



# WILDLIFE TRACKS

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Colorado Chapter of The Wildlife Society*

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Nathan Seward

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Chase Taylor

## President's Column

**Ryan Monello , President**



New board member, new travel grant for TWS conference, fewer newsletters, and a more active website!

We have had a couple of changes to the board in the last month. Christina Santana, our Secretary for the last couple of years is moving out of state. We will greatly miss her and can't thank her enough for the work she has done over the last year and a half. Fortunately, she also found a great replacement, Chase Taylor, who has a bio in this newsletter. Welcome Chase!

The board has been helping with registration for the Northern Wild Sheep and Goat Council Meeting (which is in Colorado this year), and made a little extra money for the chapter in the process. As you may know, we have been in the fortunate position of having account balances that are above our objectives for the last few years. This is not a bad thing, and the board generally has a desire to make sure we remain financially strong, but we also recognize that money in our accounts is not necessarily doing our membership any good. In an effort to continue to return proceeds to our members we have raised the number and dollar amount of travel grants and research grants in the last couple of years. **We are now happy to announce that we are also providing a new travel grant, which will fully fund at least one person from the chapter to attend The Wildlife Society (TWS) annual meeting (this year in Pittsburgh).** Those who have demonstrated past or current service to the state, section, or national chapter of TWS are particularly encouraged to apply. We recognize that many professionals do not have the ability to travel to the national conference, and hope this effort will allow our members to both increase involvement with TWS and provide them with an opportunity to experience the benefits of attending the national conference. **Please see the announcement at end of this newsletter and on the website for more information.**

Finally, at our last board meeting, we officially approved switching from six to four newsletters per year. You can now expect newsletters in April, June, September, and December. But don't worry! Those who want more frequent information can always check our website ([www.wildlife.org/colorado](http://www.wildlife.org/colorado)), where we will frequently post meeting minutes and other announcements. For example, our May meeting minutes were posted shortly after our last board meeting and will remain there until the newsletter with them is posted.

Have a great summer! Ryan

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# Colorado Chapter Board Meeting Minutes

**CCTWS Board Meeting**

**May 15, 2014**

**Teleconference**

**In attendance:** Ryan Monello, Chris Mettenbrink, Stephanie Ferraro, Evan Phillips, Brad Milley, Stacy Lischka, Tony Gurzick, Nate Seward, Mindy Rice, Mike Smith

**Meeting called to order at 1:04 P**

## **Old/Continuing Business:**

**Checking Account Balance: \$1,149.98**

**Savings Account Balance: \$46,500.00**

- Approx. \$100 in outstanding checks that have not cleared.
- Not much in expenses to report
- Almost \$600.00 earned to date from Northern Wild Sheep and Goat Council registration fees.
- 2013 taxes have been completed by Ryan using the “Postcard” IRS format for tax-exempt organizations. CCTWS qualifies for this format due to having less than \$50K in annual income and because it does not lobby.

## **Newsletter (Ryan)**

- Discussion re: Newsletter
  - Ryan’s proposal is to publish CCTWS’s newsletter 4x/yr – April, June, Sept., and December. The intent is to post the board meeting minutes quickly to the website soon after the conclusion of each board meeting.
- Mindy - publication/posting of newsletter over the past several years has been inconsistent.
- Voice vote taken to approve publication of newsletter during above months. Passed.

## **Travel Award Grants (Ryan)**

- June 1<sup>st</sup> – travel award grant deadline.
- Stephanie – no applications have been submitted to date.
- Tony - Easy to apply; instructions on website.
- Reminder that applicant must be CCTWS member and submit justification w/ application describing benefit to member and CCTWS.
- Student chapters re-notified, please continue to spread the word.

## **New Business:**

### **Secretary Position (Ryan)**

- Christina is moving out of state and has to resign position.
- Chase Taylor is willing to be new Secretary
- Mindy – motion to appoint Chase to Secretary position.
- Chris – seconded above motion.
- Motion passed unanimously. Welcome aboard Chase!

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# Colorado Chapter Board Meeting Minutes

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### New Business (continued):

#### Western State Liaison (Ryan)

- Responsibilities:
  - Remaining in contact w/ student chapter
  - Attend meetings when possible
  - Organize field trip(s)
  - Assisting w/ annual funding request
- Nate volunteers to become Western's liaison. Approved.

#### June Newsletter (Ryan)

- May 23<sup>rd</sup> is tentative submission deadline
- Send newsletter material to Ryan who will forward packet to Greg (newsletter editor).
- Have bio from Chase for newsletter and website.
- "Meet the Board" – will stay posted on website, board members will need to post/edit their piece by end of May.
- Corrections – send to Ryan
- Soliciting potential research articles from CO for publication in newsletter (Mindy).
- Ryan – Stacy and Nate will solicit from CSU and Western.
- Ryan – will do "Presidential" column with highlights

#### Meeting Announcements:

- Mindy - AOU – meeting Sept. 27-28<sup>th</sup>.
- Evan – checking on conservation review.
- Nate – Pat Magee wrote-up – Allen E. Anderson award.
- Ryan – Nate will check on Western's updates; Stacey will do the same w/ CSU.

#### Website (Ryan)

- (Brett absent) – Line/heading on website listing/linking most recent board meeting minutes.

#### NA Moose Meeting (Ryan, Mindy, Chuck, and Eric)

- Discussion regarding CCTWS providing upfront seed money for NA Moose meeting to be held in CO in 2015 (specific dates TBD – mid/late May 2015).
- CCTWS may provide assistance similar to Northern Wild Sheep and Goat Council – i.e. use of website and PayPal services for small surcharge per registrant.
- Discussion about repayment, interest-free loan, potential for meeting going in the red, etc.
- If desired, CCTWS would charge \$5/registration.
- Two pieces of CCTWS help to moose meeting: online registration and \$3K seed money.
- Tony – made motion to provide NA moose meeting w/ \$3K seed money.
- Mindy – seconds motion; motion passes unopposed.
- Ryan - no reason to collect interest on this, but need to decide if formal lending agreement is required.

#### Items Not on Agenda (Ryan)

- Stephanie – how can we get more CO involvement in TWS and CCTWS; Stephanie suggested that we encourage CCTWS members on TWS working groups
- Stacy – impediment – active member vs. membership only participant in working groups
- Tony – not all working groups are active.
- Mindy – CCTWS may want to consider additional travel grants that are geared towards specific interests from our members.

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# Colorado Chapter Board Meeting Minutes

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### Items Not on Agenda (continued)

- Stacy – priority given to those actively participating in working groups, particularly if relevant to CCTWS interests.
- Stacy – is this an option on existing travel grant applications?
- Ryan – CCTWS has the ability to add additional travel grants and we can emphasize preference for those active with CCTWS, Central Mtns. And Plains Section (CMPS) or TWS.
- Ryan – considering current financial condition of chapter, CCTWS may be looking for ways to spending additional money.
- Ryan – do we want to get something in place for consideration of providing funding to national meeting/working groups for this Fall or June?
- Stacy – do we need a separate application process?
- Ryan –Mindy – Aug. 31 *earlybird* registration ends.
- Stephanie will generate a write-up regarding possibility of \$1K travel grant covering travel, lodging, etc; approval via email vote.

### Central Mountain and Plains States chapter

Mindy – no CCTWS member on CMPS board; CO compromises one-half of chapter so we should be at the table.

Mindy – 2014 meeting in WY; historically, attendance at meetings has been weak.

2015 meeting in CO.

Ryan supports funding a CCTWS member or CMPS member to attend sectional meeting

### Misc. Items- Ryan

UT contacted Ryan regarding doing a joint meeting; Ryan responded meeting must be held in CO but we are otherwise willing

Have yet to hear back from UT.

### July Board Meeting – Ryan Will re-Doodle and need a response ASAP.

Looking for discussion/ideas for upcoming winter meeting.

### Roundtable

Mindy – no

Tony – considering going through TWS bio certification process – any feedback? Will provide updates as he proceeds. Board agreed it would be a great write up for newsletter (mid-career professional becoming certified, what does it take?)

Stephanie – no

Brad –no

Mike – no

Evan – no

Stacy – no

*Meeting adjourned – 2:08P*

# Meet The Board!

## Board Bio - Chase Taylor, (our new) Secretary

I'm happy to have the opportunity to serve on the Colorado Chapter of The Wildlife Society Board and would like to thank you for the opportunity. I grew up in the dry semi-arid region of southeastern New Mexico chasing Hornedlizards around in the local caliche pits with my brothers. It was there I gained a great deal of exposure and appreciation for the outdoors and wildlife through fishing, hunting, and camping with my family. I first attended New Mexico State University where I worked on a B.Sci. in Rangeland Management and furthered my academic achievements by attaining an M.Sci. in Rangeland Ecology from Texas Tech University. I studied the



interactions of mule deer dam-fawn relationships following birth and determined specific causes of death to accompany survival estimates in the Rockies of north central New Mexico. Prior to that, I worked as a rangeland specialist over many summers for the Natural Resources Conservation Service in the Texas panhandle, while also being an active prescribed burn contractor. I have spent time as a biological technician for many projects studying mule deer, elk, feral hogs, mesocarnivores and a species of endangered cacti. I currently work as a partner wildlife biologist with the Rocky Mountain Bird Observatory, NRCS and Colorado Parks and Wildlife in Pueblo, CO. My focus in southeast Colorado is improving wildlife habitat and forage production for many privately owned operations. Time will often find me hunting, hiking, fishing and checking out nearby mountain towns with my girlfriend, Jillian, and our two furry kids, Maci and Porter.

## Announcements

### **For 1<sup>st</sup> time...fully funded travel to TWS meeting!**

A special travel grant is available to fully fund at least one Colorado Chapter of The Wildlife Society member (wildlife professional or student) to attend The Wildlife Society Annual Conference in Pittsburgh, PA October 25-30, 2014. The grant will include registration, plane fare, hotel costs.

#### **THE WILDLIFE SOCIETY ANNUAL CONFERENCE**

**PITTSBURGH, PA • OCTOBER 25-30, 2014**

**WEBSITE: [WILDLIFESOCIETY.ORG](http://WILDLIFESOCIETY.ORG)**

#### **Eligibility**

Applicants must be members of the Colorado Chapter of The Wildlife Society (CCTWS). Applicants who are 1) active in state, section, national, and/or working groups of TWS, and/or 2) who plan to present at the conference will be given preference. Those who have never received a CCTWS travel grant, or at least not in the past 12 months, are encouraged to apply.

#### **Application**

Type up a 1-page summary of:

- 1) How you are active in the state, section, national, and/or working groups of TWS
- 2) Why you want to attend the TWS Annual Conference
- 3) What you plan to do at the TWS Annual Conference
- 4) How being at the conference will benefit you as a wildlife student or professional and CCTWS
- 5) Include your name and contact information (phone number and email)

#### **Deadline**

Email your summary to Stephanie Ferrero ([stephanie.ferrero@state.co.us](mailto:stephanie.ferrero@state.co.us)) by July 15, 2014. The Awards Coordinator and CCTWS Board will select recipient(s) within two weeks (sooner if possible).

#### **Requirements**

Recipients must submit their travel receipts to show how the grant was used and a 1-page summary of what they accomplished at the TWS Annual Conference within one month of their trip. The summary should explain how this experience benefitted the recipient's education and career. Failure to submit this information on time will result in disqualification from future CCTWS travel grants.



## Student Chapter Updates

### CCTWS Summer Updates-Colorado State University Chapter of The Wildlife Society

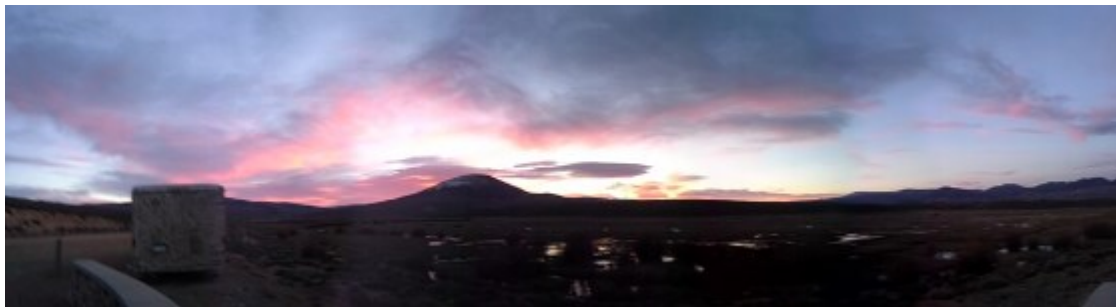
The Colorado State University Student Chapter of The Wildlife Society (CSU TWS) has had quite a successful spring. A proud accomplishment included winning the “Best of the West” award, representing the best student chapter, at the annual Western Conclave meeting in Nebraska. Five CSU TWS students attended the meeting, accumulating more points than any other team at the meeting to receive the title. They also participated in various field trips including a behind-the-scenes tour of Omaha Henry Doorly Zoo and a photography tour lead by Michael Forsberg, documenting populations of Sandhill Cranes during their annual stopover along the Platte River. Awards received at the gathering also included 2<sup>nd</sup> place in the quizbowl challenge, 1<sup>st</sup> place in the wildlife cache and individual 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> place awards for oral research presentations.



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### Western State Colorado University Student Chapter of the Wildlife Society

The school year quickly came to an end with members of the Wildlife Society participating in early morning lek counts for the Gunnison Sage Grouse. Members of the Wildlife Society teamed up with Colorado Parks and Wildlife and Sisk-a-dee for another successful season (April-May) monitoring the lek and helping visitors to observe the Gunnison Sage Grouse on the only lek viewable to the public. The club ended the year with a celebratory raft trip and Bar-B-Q made possible by correspondence with Tri-Beta Biological Honors Society and The Chemistry Club.



# Student Chapter Project

## Colorado State University Student Chapter TWS Camera Project by Rebecca Much



The Colorado State University student chapter of The Wildlife Society (CSU TWS) was recently given the opportunity to manage an educational outreach camera trap study in Fort Collins, CO by Dr. Kevin Crooks, Colorado State University Department of Fish, Wildlife and Conservation Biology. Undergraduate members of CSU TWS began to manage and maintain six wildlife camera traps in Pineridge Natural Area in the Fall of 2013. Photos collected were used to assist local 6<sup>th</sup> grade students at Boltz Middle School and their teacher Jordan Baumgartner in a unit on local ecology. Beginning in 2014, CSU TWS created a Camera Project committee to develop ideas, increase member interest in the project and set goals for the future of the study.

The CSU TWS Camera Project plans to increase its educational reach with a key tool bringing easily accessible information to young students: a new website. The goal of the website is to provide teachers such as Baumgartner with wildlife photos from Pineridge and basic data for classroom ecology lessons. This increased accessibility aims to engage additional K-12 schools in Fort Collins with local wildlife data and provide corresponding lesson plan ideas.

Additionally, CSU TWS has adopted this project as an avenue with which CSU TWS members can gain exposure to field research utilizing the camera traps as well as provide an opportunity to present findings in educational and scientific settings. A March CSU TWS meeting introduced the Camera Project to chapter members and a short testing season was conducted over the course of four weeks to introduce undergraduate students to the Pineridge study site, camera trap methodology and a database developed by Colorado Parks and Wildlife to help with sorting the photos.

CSU TWS Camera Project's efforts have received positive feedback from Boltz students, Baumgartner, CSU students, and the greater scientific community. This spring alone, the findings were presented at TWS Colorado State Chapter Meeting, the Front Range Student Ecology Symposium, the Celebrate Undergraduate Research and Creativity Fair, the Fort Collins Museum of Discovery, and the Nature at Noon series presented by the City of Fort Collins Natural Areas Department.

CSU TWS is eager to continue developing this Camera Project alongside the continued guidance of Dr. Crooks, CSU TWS advisors Dr. Larissa Bailey and Dr Stewart Breck, as well as support from Fort Collins Natural Areas and the Poudre School District. Follow along with the website's pilot year beginning with updates for the upcoming Fall 2014 collaboration with Boltz Middle School.

Website: <http://twscameraproject.wordpress.com/>

Contact: [twscameraproject@gmail.com](mailto:twscameraproject@gmail.com)



## Land Use Committee Update

### June 20114 Land Use Committee Update (Kelli Stone, Chair):

In its Landowner Recognition Program, Colorado Parks and Wildlife (CPW) has showcased exemplary private land management practices and recognizes private landowners who have demonstrated outstanding leadership in wildlife conservation since 1982. The 2013 **Landowner of the Year Award-Colorado** went to **Bord Gulch Ranch Manager, Ray Owens** and **Turkey Creek Ranch owners Gary and Georgia Walker** for their innovative land stewardship. Owens manages the sprawling 15,000+ acre Bord Gulch Ranch in northwest Colorado's Moffat County. The ranch is prime habitat for greater sage-grouse and mule deer, winters thousands of elk, and provides year-round habitat to dozens of other species. Working with CPW, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS), and wildlife conservation groups, Owens has expanded traditional ranch management to include practices that also support a range of native wildlife species. West of Pueblo, the 65,000-acre Turkey Creek Ranch provides prime short-grass prairie and agricultural riparian habitat. The Walkers have been successful ranchers and stewards of native wildlife for more than 50 years. In late 2013, they became the first private landowners in Colorado to release black-footed ferrets on their private property under a safe-harbor agreement with the USFWS. Black-footed ferrets were once dubbed "the most endangered animal in North America," and remain incredibly rare in the wild. For more information on CPW's Landowner Recognition Program or CPW's private lands program, contact: Ken Morgan, CO. Parks and Wildlife, Private Lands Program Manager, [303-291-7404](tel:303-291-7404)(office) or [970-227-9601](tel:970-227-9601) (cell).

# Conservation Review/Legislative Update

## National Forest Planning Update by Randy Ghormley

There are approximately 24.4 million acres of forests and woodlands in Colorado, with about 68% of these in federal ownership. The primary land manager of our federal forest lands is the U.S. Forest Service, which has stewardship responsibilities on about 47% or 11.3 million acres of forestland in Colorado. It is safe to assume that all CCTWS members, if not all Coloradans, are aware of the high ecological and social values that all of Colorado's forestlands provide. National Forest System lands, however, provide a particularly important role assuring the sustainability and long-term persistence of many of the state's wildlife species because of the vast amount of area they encompass and the wide diversity of habitats they support. They also offer other values that should be of interest to Chapter members such as clean water and fisheries, economic benefits to local communities, and a vast array of recreational opportunities that vary from that annual big game hunting trip to a personal quest for wilderness solitude.

How many Chapter members are aware that new regulations are in place to guide management of your national forests? A major new planning effort is underway in several national forests of the United States, including the Rio Grande National Forest in Colorado. This includes important changes to the overall framework for planning and management of resources on National Forest Systems land, including wildlife resources.

The primary law which guides national forest management is the National Forest Management Act of 1976. Implementation or planning regulations establish procedures for land and resource management planning on National Forest Systems land (36 CFR 219), including the requirement for all national forests to develop a land and resource management plan. These planning regulations were initially developed in 1982, and the Forest Service has undergone several attempts to revise and update them during the past decade or more. The newest effort and focus of this Conservation Review involves what is referred to as the [2012 Planning Rule](#). TWS submitted comments on the proposed 2012 planning rule on 16 May 2011 at the national level, in general supporting the rule but also offering several recommendations for improvement. The 2012 planning rule was published in the Federal Register on 9 April, 2012 and became effective on 9 May, 2012. For more background on the comments TWS submitted on the planning rule please see: [http://joomla.wildlife.org/index.php?option=com\\_content&task=view&id=890](http://joomla.wildlife.org/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=890).

A key aspect of the new rule is what is referred to as [Planning Rule Proposed Directives](#). These directives are the key set of agency guidance documents that, once finalized, direct implementation of the 2012 planning rule. The proposed directives are intended to help the Forest Service achieve the vision articulated in the 2012 Planning Rule – to protect and restore National Forests and Grasslands for the benefit of communities, natural resources and the environment. The intent is to ensure an adaptive land management planning process that is inclusive, efficient, collaborative and science-based to promote healthy, resilient, diverse and productive national forests and grasslands.



## Conservation Review/Legislative Update (continued)

Under the 2012 Planning Rule, the land management planning framework includes an iterative process involving assessment of various resources, revising or amending the land management plan, and monitoring to measure progress toward land management goals. Examples of subject matter in the Planning Rule and Proposed Directives that should be of interest to CCTWS members include assessing ecological integrity, terrestrial and aquatic ecosystems, riparian and water resources, federally recognized (listed, proposed or candidate) species, and local species of conservation concern. For those familiar with Forest Service lingo, this latter group is very similar to the current Regional Forester Sensitive Species, and often required special attention and evaluation at the project level.

Under the 2012 planning rule, species conservation is accomplished through a 2-tiered approach that combines planning components (objectives, standards, and guidelines) for ecosystem sustainability along with species-specific plan components to provide needed ecological conditions for wildlife, and relies on monitoring to assure conditions are being met and populations conserved. This approach is designed to keep common species common, contribute to the recovery of threatened and endangered species, conserve candidate and proposed species, and maintain species of conservation concern. The new planning regulations emphasize monitoring, but emphasize monitoring the ecological conditions needed for wildlife conservation rather than population monitoring. Management Indicator Species (MIS) have been dropped from the 2012 planning rule, and in their place is “Focal Species” which serve a somewhat different role than MIS. While species conservation is a core component of the new planning approach, the Forest Service’s multiple-use mandate continues and the rule also establishes guidelines for other activities such as timber harvest, grazing, and recreation.

The Rio Grande National Forest in south-central Colorado has recently been selected as the one pilot forest in the U.S. Forest Service’s Rocky Mountain Region to undertake plan revision using the new 2012 planning rule. Initial efforts to involve stakeholders and the public using a comprehensive collaborative strategy are underway, as are efforts to tackle the 15 assessments that are to be completed within the first year of effort. The entire plan revision effort is designed to be completed relatively quickly, ideally within 3 years. Other national forests and grasslands in Colorado continue to be managed under their existing land and resource management plans.

The Rio Grande National Forest encompasses a landscape that contains many unique ecological and social values, and an expansive wildness that is home to many species of special interest such as Canada lynx, Rocky Mountain bighorn sheep, boreal toad, Uncompahgre fritillary butterfly, Rio Grande cutthroat trout, and others. The outcome of this planning effort will also serve as a model for other national forests that follow in the Rocky Mountain Region, so it’s important to set a good precedence when a new process is being interpreted. The Chapter and all wildlife professionals are encouraged to formally get involved in the collaborative effort being developed and help guide a new framework that meets the vision of the planning rule for not only the wildlife resource and but all values Coloradans cherish from their national forest lands.

## Award Winner

### Congratulations to Dan Piquette, the 2014 Allen Anderson Award Winner for Outstanding Undergraduate Wildlife Student!

Dan is completing his studies at Western State Colorado University, where he is double majoring in Environmental Studies and Biology, with an emphasis in Environmental Biology and Ecology. His professor describes him as “a serious, purposeful student.” Dan completed a three-year Thorton Biology Undergraduate Research Project, partnering with Colorado Parks and Wildlife, to determine the ambient noise levels and



sources of anthropogenic noise in the Gunnison Basin around sage-grouse leks. He presented this research at the Colorado Chapter of the Wildlife Society’s annual meeting and is working to publish his results. His research will provide much needed information to Colorado Parks and Wildlife, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and other land managers working to conserve Gunnison Sage-grouse. Dan also presented the results of a collaborative project evaluating vegetation changes in sagebrush plots originally established in the 1990’s at WSCU’s Natural and Environmental Sciences Seminar. He has served as a teaching assistant for Biology and the Vice President of the Tri Beta Biological Honor Society while maintaining a 3.8 GPA. Wildlife and Environmental conservation is a second career for Dan, who gave up a financially lucrative position in medicine to remake his life and pursue his passion for conservation and learning. He has accepted a graduate position at Oregon State University in their Environmental Ethics program, where he will continue growing his new career and passion. Congratulations to this year’s Allen Anderson Award winner!

**The Allen E. Anderson Award** is intended to recognize an undergraduate student at a Colorado college or university. Allen E. Anderson worked for the Colorado Division of Wildlife from the early 1960s until 1991, during which time he focused on mule deer and mountain lion ecology. The award is intended to keeping the memory of his contributions alive, both scientific and humanitarian. For more information on Allen Anderson and his legacy see [www.wildlife.org/colorado](http://www.wildlife.org/colorado).



# Upcoming Meetings

## Central Mountains and Plains Section of The Wildlife Society

### 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 key-note 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 Meetings



Congress for Wildlife and Livelihoods on Private and Communal Lands: Livestock, Tourism and Spirit

SEPTEMBER 7 - 12, 2014 \* YMCA OF THE ROCKIES \* ESTES PARK, COLORADO

## Registration Now Open!

*Join us this fall in Estes Park, Colorado.*

The 8th International Congress will emphasize practical knowledge and skills in assisting private and communal sectors in North America and beyond.

For conference information, and to find out how you can be a part of this event, please visit the website at <http://tiny.cc/2014WildlifeCongress>

## Upcoming Meetings

WARNER COLLEGE OF  
Natural Resources



Colorado State University

### Pathways 2014: Common Futures

Integrating Human Dimensions Into Fisheries And Wildlife Management

Pathways 2014: Common Futures. Integrating Human Dimensions Into Fisheries and Wildlife Management. October 5-9, 2014, Estes Park, CO. [www.hdfwconference.org/](http://www.hdfwconference.org/)



Joint Meeting of American Ornithologists Union, Cooper Ornithological Society, and Society of Canadian Ornithologists . September 22-28, 2014, Estes Park, CO.  
[www.birdmeetings.org/aoucossco2014](http://www.birdmeetings.org/aoucossco2014)

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## COLORADO WILDLIFE SOCIETY MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

**Please note! You can now renew your membership online at**  
**[www.wildlife.org/colorado](http://www.wildlife.org/colorado)**

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Name:

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State:

Zip Code:

Work Phone:

Home Phone:

E-Mail:

Today's Date:

Affiliation:

Interested in Committee Work?

Yes

No

Are You a TWS Certified Biologist?

Yes

No

Areas of Expertise/Interest:

Dues: 1 Year: \$15   2 Years: \$27   3 Years: \$35   Student/Retirees: \$10

MC/Visa:

Expiration Date:

Signature:

*Print this Form and Mail to:* Nathan Seward, Colorado Parks and Wildlife, 300 W. New York Ave., Gunnison, CO 81230  
*Or fill it out and email it to:* ColoradoTWS@gmail.com

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