State College, University of Nebraska-Kearney, and University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

With the help of the UNK chapter on Friday night, the schools had an opportunity to view the sandhill crane migration at Fort Kearny SRA. Saturday teams participated in a quiz bowl where Humboldt State proved to be the top team by going undefeated through the entire tournament.

Sunday students attended field trips that included a habitat tour at the Glacier Creek Preserve to see tall grass prairie management in action, a Conservation Leaders for Tomorrow mini-session hosted by Dr. Scott Hygnstrom of UNL, skinning and trapping demonstrations from local fur traders, a behind the scenes tour in the herpetology section of Omaha's Henry Doorly Zoo, a workshop with Raptor Recovery of Louisville, Nebraska, and an evening in a Crane Trust river blind with photographer Michael Forsberg.

Monday, schools competed in a "WILD"-cache based out of Mahoney State Park and the two UNL campuses. During the cache, students were challenged to take what they learned in the classroom and implement it through field work. The four person teams were tested on waterfowl disease, wildlife damage management, population ecology, genetics, herpetology, range assessment, and ancient Nebraska history. Also, students had the opportunity to showcase their research through oral presentations and

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a poster session.

The weekend came to a close on Monday evening with a banquet featuring photographer Michael Forsberg as the keynote address. During his speech he told those in attendance that "we are all connected to the land through our work. Now, each of us here (at the conclave) is connected not only to Nebraska, but to each other as well." Also, awards were given including the "Best of the West" award presented to Colorado State University. Selections for next year's conclave site were made as well, and we are pleased to announce that Texas A&M Kingsville will be the host for the 2015 Western Regions Student Conclave.

The UNL Wildlife Club would like to thank all who helped out and attended the event for making it possible. We hoped to showcase our state's wild areas and give everyone a glimpse of where Leopold's "green fire" is burning in the state.



<—Students learned about ancient Nebraska history from exhibits in Morrill Hall at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln.



<—Students from Colorado State University received the "Best of the West" award presented by Dr. Steve Waller, Dean of UNL's College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources.



<—Students participated in field trips to learn about conservation in Nebraska, including a photography workshop lead by Michael

Forsberg during the sandhill crane migration along the central Platte River.

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<—Students implemented skills from the classroom into the "Wild"-cache including a habitat assessment exercise.

Students began the weekend viewing sandhill cranes come in to roost on the river for the evening at Ft. Kearny SRA. —>



<—Students learned the importance of hunting as a management tool during a Conservation

Leaders for Tomorrow mini-session, and in turn were able to learn how to use a few weapons including this atlatl.



Upcoming Events

Prepare Yourself for the Upcoming WYTWS-CMPS Conference in Sheridan, WY!

The Wyoming Chapter (WYTWS) continues to organize activities as it prepares to host the joint WYTWS and Central Mountains and Plains Section (CMPS) of The Wildlife Society's annual conference August 26-28, 2014 at the Holiday Inn Convention Center in historic Sheridan, Wyoming. Dubbed "Manifesting the Destiny of Wildlife & Habitat Science, Stewardship, & Solvency", this year's conference agenda continues to build steam and a list of exciting educational events. We have confirmed leaders for eight workshops on novel applied topics, including WYTWS past-presidents Todd Cornish on necropsy techniques and Tom Ryder on TWS leadership principles. In addition to captivating oral and poster presentations within four main session themes on new tricks, habitat management, wildlife vs. development, and changing policy, we're excited to announce the addition of a special session and panel discussion on big game nutrition that includes John and Rachel Cook as well as several other regional subject experts. Furthermore, we're still planning to hold the WYTWS mentor program luncheon, a boisterous student/professional mixer and quiz bowl, special breakfast event for current and past-presidents, a fabulous banquet with feisty live auction and unparalleled local live music, as well as field trips for bird lovers, habitat connoisseurs, and necropsy enthusiasts. And to help students get there, CMPS and WYTWS are offering \$500 in travel scholarships!

We encourage attendees to reserve rooms at the Holiday Inn by visiting:

<http://www.holidayinn.com/sheridanwy> and entering the group code "WIL" (GSA rates apply).

The call for abstracts as well as application for student travel grants can be found on the CMPS and WYTWS websites at:

<http://wildlife.org/cmp>

<http://wildlife.org/wyoming/>

The deadline for abstract submissions and student travel grant applications is June 30th, 2014. Registration for conference activities is still in the works so please stay tuned by visiting the WYTWS website or contact conference co-chairpersons Eric Maichak (eric.maichak@wyo.gov) or Andrea Orabona (andrea.orabona@wyo.gov) with other conference questions. In the meantime, start planning your trip to Sheridan this August and come help WYTWS and CMPS celebrate their respective 40th and 60th anniversaries. This is a conference you won't forget - ever!



Upcoming Events



Call for Professional and Student Abstracts

THE WYOMING CHAPTER of THE WILDLIFE SOCIETY

HOSTS the

CENTRAL MOUNTAINS & PLAINS SECTION of THE WILDLIFE SOCIETY

2014 ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Submission Deadline: June 30, 2014

The Wildlife Society (TWS) Wyoming Chapter will be hosting the Central Mountains & Plains Section (CMPS) of TWS and invites submission of abstracts from all states/provinces of the CMPS for the annual conference to be held August 26-28, 2014 at the Holiday Inn in Sheridan, Wyoming. The theme of this year's conference is "Manifesting the Destiny of Wildlife & Habitat Science, Stewardship, & Solvency".

Presentations on any pertinent wildlife or habitat related issue will be considered, but submissions in the following areas are especially encouraged:

1. "New Tricks: Methods, Models, & More" – results of research explaining novel or revolutionary monitoring and modeling techniques for wildlife and habitat. Includes technological breakthroughs.
2. "Mitigating Habitat Loss, Implementing Habitat Success" – results of research evaluating on- and off-site habitat management (e.g., prescribed fire) and response of vegetation and/or wildlife species.
3. "Costs of Creature Comforts: Wildlife versus Human Development" – results of research explaining interactions of human development (e.g., oil, wind) and wildlife species.
4. "Adapting Management, Changing Policy" – results of research explaining how scientific data were used to alter wildlife or habitat management practices and/or policies of private entities or government agencies.

POSTER PRESENTATIONS can be up to 5 feet wide by 4 feet tall and will be August 26th from 6:30 to 8:30pm. We strongly encourage anyone who is currently developing a research study plan, presenting preliminary data, or would prefer to share their research in a format other than an oral presentation to present a poster.

ORAL PRESENTATIONS are tentatively 15 minutes in length, including 2-3 minutes for questions from the audience, and will be in electronic format (MS PowerPoint preferred). Due to the limited number of slots available for student (n=30) and professional (n=28) oral presentations, we strongly encourage abstracts submitted for oral presentations to be from completed projects.

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An abstract is required for those submitting for either the ORAL or POSTER sessions, and submitters will be notified about the status of their abstracts **by July 18, 2014**. If an abstract submitted for oral presentation is denied, the submitter will have the option of presenting during the poster session and is required to notify the abstract submission point of contact (see below) by July 25, 2014 that they will be presenting a poster.

Please complete the application form and submit abstracts electronically via email attachment to:

For Students:

Mr. Ian Abernethy

University of Wyoming

(307) 766-3035

fisher@uwyo.edu

For Professionals:

Dr. Dan Thompson

Wyoming Game and Fish Dept

(307) 349-9129

daniel.thompson@wyo.gov

For successful abstract submissions, we encourage both oral and poster presentations that incorporate large font, minimal text, and high quality photos and/or graphics.

STUDENTS, please note that there will be up to \$500 available for travel awards to help offset conference and travel costs. Stay tuned for the formal announcement and application by checking the CMPS website at www.wildlife.org/cmp/ or WYTWS website at www.wildlife.org/wyoming/

ABSTRACT SUBMISSION INFORMATION

At the top of your abstract, please provide the following:

1. Name of Submitter/Author:
- 2a. Specify is Submitting as STUDENT or PROFESSIONAL:
- 2b. If student, please specify if UNDERGRAD, MASTERS or PhD:
3. Institution:
4. Mail Address:
5. Telephone/Fax Numbers:
6. Email Address:
7. Specify if Submitting for the ORAL or POSTER session:

REQUIRED ABSTRACT FORMAT: 300 word limit, 12 point font in Times New Roman, 1" margins, single-spaced, capitalize title, provide full name, affiliation, and address for all authors (using superscript numbers to link to appropriate contact info), & underline presenting author.

Due to volume, abstracts must follow the required format and be submitted as MS Word documents.

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2014 WYOMING CHAPTER OF THE WILDLIFE SOCIETY

STUDENT TRAVEL GRANT

APPLICATION THROUGH

CENTRAL MOUNTAINS AND PLAINS SECTION

THE WILDLIFE SOCIETY

The Central Mountains and Plains Section (CMPS) of The Wildlife Society (TWS) and the Wyoming Chapter of TWS announces the availability of travel awards to students presenting a technical paper or poster and who are planning on attending the joint meeting of the CMPS and WY-TWS to be held in Sheridan, Wyoming (August 26-28). Two (2) travel awards (\$250 each) will be awarded.

Consideration will be given to students whose work is complementary to TWS commitment to manage, conserve, and study wildlife populations and habitats. Our members support management actions that take into careful consideration relevant scientific information.

To be eligible, applicants must be:

1. Member of the Wyoming Chapter of The Wildlife Society at the time of application
2. Current student in good standing
3. Author and presenter of an accepted paper or poster

To be eligible, a student's paper or poster must be accepted for presentation at the meeting, but students should apply in advance of receiving notification of acceptance in order to meet award deadlines.

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 **June 30, 2014** to Bill Vodehnal: bill.vodehnal@nebraska.gov.

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APPLICATION (Only complete and typed applications submitted electronically will be accepted)

First Name	Middle Initial	Last Name	TWS Member ID#
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Street, P.O. Box, Apartment Number	Daytime Phone Number
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City State	Zip Code
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E-mail Address

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Are you a member of the State Chapter? ____ Yes ____ No

Are you a member of the Central Mountains and Plains Section? ____ Yes ____ No

Are you a member of your college or university chapter of TWS? ____ Yes ____ No

Name of the Student Chapter:

Are you a student currently 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 CMPS? ____ Yes ____ No?

Are you a recent graduate in wildlife biology or closely related field at a college or university within the CMPS? ____ Yes ____ No

Are you an undergraduate student? ____ Yes ____ No A graduate student? ____ Yes ____ No

College/University	Degree Sought	Expected Graduation Date
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Please state the paper or poster title you are planning to present at the joint conference.

Paper/Poster Title

Are you the senior author? ____ Yes ____ No.

ESTIMATED TRAVEL EXPENSES

Total projected travel expenses \$ _____

(Please attach details; estimated transportation, lodging, meals, registration)

Upcoming Events

Total funds available from other sources (Please attach details) \$ _____

Outstanding travel needs requested from CMPS/WY-TWS (\$250 maximum) \$ _____

VERIFICATION

The undersigned represent that the information supplied above and on attached documents is true. Furthermore, the undersigned represent that the applicant meets the eligibility requirements as stated herein and that the financial need as stated is accurate.

Student's Signature

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TWS Annual Conference—October 25-30, 2014 in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

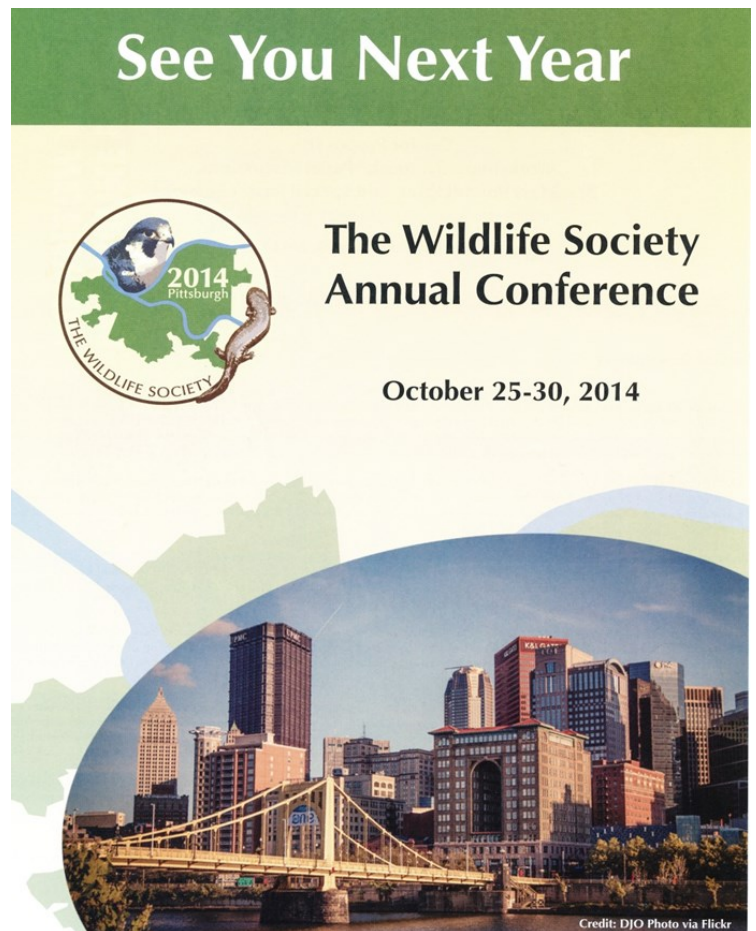
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