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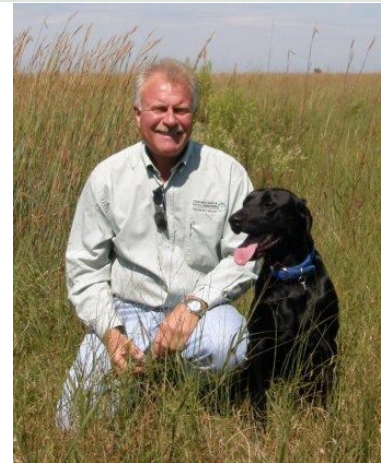
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## A Message from the President

### Bill Vodehnal—Nebraska



Spring has sprung and summer is just around the corner is an expression we sometimes hear and the transition from one season to the next seems quite seamless. My life, like many amongst us, doesn't seem to slow down for a minute and I continue to operate in the fast lane regardless of what time of year on new challenges and issues. The one thing I do relish is that the spring political elections are behind us with all the negative advertisements, but unfortunately we have several months ahead with similar propaganda until the fall election is over. I am excited about addressing the new challenges of TWS Central Mountains and Plains Section and moving forward in the profession.

TWS Council has asked the States and Sections to move forward with establishing the Conservation Affairs Committees. Generally, the Government Affairs Program of TWS has engaged wildlife professionals in the policy process to ensure that science is used to inform wildlife management and conservation policies, laws, and regulations. By development of the CMPS network, we can foster greater awareness of issues to the membership, engage more conservation issues locally, and assist State Chapters and other Sections with addressing issues important to wildlife. I have volunteered to Chair the CMPS Conservation Affairs Committee and to work with States in identifying state representation on the committee, developing priority issues within the Section to address, developing a consistent approach in providing information and comments on emerging issues, and opening conversations between states. I have asked each State Chapter to provide me by June 13 their person to serve a 2-year term on the CMPS Conservation Affairs Committee. If you would like to serve on the committee and assist with addressing conservation issues, please contact your chapter President.

The Wyoming Chapter is hosting the CMPS Annual Summer Meeting in Sheridan, WY on August 26-28. They are doing an outstanding job organizing the meeting that will provide many workshops, entertainment, conversations, and fun. If you were not aware, this will be the 40th Anniversary for the Wyoming Chapter and the beginning of the 60th Anniversary for CMPS. I'm looking forward to this meeting and hopeful that many of you will find time to attend as well.

Elections will be underway shortly for the CMPS board as we are electing a Vice-President

#### CMPS Officers

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William Vodehnal

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Amanda Hicks

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## A Message from the President

and 2 At-Large positions. We have a great slate of candidates and I very much appreciate these professionals stepping up to guide the Section. Please review the candidates and don't forget to vote. Also, there are many worthy professionals in CMPS states deserving of recognition for their contributions towards wildlife and the profession. Please take time to review the nomination criteria and submit names for the Professional Award.

I will close by wishing you a wonderful summer.

Bill

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## Section Business

### Nominations for Officers to CMPS Board

CMPS has sought 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. The list of candidates follows this paragraph. Thank you to those who entered their names as candidates. Voting will end 14 days prior to the annual meeting.

### Vice President Candidates

#### Jim Hays

Jim currently works for The Nature Conservancy (TNC) Kansas (since December of 2007) and worked for Kansas Fish and Game Commission/Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks for 30+ years prior; in a variety of positions (including Fish Culturist, Wildlife Biologist, Wildlife Ecologist, and Environmental Services Section Chief). Jim earned his B.S. Degree in Wildlife Biology, from Colorado State University, in 1976. Jim is a lifelong resident of Kansas and continues to work on private lands and TNC preserves, serves on the Kansas Technical Committee for NRCS in Kansas, serves on the Kansas Forestry Association board, serves on the KS Nongame Advisory Committee, maintains certification for prescribed burning, works with conservation easements in Kansas, assists with environmental policy issues at state and



federal levels, coordinates with energy related industry to minimize environmental impacts across the landscape, and enjoys working with conservation partners across the region. His job is highly diverse and offers the opportunity to work on a wide range of natural resource issues and challenges; from wind development to water issues and invasive species control to climate change questions. Jim has been involved with the Kansas Chapter since the early 1980's and CMPS since the early 1990's and has served as a board member and Vice-President for the Section, in years past.

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Brent Jamison

I am a native of northwestern Missouri where I gained an appreciation for wildlife through hunting and fishing. I earned a B.S. in Fisheries and Wildlife at the University of Missouri (1996) and an M.S. in Wildlife Biology from Kansas State University (2000). I am currently a wildlife biologist with the US Fish



and Wildlife Service. My responsibilities include monitoring, research, biological evaluations of potential grassland wetland easements, and developing management recommendations for public lands. Over my career, my work has focused primarily on research and management of migratory passerines, and prairie grouse. I have previously worked as a graduate student, research biologist, or habitat management biologist for state, federal and tribal agencies in Montana, Missouri, Kansas, Washington, North Dakota, and now South Dakota. Seemingly unable to hold a job, my travels have given me a unique perspective on the differences in agency approaches to conservation and research. I have not served as an active member of TWS since my move to SD three years ago, but would welcome the opportunity to make contributions to the Society.

## At-Large Candidates

David Dahlgren

David is a Wildlife Extension Associate in the Wildland Resources Department, Utah State University (USU), Logan. He is a died in the wool (true blue) Aggie, having received his Bachelors, Masters, Doctorate degrees in Wildlife Biology at USU. Dave was a post-doctoral fellow at USU from 2009-2010. His research and Extension focus at USU has been on sage-grouse ecology and community-based partnerships in Utah and the Intermountain West. From 2010-2013 he served as the Small Game Specialist and a Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS) Area Biologist for the Kansas Department of Wildlife, Parks, and Tourism (KDWPT). His research, teaching, and Extension interests include upland game ecology and management, species of conservation concern coordination and management, harvest



management, range and wildlife interactions, private and public land partnership, local working group facilitation, database management, and use of dogs in wildlife research and management. In 2009 he received the USU College of Natural Resources Graduate Research Assistant of the Year, and was a Robins Award (university-wide) finalist. In 2013 he was given an award of recognition by KDWPT for outstanding work benefiting Kansas Sportsmen and the wildlife resource. Dave has been a member of The Wildlife Society and Society for Range Management. He has also been the chair for the Utah Division of Wildlife (UDWR) Upland Game Committee, and vice president of the Utah Chukar and Wildlife Foundation. When not at work, he enjoys time with his wife and three little girls, as well as field time with 4 German shorthaired pointers.



## Section Business

Sarah Garza

Although I originally stem from south Texas, I am currently situated in Fort Collins, Colorado as part of an interagency collaboration between USDA-APHIS-VS and Colorado State University's Department of Biology. My work involves the validation of a species-distribution model of feral swine throughout the conterminous US. This position, along with my prior work within the US Geological Survey, has provided me with the necessary experience to work effectively with different scientists and accomplish project objectives within the federal, non-federal, and academic settings. Thanks to my many former wildlife research positions, I also possess an eclectic knowledge of wildlife biology, ecology, and manage-



ment implications, an invaluable skill set to the Central Mountains and Plains section of the Wildlife Society. I got my B.S. degree from Baylor University in Environmental Science and then moved to Fort Collins, Colorado to get my M.S. in Wildlife Biology working on an ecology project in Great Sand Dunes National Park. I possess a great deal of organizational and project collaboration skills, similar to what I imagine being Member-at-Large will entail. I am very passionate towards my chosen line of profession and embrace the challenges of life with relish.

Dan Halstead

Dan is currently a District Wildlife Resource Supervisor with the North Dakota Game and Fish Department in Riverdale and has been in that position for the past 15 ½ years. Prior to that, Dan was employed by the Nebraska Game and Parks Commission for 10 years and worked as a Conservation Officer in Mullen, Wildlife Biologist in McCook and as a Private Lands Biologist/Administrative Assistant in Lincoln. Dan completed his BS degree at the University of Nebraska with majors in both Wildlife Management and Animal Science. In addition, he had extensive college course work in Range Management under Dr. Jim Stubbendieck. Dan has been a member of TWS since college and has participated in both the Nebraska and North Dakota Chapters of TWS. Dan recently served on the Executive Board of the North Dakota Chapter. Dan's wife Brenda is a Registered Nurse and they have three children.



They enjoy camping, fishing, hunting and following their kids around to all their sports activities. Professionally, Dan's interests are primarily focused on the management of over 25,000 acres of public wildlife lands in north-central North Dakota. Multiple challenges in North Dakota continue to threaten the integrity of public lands and Dan's passion is to protect and enhance those lands to the best of his and the department's ability. Dan is an avid hunter and primarily hunts on public lands, which only helps to fuel his enthusiasm for improving public wildlife lands in North Dakota. Dan looks forward to the opportunity to run for Executive Board of the Central Mountains and Plains Section of the Wildlife Society.

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Justin Hamilton

I am a Public Lands Manager for the Kansas Department of Wildlife, Parks & Tourism and manage seven properties in northeast Kansas. Prior to my current position, I worked in southwest Kansas as a Public Lands Manager and for a short time as a Wildlife Biologist Technician. I have a Bachelor of Science degree in Wildlife Ecology and Conservation Management from Northwest Missouri State University, and a Master's degree in Biology with an emphasis in wildlife management from Fort Hays State University. My thesis research observed the effects of prescribed fire on vegetation, insects, and grassland nesting birds in western Kansas. As a student I held several temporary positions with entities such as the U.S Fish and Wildlife Service, Missouri Department of Conservation, University of Missouri-Columbia, The Sternberg Museum of Natural History, and the Kansas Wetland Education Center. My involvement with The Wildlife Society started as an undergraduate student at Northwest Missouri State University. As president and public relations officer for Northwest's wildlife club, I enjoyed getting members involved in the annual workshops provided by the Missouri chapter. I later became



involved with the Kansas Chapter as a graduate Student at Fort Hays State University. I am currently the newsletter editor and web master for the Kansas Chapter webpage. Over the past couple years, I have become an Associate Certified Wildlife Biologist through TWS and I have also pursued acceptance into The Wildlife Society's Leadership Program. I am enjoying being more involved with the Kansas Chapter of TWS and I am excited about the possibility of being more involved at the sectional level with CMPS.

Mindy Rice

I have been the spatial ecologist researcher for Colorado Parks and Wildlife for the past 6 years. My job involves utilizing spatial models to explain habitat use, movement, and spatial patterns of mammal and avian populations across Colorado. Currently I am developing projects with mule deer, sage grouse, and wetlands in cooperation with other researchers. I did my undergraduate work at Colorado State University in zoology and biology and graduated in 2001. I got my masters degree in conservation biology in 2003 from Manchester Metropolitan University in northern England studying black rhino bedding sites in sweetwaters reserve, Kenya. I came back to the states and worked as a technician monitoring peregrine falcon nests in Colorado and then worked in Black Canyon National Park with invasive plants. I went on to get my PhD at Texas Tech University in wildlife management in 2006 modeling the possible natural recolonization of black bear into the Trans-Pecos region of Texas. I then worked as a post-doc looking at northern pintail ducks and spatial patterns of survival from band recoveries. I have been a board member at-large, president-elect, president for 2 years, and I am currently in my second year of past president for the Colorado chapter. I enjoyed my time on the board as we increased membership as well as increased the number of grants and money given to our student chapters while I was president. We also maintain a sizeable savings for a rainy day and have increased the quality of speakers and workshops at our annual meetings in February. I look forward to stepping

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up to the sectional level of the Wildlife Society and hopefully working to increase the services for members of CMPS. Outside of work, I am a huge traveler and love hiking, biking, and racing in triathlons or half marathons.

### Silka Kempema

Hello, I am a biologist in the Wildlife Diversity Program at South Dakota Department of Game, Fish and Parks in Pierre. I am involved with a variety of bird and mammal survey and management issues (grassland birds, raptors, migratory birds and bats, river otters and black-tailed prairie dogs) and environmental review (wind energy and power lines). I have bachelor's degree in wildlife and fisheries sciences and environmental management from South Dakota State University (SDSU). After graduation, I traveled and worked as a technician for variety of entities including U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, U.S. Geological Service, Nebraska Game and Parks Commission, Kansas Department of Wildlife, Parks and Tourism, Missouri Department of Conservation, University of Idaho and University of Wisconsin. I then went on to earn my Master's degree in wildlife ecology from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln where I studied the influence of grazing systems on grassland birds in the Nebraska Sandhills (a wonderful place!). Throughout all of these years, The Wildlife Society has been a constant and positive influence.



I have gained much from my association and involvement with this organization. I've been a member of the South Dakota Chapter and the parent society since my days as an undergraduate student in 1997 (minus a few years hiatus when money got tight as a technician). As a student at SDSU, I was involved as a committee chair and board member. As a professional, I have been involved at the state level as a committee chair, board member, president-elect, president, and current past-president. In 2006, I was selected to be a member of the first Leadership Institute class. My participation in TWS and willingness to serve is a chance for me to give back to the society and continue my professional development. As one of your section's board members-at large, my goal is to support the operations of the section and become familiar enough with the section and its member states to recognize needs that should be addressed.

## Chapter Updates

### Chadron State College

Amanda Hicks—Member

The Wildlife Club at Chadron State College had a great year. They participated in several different activities including big horn sheep capture and relocation, the Nebraska Chapter of The Wildlife Society meeting, the Western Region Student Conclave, our annual ice fishing tournament, fish removal at Chadron State Park, mountain goat survey, and trap shoots. We had a good group of students that were passionate about wildlife and were interested in all of the activities that the club participated in. Our last meeting of the school year 2013-2014 was held on April 30th. We had a wild game feed and



elected new representatives for the club. Our new President is Brandon Werner of Lindsay, Nebraska; our new Vice President is Kalen Grint of Sargent, Nebraska; our new Secretary/Treasurer is Ashlee Wright of Alliance, Nebraska. We are all excited for the next school year and wish everyone a fun and safe summer!

Photo: Wildlife Club members Jody Mitteis, Jason Clark, Timmy Ornelas, Brandon Werner, and Kalen Grint at the mountain goat survey in Custer State Park. Photo by Sarah Rodgers.

### Western State Colorado University

Heather Miller—President

Western State Colorado University's student chapter of The Wildlife Society enjoyed a fun filled 2013-14 school year. We started off the year with our annual barbeque in September. After the barbeque we met twice a month on Tuesday nights. A total of 30 students participated in the club throughout the year and 15 regularly attended meetings. The club hosted a variety of events and workshops, volunteered with local government agencies and sent members a TWS conference.

Our student chapter hosted Ryan Monello the President of CCTWS at Western State Colorado University's Science seminar in September. In November, our student chapter hosted Professor van Hoven, a researcher and professor from South Africa for a special lecture on the Status of Wildlife and Conservation Efforts in Africa. Both of these lectures invited the WSCU campus and the community of Gunnison, CO. Our chapter collaborated with Tri-Beta National Honors Society to work on other community events which included the annual highway clean up and Biology Bonanza. The Biology Bonanza is an evening designed for children to participate and learn about various aspects of biology by visiting individual workshops such as 'build a cell', and make your own bird feeder. In September three of our members volunteered with the Colorado's 14ers Initiative to assist on some much needed trail work on Wetterhorn Mountain.



## Chapter Updates

Our members attended various field trips and workshops to enhance their knowledge and field experience. In November, Professor Liesl Erb led 4 students and 2 guests up the surrounding hills of Lake Irwin in search of pikas. Professor Erb studied these lagomorphs while obtaining her PhD in the University of Colorado. Once there was snow covering the land, Danny Zadra of the CPW led five students along with Matt Vasquez (USFS), Professor Liesl Erb and guests on a snow tracking training day for Heather Miller and Pamela King. Heather and Pam volunteered with the US Forest Service this winter to monitor lynx movements and habitat use of species in the Cochetopa area. Russell Japuntich (BLM) and Brandon Diamond (CPW) demonstrated how to utilize the USA Jobs and state websites to help students have success in applying for jobs. Our chapter sent 8 students to Monte Vista, CO for the annual Crane Festival in March. After taking a bus tour and viewing the cranes the group visited the Great Sand Dunes National Park before heading home.

Three of our student chapter members attended the Colorado Chapter meeting in February; one student volunteered at the meeting and two students presented their undergraduate research, one via poster and the other oral presentation. Dan Piquette was awarded the Jim Olterman Scholarship at this meeting. The year was concluded with annual barbeque and semi-annual raft trip.

Dan Piquette received the Allen Anderson Outstanding Wildlife Undergraduate Student Award given by the CCTWS on 5 May 2014 at the WSCU Department of Natural and Environmental Sciences Awards Ceremony. Nate Seward, Wildlife Conservation Biologist for Colorado Parks and Wildlife and an officer with CCTWS presented the award.

Our chapter was able to attend these events, projects, workshops and conference due to the funding provided from the Colorado Chapter of the Wildlife Society which provided funds for travel and lodging to the Colorado Chapter meeting. WSCU's Thornton Undergraduate Research Program also assisted in travel and lodging costs to this meeting. In addition, students sold coffee and baked goods on Monday mornings weekly from August-December. CMPS generously offered a travel stipend for the national meeting, but students were not able to attend.

Our liaisons this year included Christina Santana (NRCS and CCTWS), Russ Japuntich (BLM), Matt Vasquez (USDA FS), Theresa Childers (NPS), Danny Zadra (CPW) and Brandon Diamond (CPW).

Our officers this year were Heather Miller (President), Eric Kater (Vice President), Cassie Krzeczowski (Secretary), Trevor Franke (Treasurer). Next year's officers will be Krystal Brown (President), Cammy Tan (Secretary), and Amy Harmon (Treasurer). Dr. Liesl Erb served as the faculty advisor during Dr. Pat Magee's sabbatical.





## Upcoming Events

### Register Today for the Upcoming WYTWS-CMPS Conference in Sheridan, WY!

The Wyoming Chapter (WYTWS) is thrilled to announce that it will be hosting 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 boasts a list of exciting educational and networking events. We're currently offering eight workshops on applied topics with workshop leaders that include WYTWS past-presidents Todd Cornish and Bryan Bedrosian, Parent Chapter past-president Tom Ryder, and several other dynamic individuals. 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 pleased to announce the addition of a special session and panel discussion on big game nutrition that includes numerous distinguished subject experts. Furthermore, we're including venues for Celebrating Our Wildlife Conservation Heritage (COWCH) interviews, the WYTWS mentor program luncheon, a boisterous student/professional mixer and quiz bowl, a special breakfast event for current and past-presidents, a fabulous banquet with keynote speaker and acclaimed wildlife writer Chris Madson, as well as field trips for bird watchers, habitat connoisseurs, and necropsy enthusiasts. And to help students get there, WYTWS and CMPS 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 30, 2014. Early registration for on-site conference activities or remote access to oral presentations (via WebEx) will be available starting June 6 on the WYTWS website. Additional questions regarding the conference can be directed to conference co-chairpersons Eric Maichak ([eric.maichak@wyo.gov](mailto:eric.maichak@wyo.gov)) or Andrea Orabona ([andrea.orabona@wyo.gov](mailto:andrea.orabona@wyo.gov)). 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

### WY Chapter and Central Mountains & Plains Section of the Wildlife Society

#### DRAFT10, 2014 CONFERENCE AGENDA

“MANIFESTING THE DESTINY OF WILDLIFE & HABITAT  
SCIENCE, STEWARDSHIP, & SOLVENCY”

#### AUGUST 25

WYTWS Board & Committee Meeting, 3:00-6:00pm, Stripmine Meeting Room

Tentative Agenda Items:

1. Meet & Greet with Board & Committee Chairs, Review WebEx – All
2. Budget – Hartman, Zero?
3. Fellowship: 2014 Marketing, Selection, & Budget; 2014/15 Presentations – Edmunds
4. Conservation Affairs Committee: Status and Plans for 2014/15 – Grenier, Maichak
5. 2015 WLCI-WYTWS Dual Conference – Grenier
6. Mentor Program: 2013/14 Accomplishments, 2014/15 Teams & Goals – Mong
7. Committee Updates
8. Set Date & Venue (WebEx or In-Person) for Next Board Meeting – All

#### AUGUST 26

Early-Bird Birding Trip, 5:00-6:30am

Welcome Speech, 7:45-8:00am

Student Talks, 8:00-10:00am

Break, 10:00-10:15am

Student Talks, 10:00am-12:00pm

Mentor/Mentee Program Lunch OR Lunch on Your Own, 12:00-1:00pm

Student Talks, 1:00-3:00pm

Break, 3:00-3:15pm

Student Talks, 3:15-5:00pm

Dinner on Your Own, 5:00-6:00pm

Student/Professional Mixer and Poster Session, 6:00-8:00pm

Inter-Chapter Student/Professional Mixed Team Quiz Bowl, 8:00-10:00pm

#### AUGUST 27

Early-Bird Birding Trip, 5:00-6:30am

## Upcoming Events

President's Breakfast, 7:00- 8:00am – Past & Current Parent, CMPS, and WYTWS Presidents

Concurrent Professional Talks, Two Sessions, 8:00-9:45am

Break, 9:45-10:00am

Concurrent Professional Talks, Two Sessions, 10:00-11:45am

Lunch on Your Own, 11:45am-12:45pm

MINI-WORKSHOPS, 1ST SESSION, 12:45-2.45pm

Introduction to GIS with Management Applications, Part I – Matt Hayes, Univ. of WY

Study Designs & Statistics for Managers – Dr. Mary Connor, UT State Univ.

Wildlife Chemical Immobilization – Dr. Mary Wood, WGFD

Habitat: Harness the Power of Partnerships – Jill Randall, WGFD

Break, 2:45-3:00pm

MINI-WORKSHOPS, 2ND SESSION, 3:00-5:00pm

Introduction to GIS with Management Applications, Part II – Matt Hayes, Univ. of WY

Wildlife Diseases & Necropsy – Dr. Todd Cornish, Univ. of WY

Wyoming Chapter, TWS: 2014 Leadership Institute – Tom Ryder, Retired WGFD

Media: Connecting People with Science – Mark Gocke, WGFD

HAPPY HALF-HOUR, 6:00-6:30 pm

Tom Easterly Memorial Fund Gun Raffle

Start Silent Auction & Raffle, 6:00pm

BANQUET & MORE, 6:30-9:00pm

History of CMPS – Jerry Kobriger, 7:15-7:30

Keynote Speech – Chris Madson , 7:30-7:45

Awards – WYTWS Service, People's Choice Writing, Best Student Poster, Best Student

Presentation, Best Photo, Professional of Year, Citizen of Year, 7:45-8:30

End Silent Auction & Raffle (winners to be posted), 8:30

Live Auction? 8:30-9:00

Live Music & Dancing: Teka Brock Band, 9:00pm-12:00am

### **AUGUST 28**

FIELD TRIPS, 7:00-11:00am

1. Field Necropsy Techniques, WGFD Sheridan Office: Jeremy Brown & Todd Cornish



## Upcoming Events

2. Habitat Projects & More, U-Cross Ranch: Ben Wise

Workshop, 8:00-11:30am

Designing & Constructing VHF & GPS Radio-Transmitters

CMPS Board Meeting, 11:30am-1:00pm

SPECIAL SESSION: BIG GAME NUTRITION

Introduction & Overview, 1:00-1:10pm

Research Presentations, 1:10-2:30

Management Presentations, 2:30-3:10

Summary & Panel Discussion, 3:10-4:00

Closing Remarks, 4:00-4:15

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### 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:

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### 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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## 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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## Upcoming Events

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

\_\_\_\_\_

First Name

Middle Initial Last Name

TWS Member ID#

\_\_\_\_\_

Street, P.O. Box, Apartment Number Daytime Phone Number

\_\_\_\_\_

City State

Zip Code

\_\_\_\_\_

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

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)

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

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





## Upcoming Events

### 2014 WAYNE SANDFORT 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 2014 Annual Conference in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. 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 or individually to CMPS.

Preference will be given to:

1. Current undergraduate students,
2. Students who are currently or who have recently been involved in activities of TWS, CMPS, or a local TWS chapter.
3. Group applications of up to three individuals may be 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 State or Student Chapter;
2. A member of the Central Mountains and Plains Section;
3. A member of The Wildlife Society;
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 and individuals 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).





## Upcoming Events

Although a paper presentation is not required to receive a travel grant, if you are a presenter, please complete the following:

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Paper/Poster Title

Are you the senior author? \_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_ No. Will you be making the presentation? \_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_ No

### ESTIMATED TRAVEL EXPENSES

Total projected travel expenses \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

Outstanding travel needs requested from CMPS (\$500 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 the financial need as stated is accurate.

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Student's Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Advisor's Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Advisor's Name and School Address (Please Print)

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